

Notice of Race

Man of Kent Regatta

Downs Sailing Club - Saturday 1st June 2019

The organising authority is Downs Sailing Club in association with the East Kent Yachting Association.

RULES.

Racing will take place under the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 -2020, the prescriptions of the RYA, the Sailing Instructions and appropriate Class Rules. In the event of conflict, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

Competitors should note this event will be conducted in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of RYA Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.

ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

Entry is open to any member of a club affiliated to the East Kent Yachting Association, sailing a dinghy or multihull listed in the RYA Portsmouth Number List 2015. Teams should consist of 3 boats, one 1071 or above and one 1070 or below with at least 150 points between the highest and lowest, plus any other boat.

Entry fee for the event on the day is £20 for double handers, £10 for single handers. **Entry for under 18s will be free.**

REGISTRATION

Registration can be made on the day from 09:00hrs on Saturday 1st June, but to assist Downs Sailing Club with planning and to save time on the day, you can pre-register at: <https://goo.gl/forms/JbHdQITXmjJrU3qA2> This facility will be open until midnight on Thursday 30th June. Pre-registering is not a commitment to enter. Registration and Payment will be on the day.

BRIEFING

A Welcome and Briefing will take place at 1000.

RACE SCHEDULE

First warning signal is scheduled for 1055.

Three races of 45 minutes nominal duration will be sailed back to back. (All to count). Corrected times will be calculated using the average lap system.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows: Overall MOK winner, Master of Kent, Maid of Kent, Youth of Kent, Team Award and **Rookie Fleet**.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available on the Downs Sailing Club website prior to the event and at registration.

COURSES

A different course will be used for each of the 3 races as described in Appendix A to the Sailing Instructions. In basic terms these will comprise of a sausage, a triangle then a trapezoid shaped course.

RISK STATEMENT

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"

Sailing by nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently 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 whilst 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 event and they are fit to participate.
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event 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 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 briefings held for the event.

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

CATERING / SOCIAL - Full galley and bar services will be available.

FURTHER INFORMATION - sailingsecretary@downssailingclub.co.uk and / or www.downssailingclub.co.uk

11.0 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between the Committee Boat mast displaying an orange flag and a yellow cylinder mark.

12.0 TIME LIMIT.

The time limit will be 60 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is the later will be scored "DID NOT FINISH".

13.0 PROTESTS.

The Exoneration Penalty [and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures] of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the official notice board for details.

Protests shall be in writing on an R.Y.A. protest form. Protests shall be lodged not later than 20 minutes after the finish time for the last boat. When races are sailed back to back the intention to protest should be registered verbally to the Race Officer on the Committee Boat after the race concerned then completed after the last race. The protest committee may, at its discretion, extend the lodging time. Notice of protests received within the prescribed time will be posted on the official Notice Board within 45 minutes of the finish time for the last boat. This posting will be deemed to be official notification of the protest to all interested parties. Protests, which may affect the Prize Giving, will be given priority. Other protests may not be heard until after the Prize Giving. No fee is required when lodging a protest, but if the committee deem the protest to be frivolous they may award ten penalty points to the protesting boat, such a decision may not be appealed.

14.0 SCORING SYSTEM.

14.1 **Low Points System** - The event will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS using the Low Point System.

Ties will be broken as per RRS A8. Non-finishing points will be awarded as per RRS A9.

14.2 **Discards** - There will be no discards.

14.3 **The Average Lap Scoring System** - The elapsed time for each competitor shall be factored to represent the times they would have taken to sail the same number of laps as the fastest boat. These factored times are then corrected in the normal way using the appropriate Portsmouth Numbers.

15.0 SAFETY

15.1 **Safety Log** - A safety log will be displayed near the official notice board, which must be signed by the competitor prior to going afloat and within 20 minutes of the last boat finishing in each race. Should races be sailed back to back then the time limit will be 30 minutes from the last finisher of the last race of back-to-back races. The penalty for failing to comply with SI 15.1 will be a £5 donation to the RNLI

15.2 **Rescue facilities** Boats shall not proceed on to the water in order to race until rescue facilities are available and shall return to shore before those facilities are withdrawn.

15.3 **Patrol Boats** - Competitors shall obey the instructions of patrol boat crews and abandon boats if necessary.

15.4 **Outside Help** - Penalties for breaches of RRS 41 (Outside Help) will be at the discretion of the protest committee. When a competitor has been recovered from the water and no material advantage has been gained by this action the competitor may continue racing. This instruction forms an addendum (e) to RRS 41.

16.0 LOCAL VARIATIONS.

Any local variations will be announced at the competitors briefing and displayed on the official notice board.

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DOWNS SAILING CLUB

Sailing Instructions

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2.0 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY.

- 2.1 **Young People** - Parents / guardians will be responsible at all times for competitors under the age of 18.
- 2.2 **Measurement** - Boats should conform to their class rules and could be measured before or after any race at the discretion of the race committee.
- 2.3 **Distinguishing Number** - Boats must display their class boat number on their sail. Under exceptional circumstance the race officer may accept a written application to use another sail number provided that number is not already being used by another boat in the race, this changes RRS rule 77.
- 2.4 **Personal Buoyancy** - Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all time when afloat. Neither a wet suit nor a dry suit constitutes adequate personal buoyancy. This changes RRS rule 40.

3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the main entrance to Downs Sailing Club.

4.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted at least 45 minutes before the advertised starting time of the race or races concerned. Displaying International Code flag "L" will indicate changes in the sailing instructions. International Code flag "L" will be lowered after the start of the first race affected by the change(s).

5.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.

Signals made ashore will be hoisted on the flagpole located in front of the race box.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES.

- 6.1 **First warning signal** is scheduled for 1055.
- 6.2 **Three races** of 45 minutes nominal duration will be sailed back to back with no discards.

7.0 CLASS FLAG

The flag flown at the warning Signal will be International Code Flag E.

8.0 THE COURSES.

- 8.1 **Course Diagram** - The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 **Number of Rounds** - The number of rounds to be sailed by the leading boat will be displayed on the Committee Boat prior to each race.
- 8.3 **Marks** - The course marks will be black spheres. The starting mark and the finishing mark will be a yellow cylinder. Should a change of course be necessary during the race, the first replacement mark will be orange or pink.
- 8.4 **Lapping Gate** / start line / finishing line. This line is to be crossed only in the direction towards course mark number 1.

9.0 THE STARTS.

- 9.1 **Starting Line** - The starting line is defined as the line between the mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and a yellow cylindrical mark. A small spherical buoy may be used as a limit mark to act as a guard for the committee boat. No boat shall pass between this small spherical buoy and the committee boat at any time.
- 9.2 **Starting Procedure** - The starting procedure will be in accordance with RRS rule 26). (A boat shall not start more than four minutes after the start signal.)

10.0 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START.

When, after the race has started, there is a substantial change in conditions, the race committee may move one or more marks. When the course to be made good is significantly changed by such alteration, a boat will be stationed near the start of the first leg affected, and will fly I.C. flag "C" over a GREEN or RED flag indicating that the direction of that leg lies either to starboard or port respectively of its previous bearing. She will draw attention to these signals by making intermittent sound signals. This changes RRS rule 33.