



Notice of Race

The Firefly National Championship 2009

Hamble River Sailing Club



Saturday 15th to Friday 21st August 2009

1 - Organising Authority

- 1.1 - The 2009 Firefly National Championship will be held under the burgee of Hamble River Sailing Club from 15th to 21st August. The organising authority of the event will be Hamble River Sailing Club in conjunction with the National Firefly Association.

2 - Rules

- 2.1 - Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing
- 2.2 - Boats displaying advertisements on their sails will be permitted to race in this event. In accordance with RRS 87, a letter from the Class Association permitting this change to the Class Rules will be posted on the official Notice Board.
- 2.3 - A Painter of minimum length 6.00m suitable for towing must be carried by all boats attached to the bow. *(amended in NoR v4)*

3 - Conditions of Entry

- 3.1 - A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces that responsibility.
- 3.2 - It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it finds itself. By launching and going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 3.3 - The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000
- 3.4 - Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters.
- 3.5 - The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.
- 3.6 - A tally system will be in operation throughout the championship for safety purposes only.
- 3.7 - Entries from competitors under the age of 18 require parental/guardian authority and a declaration to this effect must be completed on registration.

4 - Entries

- 4.1 - The regatta is open to all members of the National Firefly Class Association.
- 4.2 - Entry forms are available from the Hamble River Sailing Club Website at www.hamblersc.org.uk
- 4.3 - Entry Forms should be returned no later than 10th July 2009 to: The Sailing Secretary, Hamble River SC, The Ferry Hard, Hamble, SO31 4JB.
- 4.4 - Entry Fee is £160. Helms under 22 years on 1 January 2009 qualify for a discounted rate (£80 reduction). Please note that for all late entries received after 10th July 2009 the entry fee will be £190.
- 4.5 - Entries from competitors under the age of 18 are subject to parental/guardian authority and the declaration must be completed with the entry form.

5 - Registration

- 5.1 - Registration will take place at the Hamble River Sailing Club Between 10:00 and 1400 hrs on Saturday 15th August 2009.
- 5.2 - Boats must be presented for inspection by the Class Association before 18:00 on Saturday 15th August. The Class Association may check compliance with the rules at any time during the championship.

6 - Racing schedule

6.1 - Schedule

Date	1 st Warning Signal	Race(s)
Sat 15 th	1430	Practice race
Sun 16 ^h	1100	Races 1 (City of Plymouth Trophy)
Mon 17 th	1100	Races 2 (Sussex Silver Firefly) and 3 (Felixstowe Ferry Trophy)
Tue 18 th	1200	Race 4 (RAFSA Trophy)
Wed 19 th	1200	Race 5 (Sir Ralph Gore Challenge Cup, Marlow Trophy and Mike Nye Memorial Trophy)
Thu 20 th	1200	Race 6 (Stern light trophy) and Race 7 (Avon Bailer Trophy)
Fri 21 st	1200	Race 8 (Tomato Boats Trophy)

6.2 - Any changes to these times to be notified by 1800hrs on the previous day.

6.3 - Times are for first race of the day, subsequent races to follow as soon as possible after the preceding race.

7 - Scoring

- 7.1 - The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 7.2 - Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 7.3 - When fewer than four races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores (no discard).
- 7.4 - When four or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

8 - Trophies

- 8.1 - Trophies will be awarded (as listed in 6.1 - Schedule) at the prizegiving on Friday 21st August at approximately 4pm.
- 8.2 - The race for the Sir Ralph Gore Challenge Cup will only be awarded if race 5 exceeds 13nm.
- 8.3 - Boats qualifying for the Marlow Trophy (based on races up to that point) will win prizes based on their positions in race 5.

9 - Sailing Instructions

- 9.1 - These will be issued at registration.

10 - Directions to Venue

- 10.1 - These can be obtained from the Club Web Site: <http://www.hamblerversc.org.uk/> or by ringing the Club Secretary on 02380 452070.