



Hornet European and Kestrel National Championships 2018

Notice of Race

11th to 14th August 2018

Organised by Thorpe Bay Yacht Club in association with the RYA National Hornet Class Association and the Kestrel Owners Association.

1. RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and:
 - 1.1.1. for Hornets the rules of the RYA National Hornet Association, or
 - 1.1.2. for Kestrels the rules of the Kestrel Owners Associationexcept as any of these are changed by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Competitors must enter on the forms provided and pay the appropriate entry fee.
- 1.3. For the duration of the regatta Competitors are temporary members of Thorpe Bay Yacht Club and will be subject to the rules of the club.
- 1.4. Thorpe Bay Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter which requires competitors to sail and organisers to provide racing in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority and the Class Association.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The Hornet European Championship is open to all boats of the National Hornet class that have current measurement certificates and have paid their class membership before making entry.
- 3.2. For Hornets, either the Helm or Crew must be a full adult or full junior member of the RYA National Hornet Class Association or the Polish Hornet Class Association.
- 3.3. Hornets may enter by completing an entry form, available from the National Hornet Class Association or the Thorpe Bay Yacht Club web sites.
- 3.4. The Kestrel National Championship is open to all boats of the Kestrel Class.
- 3.5. For Kestrels, the helm must be a full member of the Kestrel Owners Association.
- 3.6. Kestrels may enter by completing an entry form, available from the Kestrel Owners Association or the Thorpe Bay Yacht Club web sites.

4. FEES

- 4.1. Required fees for Hornets are as follows:
 - 4.1.1. Adult sailors: £150.00 per boat.
 - 4.1.2. Juniors (helm and crew under 21 on 11th August) reduced entry fee: £95.00 per boat.
 - 4.1.3. Competitors who live outside the UK and are members of the Polish Hornet Association pay for social events only: £80.00 per boat.

4.2. Required fees for Kestrels are as follows:

4.2.1. All Kestrels £150 per boat.

4.3. The entry fee includes the following social events for both helm and crew:

Saturday evening: BBQ and live music
 Sunday evening: Fish & Chip Supper
 Monday evening: Championship Dinner

4.4. Additional tickets for social events are available to buy when entering and at registration:

Saturday evening: BBQ and live music, £9.00 per extra ticket
 Sunday evening: Fish & Chip Supper, £9.75 per extra ticket
 Monday evening: Championship Dinner, £21.60 per extra ticket

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Registration will take place in the bar on the 1st floor of the clubhouse, as follows:

Friday 10th August: from 19.00 to 21.00
 Saturday 11th August: from 08.00 to 10.00

5.2. There will be a briefing for competitors in the bar on the 1st floor of the clubhouse on Saturday 11th August at 09.30.

5.3. Schedule of races:

Day	Race	Time	High Water
Saturday 11 th August	2 races, sailed back-to-back	First warning signal 10.55	13.13
Sunday 12 th August	3 races, sailed back-to-back	First warning signal 11.25	14.01
Monday 13 th August	3 races, sailed back-to-back	First warning signal 12.10	14.47
Tuesday 14 th August	2 races, sailed back-to-back	First warning signal 12.55	15.31

5.4. There are 10 races scheduled.

5.5. The starting order shall be Hornets then Kestrels.

5.6. When more than one race is scheduled for the same day (or sequence of races for two or more classes), the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, the postponement signal will be displayed for at least four minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

5.7. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided it results in the series being no more than one race ahead of schedule.

5.8. No starting signal will be made after 15:00hrs on the last day of racing.

5.9. Schedule of social activities and catering:

Friday evening: Food and drink available in clubhouse
 Saturday daytime: Breakfast 08.00 – 09.00, lunch from 12.00, bar open all day
 Saturday evening: BBQ and live music (ticket required)
 Sunday daytime: Breakfast 08.00 – 09.00, lunch from 12.00, bar open all day
 Sunday evening: Fish & Chip Supper (ticket required) followed by Class Association AGMs
 Monday daytime: Breakfast 08.00 – 09.00, lunch from 12.00, bar open all day

Monday evening:	Championship Dinner (ticket required)
Tuesday daytime:	Breakfast 08.00 – 09.00, lunch from 12.00, bar open all day
Tuesday after sailing:	Prizegiving, food available.

6. MEASUREMENT

6.1. Measurement of Hornets:

6.1.1. Before a boat is eligible to race, her current, valid measurement certificate may be required to be presented at the Race Office or its existence verified.

6.1.2. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Any boat found to be non-compliant will be disqualified from any race in which it has already competed and may only re-join the event following rectification and rechecking.

6.1.3. All boats shall sail under their registered class number. Only pre-measured sails that have been inspected for the event and stamped shall be used. 2 Jibs, 2 Mains and 2 Spinnakers only may be presented for registration.

6.1.4. Subject to the written permission of the Race Committee a boat chartered or borrowed for the event may declare at the time of entry or registration a sail number to be displayed on all sails used in the regatta which may be different from the number of the boat as stated on the measurement certificate provided that this declared number shall not be the sail number of any other boat competing in the regatta.

6.2. Measurement of Kestrels:

6.2.1. All Kestrels must comply with the latest edition of the Class Rules and boats may at any time be checked for compliance. Any checks will be supervised by a member of the KOA committee who is not sailing in the boat subject to checking. Any boat found to be non-compliant will be disqualified from any race in which it has already competed and may only re-join the event following rectification and rechecking.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1. A printed copy of the Sailing Instructions will be available upon completion of registration at Thorpe Bay Yacht Club, having satisfied the Eligibility and Entry Requirements.

8. VENUE

8.1. The venue is Thorpe Bay Yacht Club (TBYC), 115 Thorpe Bay Gardens, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 3NW.

8.2. Boats and cars must be stored in the Southend Corporation car park which is accessed via the TBYC boat park. Parking and storage here is free of charge. Drivers should approach along Thorpe Esplanade, enter the TBYC boat park and immediately turn right, passing carefully between boats to reach the grassed Corporation car park where they should park, see aerial photograph over the page. No parking in the club boat park.

8.3. Camping, by prior permission, is available on site free of charge from the evening of Thursday 9th August. Please contact Janet Willsmer, Club Secretary, to book. Telephone: +44 (0)1702 587563, or email: secretary@tbyc.org. Campers have access to the clubhouse toilets and showers 24 hours a day.

8.4. Information regarding local accommodation can be found at <http://www.visitsouthend.co.uk>

8.5. The racing area is in the Thames Estuary to the South of the clubhouse.



9. THE COURSE

- 9.1. The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. The number of rounds to be sailed will be displayed on the stern of the Committee Boat before the Preparatory signal. This changes RRS 27.1.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a Championship series.
- 10.2. (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When from four to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
(c) When seven or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two worst scores.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 11.2. Support boats may be requested to assist the race committee with rescue duties and shall monitor VHF channel 37 at all times whilst afloat.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 12.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1.** Overall prizes will be awarded to helm and crew for the first six places.
- 13.2.** Trophies, daily prizes and novelty prizes will be awarded according to a list to be published by each Class Association.
- 13.3.** Daily prizes will be presented in the clubhouse bar at 21.00 each evening.
- 13.4.** The Championship prizegiving will take place as soon as possible after the completion of racing on Tuesday 14th August.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1.** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, see RRS 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.

14.2. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by 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 to themselves, their crew, their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their 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 a patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

15. INSURANCE

- 15.1.** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

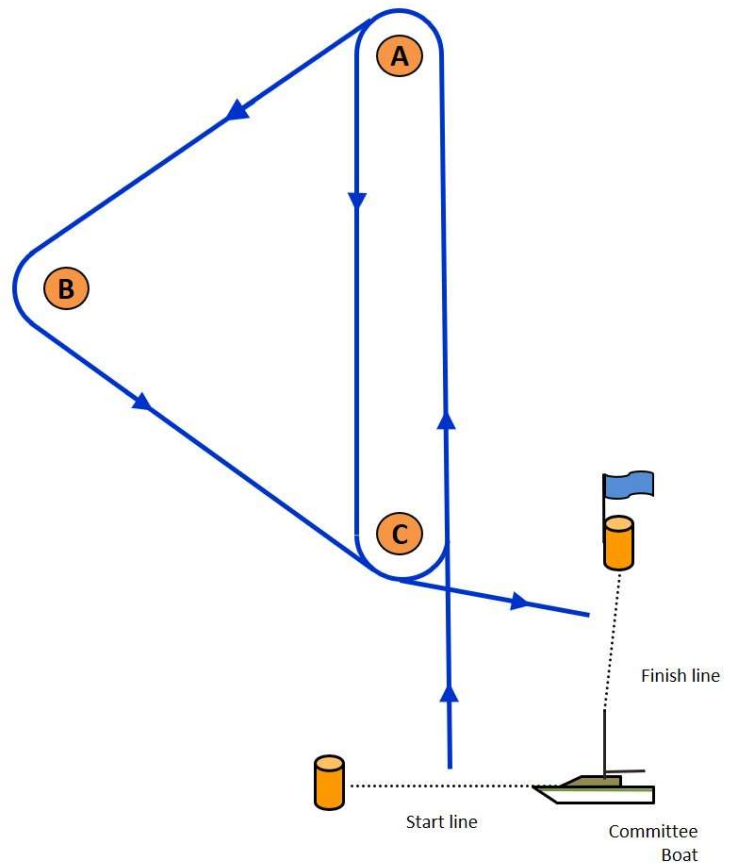
16. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1.** Further information can be found at www.tbyc.org or by phoning Janet Willsmer, Club Secretary, on +44 (0) 1702 587563

ATTACHMENT A – THE COURSE

Course Diagram

This diagram is designed to show the approximate layout of marks and their order of rounding. It is neither to scale nor in proportion. Mark A is the intended windward mark.



# Rounds	1 round	2 rounds	3 rounds	4 rounds	5 rounds
Course	A, B, C, Finish	A, B, C, A, C, Finish	A, B, C, A, C, A, B, C, Finish	A, B, C, A, C, A, B, C, A, C, Finish	A, B, C, A, C, A, B, C, A, C, A, B, C, Finish
All marks to port.					
Mark C may be laid after the start.					
On the final lap, or if Shortened Course is displayed on the Committee Boat, upon passing mark C boats shall proceed to the finish line.					