

# **BLAZE**



# **IOS Sailing Club**

## **Blaze 2023 Eastern Championships**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

### **Notice of Race**

The Isle of Sheppey Sailing Club (IOSSC) as the Organising Authority (OA) will host the Blaze Eastern Championships on the Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The event will be sailed on the Thames Estuary, Kent to the North of the Sailing Club.

#### **1. RULES**

The Regatta will be governed by:

The Racing Rules of Sailing (RSS)

The Class Associations rules.

The Sailing Instructions (SI)

#### **2. ELIGIBILITY**

You must be a current member of the Blaze Class Association. It will be possible to join the class association at the event.

Competitors may also be asked to provide proof of insurance when registering for the event.

By registering for the Event, each competitor certifies that they are in good health and do not have any symptoms of Covid19 or any other transmittable disease. Each competitor undertakes that if they experience any symptoms of Covid19, they will immediately leave the venue and will not return until they have obtained a negative test for Covid19 from a certified testing facility and otherwise comply with Government Guidelines. That competitor

shall also immediately notify the OA by email with details of the symptom and then when available along with confirmation of the test results to [info@iossc.org.uk](mailto:info@iossc.org.uk)

### **3.ENTRY FEES**

The Entry Form must be completed, and the Fee paid before the first race of the day. This may be done Online (when Available) and or at the event registrations desk.

Early Entry Fee (before 2359 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May): £40

Late Entry Fee (after 0001 on the Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May): £50

### **4.REGISTRATION**

All competitors must register and/or confirm their attendance at registration desk in the main hall at the IOSSC between 1600 and 1730 on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> or between 0830 and 1000 on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Online Entry can be found [here](#). Late entries after the 2359 on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May will take place at the venue (cash or card)

### **5.SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Date	Number of scheduled races	Maximum number of races permitted	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning Signal not before
13 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	3	4	1155
14 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	3	4	1025

There will be no warning signal after 1355 on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **6.SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The event Sailing Instructions will be available online prior to registration, printed on the main notice board and available on request via email.

### **7.BRIEFING**

There may be a competitors' briefing at a suitable time on the day of the event in the IOSSC hall. The time of the briefings will be displayed to competitors.

### **8.RACING AREA**

The racing area will be in the Thames Estuary mainly to the North of the Sailing Club.

## **9.SCORING**

9.1: A minimum of 2 races will constitute the series.

9.2: If 3 or fewer races have been completed a boats score shall be the total of her race scores

9.3: If more than 3 races have been completed a boats score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her one worst score.

## **10.PRIZE GIVING**

The prize giving will be held at IOSSC soon as possible once all boats have returned to shore.

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 competitors.

## **11.RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 4 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in this series, each competitor 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 and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the series;
- b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves and 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. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the series and they are fit to participate;
- e. The provision of a race management team, other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own (the competitors') responsibilities.

## **12.INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with minimum cover of £3,000,000 per accident or equivalent.

### **13. OTHER**

There is limited parking for all competitors 200m to the East of IOSSC, opposite the Ship on Shore public house. Parking for Camper vans (no power) will be located at our Minster site, 1 mile from the club if the ship on shore car park is not available. Boats will be kept in the club compound. Competitors may use the promenade to drop off boats and equipment if the compound is busy. You are requested not to block the entrance and route of the safety boats. Please follow instructions from officials.