The GUL Osprey Round the Isle of Wight Race 2023

Lymington Town Sailing Club

23rd or 24th September 2023

NOTICE OF RACE



1 RULES

1.1 The Race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024, the rules of the Osprey Class Association, and the RYA Charter. RYA Prescriptions will apply.

1.2 The Organising Authority is the Osprey Class Association.

1.3 Lymington Town Sailing Club (LTSC) will be offering boat parking, use of club and evening meals on 22nd, 23rd and 24th September 2023.

2 ADVERTISING

2.1 Advertising will comply with World Sailing Regulation 20. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The race is open to all boats of the Osprey Class that comply with the current Class Rules.

3.2 The owner of each boat entering shall be either a current Full Member or a Student Full Member of the Osprey Class Association

Competitors under 18 years of age on Friday 22nd September 2023 shall submit, with their entry form, a separate Parent/Guardian Declaration Form signed by a parent or legal guardian giving them permission to compete in the event.

Competitors wishing to enter this event shall complete the entry form which may be found on the Osprey website and submit it by 31st August 2023. Teams intending to enter should register their interest as soon as possible to Oscar Chess chessnuts@talktalk.net and copied to David Downs davdowns@btinternet.com Note only entries received before 31st August will be accepted for this event, there will be no entry on the day. The Organising Authority need to be satisfied that all entries and their boats are fit and capable to undertake the race and to deal with eventualities that may occur during the race and therefore the Organising Authority retain the right to refuse any entries that they consider to be unsuitable for this event.

The entry fee is £100 per boat. (Note meals will be paid for separately at Lymington Town SC)

4 EVENT SCHEDULE

4.1 Competitors shall register with the Osprey Class Association official on Friday 22nd September 2023.

4.2 A competitor's meeting and briefing will be held at 20:00 hrs on Friday 22nd September. At that meeting a decision will be taken based on the weather forecast whether the race will take part on Saturday 23rd or Sunday 24th September, or not at all. In the latter case every effort will be made to arrange some form of long distance race as an alternative.

4.3 The Warning Signal for the Race will be not before 07:00 on the day of the race.

5 MEASUREMENT

5.1 Each boat shall hold a valid Measurement Certificate. In addition, each competing boat will be required to have completed a safety check against a check list provided by the Organising Authority. Scrutineering of boats by the Organising Authority and/or peer competitors may be required to ensure that all competing boats appear suitable to undertake the race in the conditions that may prevail during the event.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Sailing Instructions will be issued at the Competitor's meeting. A draft version will be available for download from the Class Association website (www.ospreysailing.org.uk) in advance of the event.

7 VENUE

7.1 The Race will be Round the Island or possibly long distance around the cans in the Western Solent.

8 COURSES

8.1 The course will be a complete anti clockwise lap of the Isle of Wight starting and finishing near Lymington, or alternative course as advised at the Competitor's Meeting.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 Penalties shall be in accordance with RRS 44 excluding 44.3

10 SCORING

10.1 The low points scoring system of RRS Appendix A4 will apply.

11 RADIO Communication

11.1 All competing boats will be required to securely carry either an electronic tracking device supplied by the Organising Authority issued as a tally and return the device promptly on coming ashore or a suitable mobile phone with GPS tracking ability (The decision on which system is to be used will be advised to each entered boat.) . It is vital that the correct device is allocated to each boat and operation is checked before launching. A £50 fine will be imposed if this is not fully complied with.

11.2 All competing boats shall carry a mobile phone that is fully charged at time of start, which shall be turned on, have the safety officer's number entered in the memory and be weather proofed and maintained such that the boat's crew may answer the device at short notice during the race. To allow direct contact with support boats in the area, a water-resistant hand-held VHF radio shall also be carried on board and at least one of the crew proficient in its use.

12 PRIVATE SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 Support boats shall register with the Organising Authority prior to the event. Each support boat will be expected to contribute to the overall safety strategy coordinated by the Race Committee. All support boats will be required to securely carry an electronic tracking device supplied by the Organising Authority issued as a tally and shall return the device promptly on coming ashore or a suitable mobile phone with GPS tracking ability (The decision on which system is to be used will be advised to each entered boat.). All support boats shall carry a mobile phone that is fully charged at time of start, which shall be turned on, have the safety officer's number entered in the memory and be weather proofed and maintained such that the boat's crew may answer the device at short notice during the race. To allow direct contact with competitors in the area and Race Committee, a water-resistant VHF radio shall also be carried on board and at least one of the crew proficient in its use.

13 PRIZES

13.1 Prizes will be awarded in the Club House as soon as possible after the race.

14 RISK STATEMENT

14.1 This race is a significant challenge to be undertaken in a small boat. it is likely to take 10 hours or more to complete and will involve sailing along coast line with little or no places of refuge as well as busy areas of shipping. The race should only be undertaken by teams who are capable of sailing for a prolonged period in challenging conditions. The Race Committee will coordinate a number of safety boats accompanying the race. However, competitors should recognise that these safety boats may not be able to provide assistance to any particular competitor in short order and all competitors should make sure that they are able to deal with any eventuality that may occur until assistance can be provided. The Race Committee's priority will be to ensure the safety of competitors and recovery of boats will take a lower priority.

14.2 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.".

14.3 Sailing is by its nature 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 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 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.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 A Safety Tally Number may be allocated to each boat when entering. The Tally Boards will be situated near the Official Notice Board or at the top of the slipway.

15.2 A dedicated tow line of minimum 8mm diameter and minimum length 10 metres shall be carried on each boat ready for rapid deployment.

15.3 A spring steel rudder attachment clip is not considered sufficiently secure for the conditions that may be encountered during this event and shall be backed up with suitable shock cord over the tiller or similar positive location method.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 Members of the club, their guests and visitors may use the club premises and other facilities entirely at their own risk, and therefore by implication accept that prior to, during and after the regatta:

- the club will not accept liability for any damage to, or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the club,
- the club will not accept liability for any personal injury arising outside of the use of club premises or any other facilities of the club, whether sustained by members, their guests or visitors, or caused by the said members, guests or visitors, whether or not such damages or injury could have been attributed to or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of the officers, committee or employees of the club, or the regatta volunteers and helpers.

17 INSURANCE

17.1 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.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please see the Osprey Class website or the Osprey Class Association Whatsapp group.

End of Notice Of Race