



2017 Autumn Regatta
Tata Steel Sailing Club (Margam)
Eglwys Nunydd Reservoir, Margam, Port Talbot
4th/5th November 2017



Organising Authority : Tata Steel Sailing Club (Margam)

Notice of Race

1. Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the 'Rules' defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the National Class Associations rules, and the Sailing Instructions;
- 1.2 The Racing Rules of Sailing 32, A2, A3 and *Race Signal* AP will be changed, see the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 This Notice of Race may be amended by a Notice to competitors from the Organising Authority. If there is any conflict with a Sailing Instruction, the Sailing Instruction shall prevail.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 Racing will be open to mono hull dinghies. If five or more boats enter from the same class, this will entitle them to their own fleet start at the discretion of the race officer.

3. Entries and fees

- 3.1 Entries should be submitted on the official entry form for this event available from the Club on the day along with the entry fee of £20 Single handed and £25 double hander. Cheques made payable to **Tata Steel Sailing Club, Margam**.
- 3.2 There will be a reduction of 50% for junior helm and crews only.

4. Schedule

- 4.1 Registration Competitors will register at the Clubhouse on 4th November from 10.00 a.m.
- 4.2 Briefing A competitors' briefing will be held at the Race Control hut at 11.00
- 4.3 Race schedule five races are scheduled :
 - Race 1 Saturday 12.00.pm Races 2 &3 to be announced
 - Race 4 Sunday Starts 11.00.am Race 5 to be announced
- 4.4 No Warning signal will be made after 3.00pm on the last day of sailing

5. Measurement

Each boat must have a valid measurement certificate and buoyancy endorsement, and must sail under the original sail number unless otherwise authorized by the race officer.

6. Sailing Instructions and Notices to competitors

- 6.1 Sailing instructions will be issued at registration.
- 6.2 Notices to competitors will be posted at the Race Control hut.

7. Course and Racing Area

The racing area and course will be announced at the briefing and described on the course board.

8. Scoring

- 8.1 The event will be scored using *RRS* Appendix A, except that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score excluded if 4 or more races have been completed.
- 8.2 Two scored races are required for the results to be counted.

9. Support boats

Only patrol boats appointed by the race officer may enter the race area or communicate with competitors afloat

10. Risk Statement

- 10.1 The responsibility for a boat's decision to race is hers alone (*RRS* Rule 4). By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that :

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved and accept responsibility for themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and 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 fit for the conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

- 10.2 Each sailor under the age of 18 on 4th November will be required to submit a consent form signed by a parent or guardian confirming acceptance of the terms above in para 10.1. The parent or guardian or a nominated alternate will be asked to be in or around the club while their dependent is racing.

11. Insurance

Boats are required to be adequately insured including insurance against third party claims of at least £2,000,000.

12. Safety

Competitors will be required to wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times whilst afloat – except for a short period whilst changing clothing. Flag 'Y' will not be displayed; this changes RRS rules 40.1 and Race Signals 'Y'. Wet suits and dry suits do not comply with this.

13. 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.

Further information

For further information, contact Oscar Chess vice-commodore@tatasteelsailing.org.uk

Note Unfortunately the Eglwys Nunydd Reservoir has become infected with a type of freshwater shrimp - *Dikerogammarus villosus*. This is harmless to humans but has an adverse effect on other life in fresh or brackish water. To prevent transfer to other bodies of water, it will be necessary for all boats and equipment to be hosed before leaving the site.