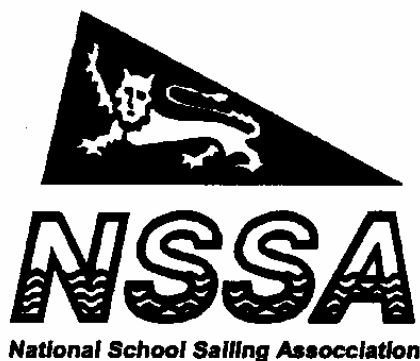


NSSA TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS



To be held at
Bartley Sailing Club
on
7th and 8th October 2006



NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, including appendix D. Team managers should ensure that their team members clearly understand these rules and any supporting briefing notes.
- 1.2 Competitors should be aware of the following rule inclusions/changes; full details will appear in the Sailing Instructions.
 - a) Races will be umpired. The Single-Flag Protest Procedure & Races with Limited Umpiring (D2.3) will be used.
 - b) Tie breaking rules (D4.2) are deleted & replaced with the Wilson Swiss League tie breaking rules.
 - c) Boats will be permitted to touch mark flags without penalty.
 - d) After their starting signal, capsized boats which have 'turtled' shall retire.
 - e) Adequate personal buoyancy and wet or dry suits shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat. Failure to follow this rule will be a penalty of one race win for the team.
 - f) In the event of damage or injury, the race umpires may penalise a team by half a race win without a hearing.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority will be Bartley Sailing Club on behalf of the National School Sailing Association

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The event is open to member organisations of the National School Sailing Association. Team members must be under 18 on the 31st August in the year of the event and be bona fide members of that organisation.
- 3.2 To be eligible for selection to represent NSSA in the Eric Twiname RYA Junior Team Racing Championship (see Trophies & prizes), teams must consist of three competitors who will be under 16 on 31st December in the year of the event.
- 3.3 Teams may enter by completing an entry form (in the Welcome Pack) which will be available on the NSSA web site www.nssa.org.uk or from Bartley Sailing Club Genners Lane, Bartley Green, Birmingham, B32 3NU
Tel: 0121 477 5872; Mob:07960 124140 www.bartleysc.co.uk
- 3.4 In the event that the Championships are oversubscribed, the Organising Authority reserve the right to reduce entries from an individual county in as fair a manner as possible. Prior to this process, entries from individual teams will be grouped by county.
- 3.5 The entry fee is £50 per team. Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment and tabards up to a maximum of £100 per incident. A deposit for this amount will be required before a team may sail. If loss or damage cannot be attributed to, or is not the sole responsibility of one team, the cost of repair or replacement will be deducted equally from the deposits of all teams who have sailed the boat(s).
- 3.6 The closing date for receipt of entries and payment of the entry fee is Saturday 9th September 2006.

- 3.7 Competitors automatically grant the Organising Authority 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 Regatta, unless otherwise advised in writing prior to the Regatta

4. EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The basis of the Championships will be a Wilson Swiss League format, followed by knockout races for the leading teams. Full details of the format will be published in the Sailing Instructions.
- 4.2 The Championships will be for a maximum of 32 teams, sailing in Toppers provided by the Organising Authority. The draw for Rounds 1 & 2 will be distributed at the briefing and the schedule for subsequent Rounds will be published in accordance with the Wilson Swiss League format.
- 4.3 Teams should register at Bartley Sailing Club on Saturday 7th October from 08:00hrs.
- 4.4 Sailing Instructions & Briefing Notes will be published on the NSSA web site no later than 1st October. There will be a competitor briefing, for clarification/queries at 09:30hrs on Saturday
- 4.5 The first warning signal on Saturday will be no earlier than fifteen minutes after the end of briefing.

5. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. By going out to race, competitors confirm they are competent to sail and compete in the prevailing conditions. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of competitors, nor will it make the organisers responsible for death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of competitors taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the event. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve competitors of their responsibilities.

6. TROPHIES & PRIZES

- 6.1 The HMY Britannia Gig's Yoke will be awarded to the winners of the Championship.
- 6.2 The Lancashire Plate will be awarded to the highest placed team at the end of the Championship who was in the lower half of the league at the end of completed Rounds on Saturday or Round 5, whichever is the later, but will not be awarded to a team which eventually finishes in the top 4 places in the Championship
- If the entry is an odd number, the lower half will include the higher number (eg 31 entry = 16 teams). If three rounds have not been completed by the end of racing on Saturday, the Plate will be awarded to the team finishing highest in the lower half of the league (eg 32 entry = 17th place) in the Championship.
- 6.3 NSSA mementos will be presented to the leading four teams in the Championship and the leading two teams in the Plate
- 6.4 The highest placed member organisation whose team contains at least one youth (16 or over on 31st December) will be invited to form a team (of 6 sailors) to represent the NSSA at the Eric Twiname RYA Youth Team Racing Championship.

The highest placed member organisation whose team consists of three juniors (under 16 on 31st December) will be invited to form a team (of 6 sailors) to represent the NSSA at the Eric Twiname RYA Junior Team Racing Championship.

The RYA Championships will be held on November 11th /12th 2006 at Grafham Water Sailing Club

OTHER INFORMATION

Further information relating to general arrangements, accommodation etc will be available in the Welcome Pack which will be available on application.