



ROYAL NORTHERN & CLYDE YACHT CLUB

Women's Keelboat Championship Rhu – 22nd September 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Royal Northern & Clyde Club. The championship will be sailed in RS21 Yachts supplied by the Organising Authority.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Championships will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020.
- 1.2. Races may be umpired using Addendum U, which changes RRS 20, 28.2, 44, 60, 61, 63, 64, 65, 66, 70.
- 1.3. A personal flotation device must be worn at all times whilst sailing or transferring between boats. This changes the preamble to RRS Part 4 and RRS 40.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. A team shall comprise a crew for one RS21, which consists of four persons. All crew must be female.
- 2.2. Eligible teams may enter by completing the attached Entry Form and sending it, together with the required fee, to the Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club before commencement of the event.
- 2.3. Any competitors under the age of 18 at the time of the Championships shall be required to produce a signed parental/guardian's Consent Form at Registration. It is the responsibility of competitors to advise the Organising Authority if such a form is required.

3. FEES

- 3.1. The Entry Fee will be £100 per team.
- 3.2. Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment and property up to a maximum of £1000 per incident. A deposit for this amount will be required at registration and before a team may sail. If the organising authority estimates that the total damage attributable to the team exceeds the deposit, the team will be required to deposit a further £1000 in order to continue sailing. Damage attributed to competitors generally or to an unidentified team will be attributed equally between all teams. A team may apply to the protest committee to determine their responsibility for any damage.

4. EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

- 4.1. Registration will take place at the RNCYC Clubhouse between 0830 and 0900 on Sunday 22nd

September. There will be a briefing for all competitors at 0900.

4.2. Racing will take place on Sunday 22 September with the first warning signal at 10.00. No race will be started after 1600.

4.3. The event will consist of a number of short fleet races with no discards. Races will be scored using a High Point System as defined in the Sailing Instructions.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1. The Sailing Instructions will be published on the RNCYC website at www.rncyc.com/event-information by 14th September and will be available at Registration.

6. THE VENUE AND COURSES

6.1. Racing will be held in the Firth of Clyde in the waters of either the East Patch off Rhu or the Gareloch.

6.2. The courses to be sailed will be laid courses of a Windward/Leeward configuration. Details of courses will be provided in the Sailing Instructions

7. RISK STATEMENT

7.1. Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

7.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, 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, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst 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) They have checked that their 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities; and
- 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 this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing for the event;
- h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

8. Advertising & Sponsorship

8.1. In accordance with the World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code, all advertising on supplied equipment will be made available to the Organizing Authorities.

9. PRIZES

9.1. Prizes may be awarded. There will be a prizegiving ceremony at the RNCYC Clubhouse as soon as possible after the finish of racing.

10. FURTHER INFORMATION

10.1. Further information and updates will be posted on the RNCYC website www.rncyc.com/event-information.

It is the responsibility of entrants to access this information prior to the event. In the event of difficulty please e-mail the RNCYC office at mail@rncyc.com