



THAMES OPEN MEETING.

Hosted by Thames Sailing Club

23rd/24th July 2011.

Handicap Series – Vintage & Open Regatta

NOTICE OF RACE

Thames SC is home to the Thames A Rater and a growing and diverse range of other old-established dinghy classes. This NOR is specifically for the two day Handicap series running alongside the Rater Vintage Regatta with cups for open class winner and fastest ‘vintage’ boat.

PROGRAMME

A 6 race series, weather and conditions permitting

RACE TIMES:	Saturday 23rd July 2011	Race: 1	11:00
		Race: 2 & 3	After lunch
	Sunday 24 th July 2011	Race: 1 & 2	10:00
		Race: 3	After lunch

REGISTRATION: All boats must register by 10.30 on Saturday or 9.30 on Sunday

BRIEFING: 10:30 on Saturday 23rd July outside the Race Box and 9.30 on Sunday

ENTRY

The Entry Fees for each day will be £10.00 per boat. There will be a maximum entry of 30 boats.

ENTRY FORMS:

Entries can be submitted before the boat can race. We would appreciate pre-entries made by Thursday 21st as we hope to have commentary and will only be able to use commentary sheets (attached at the end of the NOR) submitted early.

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is the Thames Sailing Club.

RULES

Racing will take place under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2009 – 2012), the Rules of the Class and the prescriptions of the RYA, except as any of these are changed by the TSC Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race.

ELIGIBILITY

For the Open Regatta

Racing is open to any class of dinghy up to 18ft in length. A boat shall have a valid measurement certificate and a valid insurance certificate (including third party cover for not less than £2,000,000), both of which may be required at registration. Due to the restricted space on the river, trapezes may not be used by non-vintage boats. The club intends to run the vintage and open classes concurrently but reserve the right to give the open regatta a separate start line from the Vintage Regatta.

For the Vintage Regatta

To be eligible to win the fastest placed vintage boat, competing boats must be all wood constructed examples of monohull classes up to 18ft in length and established for over 40 years. Competing boats must be over 25 years old. Vintage boats utilising trapezes are permitted but are not advised.

Eligible classes include:-

International 14 (1928), National 12 (1936), National Merlin Rocket (1946), International 10SqM Canoe (1946), International Moth (1929), Cherub (1953), Enterprise (1956), Finn (1949), Fireball (1961), 420 (1959), GP14 (1950), Mirror (1963), OK (1960), Snipe (1931), Albacore (1954), Firefly (1946), Graduate (1952), Hornet (1952), Scorpion (1960), Solo (1955), Swordfish (1947) Bosun (1961) Gull (1956) Redwing (1938) Toy (1964) Cadet (1947) Heron (1951) Seafly (1961) Wayfarer (1957) Fleetwind (1951) Leader (1961) Signet (1961) Wineglass (1957) Pegasus (1958).

Other classes should check the CVRDA website <http://www.cvrda.org/>. We will accept any boats from the classic, vintage or old wings that comply with the limitations stated above.

BOAT TRAILERS

There will be space allocated for road trailers at Thames Sailing Club car park.

RACE AREA

The race area is between Hampton Bridge and Kingston Bridge.

We advise all competitors that river traffic is heavy on summer weekends. Though theoretically power gives way to sail, we advise that competitors give way to or make allowance for the following; Parris and Turks sightseeing launches, coxless rowers and skiffs and hired motor boats from Harts Boatyard.

PRIZES

Open Regatta prizes will be awarded to the helms and crews of the event in proportion to the number of entries using the Portsmouth yardstick numbers adopted by Thames Sailing Club. There will be a prize awarded to the fastest team overall.

Vintage Regatta prizes will be awarded to the helms and crews in proportion to the number of entries that are eligible in the class. The CVRDA handicap system will be adopted to give the results. Prizes will be given for one day events, all races on that day to count.

CLUBHOUSE

All competitors are invited to use the facilities of the Club during their stay. Competitors will be deemed to be temporary members for the duration of the event, and as such, shall abide by all the Club's rules and requirements.

DRESS

Members and visitors to the Club are asked to change from their sailing clothes in the evenings and dress appropriately for the time of day.

VALUABLES

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN THE CHANGING ROOMS. Competitors do so at their own risk.

CATERING & ENTERTAINMENTS

Lunches

A light lunch option will be offered by the TSC on both days. Hart's situated next door serves an extensive lunch menu also.

Saturday – Competitor's Supper and TSC annual Summer Party

On the Saturday evening TSC will be holding their biggest social event of the season - their Annual Summer Party. Included in the ticket price is supper (a catered BBQ) and music and dancing to a live band. The full price is £25 per person, however visiting regatta competitors entered for both days pay a reduced price of £15 per person when booked in advance. Please book with your entry (form below) or via email to bencmay@googlemail.com

ACCOMMODATION

Limited camping facilities are available on site (for small tents) on a first come, first serve basis and for a limited number of caravans (no power). For further local accommodation details contact bencmay@googlemail.com for more information.

CLUB DETAILS

Thames Sailing Club

Address: Portsmouth Road, Surbiton, Surrey. KT6 4HH

Tel 0208 399 2164

Email info@thamessailingclub.co.uk

Website www.thamessailingclub.co.uk

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the club house.

CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the SI's will be posted by 10:30 on 17th July - with the flag L flown from the club mast.

SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff on the race box.

PROTESTS

Protests shall be written on forms available from the club house.

Completed forms shall be returned to the race officer within the protest time limit.

The protest time limit is half an hour after the last boat finishes the last race of the day.

The Exoneration Penalty [and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration] of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

SCORING SYSTEM

The event will be scored using the Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A2 will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded if more than two races have been competed for.

SUBSTITUTION OF COMPETITORS

Substitution of competitors will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances with prior written approval of the race committee. Applications must be submitted in writing to the race committee and accompanied by a parent or guardian declaration if the competitor is under 18.

RADIO COMMUNICATION

Competitors are reminded of class rule 9.2 that prohibits “electronic and electrical instruments with the exception of electronic timing devices”. This includes mobile phones.

RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

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, both on the TSC website and in publications.

THAMES SAILING CLUB

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

LIMITATION OF THE CLUB'S GENERAL LIABILITY

Members of the Club, their guests and visitors use the Club premises and any other facilities of the Club entirely at their own risk and impliedly accept that:

- (1) The Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the Club.
- (2) The Club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of the use of the club premises, and any other facilities of the club, or out of participation in any races organised by the club, whether sustained by members, their guests or visitors, or caused by the said members, guests or visitors whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed or contributed to or was occasioned by neglect, default or negligence of any of them, the officers, committee or servants of the Club.
- (3) Before inviting any guests or visitors onto the premises or to participate in events organised by the club, members are required to draw their attention to this rule.

RACING DISCLAIMER

A boat and the owner and the person in charge (the boat) are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore and nothing whether in this notice of race or the sailing instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions for which it will find itself. By launching or going onto the river, the boat confirms that it is fit for these conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

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.

Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of a 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 having taken part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, its officers and staff, the race committee, the race officer and assistants, the patrol or rescue boats and beach masters.

The provision of patrol or rescue boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.

The fact that a race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities set out in this paragraph.

INSURANCE

In addition to third party liability for not less £2,000,000 referred to above, competitors are advised to effect their own personal accident insurance.

PERSONAL BUOYANCY

All competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy when afloat. All children under 12 shall wear adequate personal buoyancy when next to the river. Wetsuits and drysuits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

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OPEN EVENT ENTRY FORM

to be sailed on 23rd/24th July 2011

Class.....	Age of Boat.....
Sail Number	Boat Name
Helm Name.....	Crew Name.....
Helm Club	Crew Club
Address	
.....	PostCode:.....
Telephone No:	
Email Address:	
DoB if under 18.....	Signature of Guardian.....

Entry Fee for Saturday (£10 per boat)

Entry Fee for Sunday (£10 per boat)

Summer Party (£15 per person for 2 day visiting competitors
when paid in advance)
(£25 per person for all others)

TOTAL ENCLOSED £.....

Camping required (tick box)

Entry Declaration

I wish to enter the Thames SC Open Meeting. I understand that I/we will be deemed to be Temporary Members of Thames SC, and as such, shall abide by all the Club's rules and requirements.

I agree to be bound by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, Thames Sailing Instruction and this Notice of Race. I confirm that I hold a valid registration certificate and that I have Third Party Insurance for at least £2,000,000. I confirm that I have read and accept for myself, my crew and our guests the limitation of the Club's General Liability and Racing Disclaimer.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Return to: Ben May, Thames Sailing Club, Portsmouth Rd, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 4HH

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OPEN EVENT COMMENTARY SHEET

We are hoping once again to have commentary on the Sunday for the benefit of spectators though this will depend on finding willing and knowledgeable commentators. We would ask you therefore to complete this commentary sheet but cannot guarantee that it will get used.

Sail Number.....Boat Name.....

Helm Name.....Crew Name.....

Background info to helm and crew

(experience, notable successes, philosophy(!) etc.)

Background Info to Boat

(builder, rarity, restoration work undertaken, unique features etc)