



NOTICE OF RACE

Harwich Town Sailing Club

Kestrel Class National Championship 2016

Saturday 6th August – Tuesday 9th August 2016

1.0. Organising Authority:

Racing will be under the burgee of Harwich Town Sailing Club (H.T.S.C), in conjunction with the Kestrel Owners Association and the Shearwater Catamaran Class Association.

2.0 Rules:

2.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016, the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the Kestrel Class Association, this Notice of Race and the event specific set of sailing instructions. Notification of amendment to any of the aforementioned articles will be posted on the official championship event notice board located in the wet bar area of the H.T.S.C.

2.2 Abridged extract from the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at sea, 1972:

"A boat shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway. A boat shall not cross a narrow channel or fairway if such crossing impedes the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway. The latter vessel may use five short and rapid blasts of her sound signal if she is in doubt as to the intention of a crossing boat."

3.0 Eligibility :

3.1 Each competing vessel must have event appropriate third party insurance cover of not less than £2,000,000 for the duration of the championships.

3.2 The helm must be a fully paid up member of the Kestrel Owners Association for the duration of the event.

4.0 Entries:

4.1 Entries should be submitted on the formal event Entry Form available on the Harwich Town Sailing Club website (www.htsc.co.uk), the Kestrel Owners Association website (www.kestrel.org.uk) or at registration on the Friday and Saturday of the event. Entry forms will be available for downloading by 30th April 2016.

4.2 The entrance fee is £120 per boat (price subject to finalisation of social activity programme).

4.4 The entrance fee will include meal tickets for helm and crew for the Commodores' reception on Saturday evening. Light tea bar snacks après sail will be provided to competitors free of charge. (additional meal tickets can be purchased for family/friends at time of entry or registration, £7.50 for adults and £4.50 for under 16's). The social activity programme is yet to be finalised.

4.5 Cheques to be made payable to Harwich Town Sailing Club

4.6 Entries should be posted to:- Mrs S James, Hon. Treasurer, "Millbay", 9 Marine Parade, Dovercourt, Essex, CO12 3JX.

5.0 Registration:

5.1 Registration will take place at Harwich Town Sailing Club as follows:-

Friday 8th August from 18.00 until 20.00

Saturday 9th August 08.30 until 10.00

6.0. Sailing Instructions:

6.1. Sailing instructions will be issued to each competitor upon registration.

7.0 Race Programme and Courses:

7.1 There will be one course area shared by the Kestrel and Shearwater Classes. The Kestrel Class will be the second fleet to start for the first scheduled race of each day. Detailed course instructions will be given within the event Sailing Instructions, optional triangle/windward-leeward/traditional Olympic style course will be considered.

7.2 The racing schedule will be as follows: -

Saturday 6 th August	Race 1	12:05
	Race 2	Back to Back
Sunday 7 th August	Race 3	11.05
	Race 4	Back to Back.
Monday 8 th August	Race 5	11.05
	Race 6	Back to Back
Tuesday 9 th August	Race 7	11.05
	Race 8	Back to Back - Not later than 13.30 hrs

7.3 There will be 1 discard if 4 or more races are sailed. A minimum of 4 races will constitute a series.

7.4 All races will be held outside of Harwich Harbour in Dovercourt Bay, due South of the Harbour Breakwater. Competitors should ensure they allow sufficient time to reach the race area which may be some distance from the launch area (re. Admiralty Chart1491).

7.5 Both the Kestrel and Shearwater Classes will share the same Committee boat start/finish line.

7.6 Each day's races are scheduled to be sailed back-to-back.

7.7 A briefing will be held at approximately 10.00am on Saturday 6th August in the Sailing Club wet bar area.

8.0 Identification and Acknowledgement of Risk:

8.1 Each owner/competitor is entirely responsible for their boat's own safety and the safety of its crew, whether the boat is afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

8.2 It is for each owner/competitor to decide whether the boat and its crew are fit to sail in the conditions in which it might find itself. By launching or going to sea, the owner/competitor confirms that the boat is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

8.3 Parents or guardians of competitors under 16 years old will be required to take full responsibility for their dependants throughout the event and to sign the parental permission section of the formal event entry form.

8.4 Each owner/competitor is responsible for ensuring the boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather and that the crew has sufficient experience and fitness to withstand such weather.

9.0 Liability:

9.1 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of each owner/competitor 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' encompasses everyone helping to run the race and the event and include the Organising Authority, The Class Association, the Race Committee, the Race Officer, safety boats and beach masters.

9.2 The provision of safety boats does not relieve each owner/competitor of their responsibilities.

10.0 Scoring:

10.1 The series will be scored as provided in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2012-2016, the low points scoring system will be used.

11.0 Social Programme

Full details of the scheduled social programme and Class AGM will be posted on the appropriate websites (listed in point 4.1) in due course. H.T.S.C will provide breakfast (pre-booked at registration), general Tea Bar catering/food supplies and licensed Bar.

12.0 Prizes

12.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three placed vessels of each scheduled race together with an additional prize for the highest placed boat in each race who has not previously received a prize.

Prizes will be awarded to the Helm and Crew for their overall championship positions down to fifth place. Further awards will be made for the first mark 1 boat, highest placed Helm over 65, highest placed Handicap series and other awards. A daily prize giving ceremony will take place during the evening, the overall prize giving ceremony will take place and soon as possible after Race 8 on Sunday the 9th August.

13.0 Boat and Car Parking

13.1 All competitors will be required to park their boats and road trailers in accordance with directions given by the beach master and his team.

13.2 Further advice will be published as soon as possible on boat parking area access instructions.

14.0 Accommodation

14.1 Details of accommodation options for competitors will be made available on the Class and Club websites in due course. Free camping is available to competitors on Harwich Green (ref. 13.2, further instructions to follow).

Harwich Town Sailing Club Contacts:

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