

MERLIN WEEK 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The title of the regatta is “Merlin Week” and is to be held at Salcombe Yacht Club.
- 1.2 The regatta will be held from Sunday 8th July to Friday 13th July 2018
- 1.3 This event is organised by Salcombe Yacht Club (SYC) and the Merlin Rocket Owners Association (MROA).
- 1.4 SYC and the MROA support the “RYA Racing Charter (<http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/racingcharter.aspx>) When entering, competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Racing Charter.
- 1.5 Any changes to this Notice of Race will be posted on the Salcombe Yacht Club Merlin Rocket Week web page (<http://www.salcombeyc.org.uk>) not later than 23:59 hrs on Saturday 7th July 2018. Notice of changes may also be promulgated to the MROA forum www.merlinrocket.co.uk and the Merlin Rocket Facebook page, if possible.

2 THE RACE SERIES AND ENTRY.

- 2.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing, [Racing Rules of Sailing](#) (RRS) which apply at the time of the race, the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the class association and the by-laws of Salcombe Harbour Authority.
- 2.2 All boats entered must hold valid Class Measurement certificates.
- 2.3 All helms must be members of the Merlin Rocket Owner’s Association as at date of entry 4/11/2017 and at the time of the regatta.
- 2.4 The number of races is indicative only and will depend upon weather conditions.
- 2.5 SYC will accept entries with effect from 10:00 GMT 4th November 2017. Entries will be limited to 120 boats.
- 2.6 Entries must be made using the Merlin Week Entry Portal at www.salcombeyc.org.uk and transmitted to Salcombe Yacht Club with the fee as directed. Entries will be accepted in chronological order of entry form submission.
- 2.7 The entry fee of £170 (ex Millbay charges of £10.00) is payable in full on the same day as entry form submission as directed by the entry process. The entry fee includes race entry, harbour dues and social programme for helm and crew. It is the responsibility of the entrant to retain evidence of electronic payment.
- 2.8 If the regatta is over-subscribed then acceptance of the entry will be based on the waiting list order as per the Salcombe Yacht Club Merlin Week website.

- 2.9 “Registration”: means collection of regatta packs with confirmation by the entrant of their intention to race. Registration will be at Salcombe Yacht Club and Batson Boat park as follows:-
- Batson Boat park - Saturday 7th July 2018 09:00 to 15:00 hrs
 - Salcombe YC - Saturday 7th July 2018 immediately prior to briefing at 18:00 -18:30
- 2.10 Registration is compulsory. SYC reserves the right to forfeit entries for those competitors who have not registered (i.e. not collected their packs in person or by proxy) by 18:30 BST Saturday 7th July 2018.
- 2.11 Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and prior on the SYC website.
- 2.12 A briefing for competitors will be held in the Salcombe Yacht Club on Saturday 7th July 2018 at 18:30

3 PROGRAMME

- 3.1 The competing boats will be split in to four flights as adjudicated by the MROA. A provisional list of flight allocations together with daily start times for each flight will be published by the MROA. The final official listing of flights together with daily start times will be displayed on the Official Notice Board within 1 hour of the closure of registration. SYC regrets flight preferences cannot be accommodated.
- 3.2 Races will be held at 10:30 and 14:30 each day.

4 RESTRICTION AND CONDITIONS OF SAILING

- 4.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.” 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 this”.
- 4.2 *Responsibility* – A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility
- 4.3 *Competence* – It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 4.4 *Class requirements* – All boats, crew and equipment must comply with the measurement and sailing requirements of the Class including efficient positive bouyancy.
- 4.5 *Insurance* – The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third part claims to the sum of at least £3,000,000.
- 4.6 *Responsibility of the Organisers* – 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 a boat taking part in the racing. The

Organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and event, and include the Organising authority, the Race committee, the Race officer and patrol boats.

- 4.6 *Patrol boats* – The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.
- 4.8 *Inspections* – Class association membership, measurement certificates or boats may be inspected before or after any race at the discretion of the SYC race committee. The SYC race committee may preclude a competitor from entering or racing if an inspection is unsatisfactory on grounds of safety. An inspection does not absolve the crew of any of their responsibilities set out above.
- 4.9 *Minors* – All competitors under the age of 18 years at the time of the event are required to complete a parental declaration, signed by their parent or guardian. This will be available at time of entry.

5. SCORING SYSTEM

- 5.1. The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 5.2. Six races for each flight are scheduled and if all are sailed one discard will be allowed. If less than six races are sailed by any flight the corresponding race of the day will be disregarded and no discards will be allowed.
- 5.3. Races will not be re-sailed.

6 CHANGING CRAFT etc

- 6.1 *Change of helm* – A change of helm is classified as a new entry.
- 6.2 *Change of sail number or craft* – A change of sail number or craft, may be permitted by a written application to the Race Office/Race Committee before 18.30 BST 7th July 2018.
- 6.4 Duplicate sail numbers will not be permitted.

7 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- 7.1 Trophies are:

<u>Trophy</u>	<u>Criteria</u>
<i>Trident Challenge Cup</i>	First boat and overall champion helm.
<i>The Beryl Haynes trophy</i>	First boat and overall champion crew.
<i>Britton Salver</i>	First family boat.
<i>Salcombe Slate</i>	First family Fleet.
<i>Millbay Plate</i>	1st lady helm
<i>The Roger Taylor Trophy</i>	First lady overall (helm or crew)
<i>The Alan Warren Trophy</i>	1st Grand Master (Over sixty five as at 10/7/2016)
<i>Petit Trophy</i>	1st Helm over forty five
<i>Salcombe YC Challenge</i>	Old boat trophy – criteria tbc
<i>Draycote Salver</i>	First club team prize
<i>Perry Pot</i>	First crew under 18

<i>Silver Jubilee cup</i>	1 st Classic boat. 3571-3358
<i>Buckden Bowl</i>	1 st Vintage boat 3357 and below
<i>The Merlin Rocket</i>	1 st Narrow boat.

- 7.2 Prizes will be awarded to the first 20 overall helms and crews.
- 7.3 One club only may be recorded on the Entry Form for the purposes of the Draycote Salver.
- 7.4 Those qualifying for the Britton Salver and/or Salcombe Slate to notify Salcombe YC Office in writing to clare@salcombeyc.org.uk - by 18:30 on 4th July 2018
- 7.5 The prize giving will held at Salcombe Yacht Club at 20:00 hours on Friday 13th July 2018.

8 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

- 8.1 Competitors automatically grant to 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 event. They also allow their names, age category, club and boat details to be displayed in competitors lists prior to the event and in results, on the Salcombe Yacht Club website and in other publications.

End of Notice of Race.

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