

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the following:

1.1.1 Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.1.2 The Class Rules and Guidelines.

1.1.3 This Notice of Race.

1.1.4 The Sailing Instructions.

1.2 In the event of conflicts among the above documents, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

1.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule means it shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1.4 The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule shall be at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 64.2.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 The Shearwater Open Event is eligible to all members of the Class Association and members of IOSSC.

2.2 Entries are to be made online together with the entry fee as described in NOR 3

3 ENTRY FEE

3.1 The entry fee will be as follows:

3.1.1 The entry for registration prior to 2359 on the 13th July = £40.

3.1.2 The entry fee for registration on or after 0001 14th July = £50.

3.1.3 Entry prior to 2359 13th July may be made, and fees paid online at [Webcollect](#), Class Association, and IOSSC.

3.1.4 Entry after 0001 14th July can be made and fees paid at the club (cash or card).

4 VENUE

4.1 Racing is intended to take place on Thames Estuary.

5 SCHEDULE.

Friday: From 1600 14th July 2023 - Registration.



Saturday: 1045 15th July - Briefing.

Saturday: from 1200 15th July - 3 Races back to back.

Sunday: from 1030 16th July - 3 races back to back.

Sunday: ASAP after sailing and everyone has returned to shore - Presentation.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Sailing instructions will be available no later than 8th July 2023 online at [Webcollect](#), Class Association, and IOSSC.

7 COURSES

6.1 The courses to be sailed will be defined in the Sailing Instructions. They may include windward-leeward or triangle / sausage or a combination of both courses.

8 SCORING

8.1 The Shearwater Open event will be scored as provided in RRS Appendix A4 using the Low Point System.

8.2 6 races are scheduled; Three completed races will constitute a series.

8.3 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

8.4 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9 MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1 Each boat shall present a valid measurement certificate if applicable to that class.

9.2 All boats and equipment may be subject to inspection at the PRO/Class Representatives Discretion.

10 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

10.1 Support boats are allowed, but must not interfere with competitors once the committee boat is on station (signalled by an Orange Flag)

10.2 Support boats, if used must be registered with the OA prior to the event start.

10.3 Except in emergencies, support boats shall not communicate with competitors while they are racing.

10.4 Support boats shall obey directions from the race committee. Failure to do so may result in a protest under rule 60.3(d) and action under rule 64.5, and the relevant competitors may be penalized.

11 PRIZES

11.1 All Participants are eligible for prizes.

11.2 Prize giving will take place in the main hall as soon as possible after racing on the last day.



12 ADVERTISING AND MEDIA

12.1 Boats and competitors shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority or Class Association. If this rule is broken, World Sailing (WS) Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

12.2 Boats may be required to display additional identification numbers (bow numbers).

12.3 Competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and the Class Association, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

12.4 Competitors may be required to participate in interviews during the event. [NP] [DP]

12.5 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning devices as specified and provided by the Organizing Authority (OA).

13 CANCELLATIONS

The Organizing Authority is entitled to cancel or postpone the event at any stage without liability. In the event of such cancellation, the OA will refund entry fees less a reasonable sum in respect of irrecoverable costs incurred by the OA but shall not otherwise be liable to participants.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk (see RRS 3, Decision to Race). The race organizers (OA, race committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or injury to any competitor, including death sustained as a result of participation in this race. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact IOSSC.

