



The Royal Solent Yacht Club

YARMOUTH, ISLE OF WIGHT

DINGHY WEEK 2017

LASER, PICO AND OPTIMIST REGATTA

14 – 17th August



Supported by the Delphie Lakeman Trust and Harwoods



NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The organising authority is the Royal Solent Yacht Club.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The races will be governed by the current World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS) including the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions and any relevant class rules.
- 2.2 RRS 35 and 40 are changed in the sailing Instructions.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Boats shall not be deemed to be racing unless the owner or person in charge has completed and returned the attached entry form together with the required fee for this event to the RSYC Sailing Secretary.
- 3.2 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.3 All competitors under the age of 18 on 14th August 2017 must ensure that their entry form, parental consent form and medical form is signed by a parent or guardian.

4. FEES

- 4.1 There is an early bird entry fee of £30.00 for four days racing prior to 1st August. From the 1st August onwards entry for four days racing is £40.00 Daily entry is £15.00.

5. CLASSES

- 5.1 Classes will include:
 - Laser
 - Laser 4.7
 - Radial
 - Pico (race sail)
 - Optimist
- 5.2 Classes may be combined at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 5.3 There must be at least three entries in order to run a class.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration will be on Monday 14th August at 9.30am in the Hudleston Bar of the RSYC, with a briefing for all sailors at 10am.
- 6.2 There will be two races run back to back each day
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal will not be before 11.00am.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 Racing will be in the area of Bouldnor Bay.

8. PROTESTS

- 8.1 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply
- 9.2 In each class 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at RSYC or to down load from www.royalsolent.org from 11th August 2017.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 Trophies will be awarded to the overall winner in each class for in the regatta. Also trophies will be awarded to;
- Laser regatta – Veterans Cup (over 40)
 - Laser regatta – Best Under 16 Laser Radial or 4.7
 - Pico and Optimist regatta – Best Junior (under 14)
- 11.2 The Prize Giving will take place after racing on Thursday 17th August at the RSYC.

12. RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1 Rule 4 of RRS states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.” Sailing is by nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor or if a junior it’s parent or guardian agrees and acknowledges that;
- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk while taking part in the event;
 - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - (d) The boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officails and volunteers by the race organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities

- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the venue or event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

13. INSPECTION:

the fact that race officials may carry out inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor for ensuring compliance with the above

14. INSURANCE

- 14.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 (pounds sterling), or the equivalent, per incident.

15. BOAT HANDLING ABILITY

- 15.1 All competitors must be capable of launching and recovering their boats as sea conditions at the RSYC slipway can be demanding. This is a SAFETY MATTER and ALL COMPETITORS are solely responsible for this activity. Launching and recovery teams are at hand but cannot guarantee to be always available at busy times. Parents are required to assist with this SAFETY task.