

# SPINNAKER CLUB FIREFLY OPEN MEETING

Day Two of the Spinnaker Club Firefly Weekend 2017

Sprint Racing – 8 Races Back to Back

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Organising Authority is Spinnaker Club in conjunction with the National Firefly Association

## NOTICE OF RACE

### RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, and the National Firefly Class Rules, the Sailing Instructions (SI's) and this Notice of Race. In the case of conflict the SI's will prevail
- 1.2 Racing rule(s) 33, 40, will be changed as follows
  - A. 33 – Marks may be moved by the race committee at any time, with no notification to competitors
  - B. 40 – Personal Flotation Devices must be worn at all times when afloat or on the pontoons.

The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions.
- 1.3 The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

### 2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 The Organising Authority may require competing boats to carry event sponsor advertising on the hull.

### 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the Firefly class.
- 3.2 Boats shall be sailed by two persons
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting, together with the required fee, to the race organisers, during the registration period.
- 3.4 An entry is not complete until:
  - A. Entry fees have been paid in full;
  - B. A crew list and declaration form, available at registration, has been signed by each member of the crew;
  - C. A parental (or guardian) consent form and declaration has been submitted for crew aged 18 and under, on the day of the first race of the event.

## **4 FEES**

- 4.1 The required entry fee is 15 pounds per boat, reduced to 10 pounds for boats (reduced to 10 pounds for boats with both sailors under the age of 18 or in full time education).

## **5 COMPETITION FORMAT**

- 5.1 The event will consist of seven scheduled races.

## **6 SCHEDULE**

- 6.1 Registration will take place in the clubhouse on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017 between 0930 hours and 1030 hours.
- 6.2 The briefing will take place in the clubhouse on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017 between 1030 hours and 1045 hours.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race will be at 1100 hours on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## **7 MEASUREMENTS**

- 7.1 Each boat may be asked to produce a valid measurement certificate.
- 7.2 Boats may be permitted, at the sole discretion of the race committee, to race without a measurement certificates. If a measurement certificate is not produced, the boat may be excluded from receiving prizes.

## **8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 8.1 The sailing instructions will be available at the event registration.
- 8.2 A preliminary version of the sailing instructions may be posted on the Spinnaker Club website at [www.spinnakerclub.co.uk](http://www.spinnakerclub.co.uk)

## **9 VENUE & COURSES**

- 9.1 The regatta office will be situated at Spinnaker Club.
- 9.2 Racing will take place on Blashford Lake.
- 9.3 Courses will be a combination of laid and fixed marked, as described in the sailing instructions.
- 9.4 Races will be approximately 15 minutes long

## **10 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 10.1 Rule 44.3 does not apply
- 10.2 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

## **11 SCORING**

- 11.1 The low points scoring system, as described in Appendix A of the RRS shall apply.
- 11.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.4 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.
- 11.5 Up to 8 races will be run

## **12 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 12.1 Support boats shall not be permitted without the permission of the race committee

## **13 BERTHING**

- 13.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park

## **14 PRIZES**

- 14.1 Prizes will be given as follows;
  - A. The Spinnaker Club Firefly Open Trophy awarded to the first placed boat as determined by the competition.
  - B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Glassware - awarded to the second placed boat as determined by the competition.
  - C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Glassware - awarded to the third placed boat as determined by the competition.
- 14.2 Spinnaker Club Firefly Weekend Trophy – Awarded to the boat with the best combined score from both the Twisted Tube Day 1 of the Firefly Weekend and the Firefly Open.

## **15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **16 INSURANCE**

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

## **17 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 17.1 For further information please contact:
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