

OSPREY OPEN MEETING

TATA STEEL SAILING CLUB

Margam

20th and 21st May 2017

Organising Authority: Tata Steel Sailing Club (Margam)

Notice of Race

1. Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the 'Rules' found in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*, the Osprey Class Association rules, and the Sailing Instructions; these change *RRS 32, A2, A3 and Race Signal AP*.
- 1.2 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 boats of the Osprey Class and every competitor must be a member of the Class Association.

1. 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 £15 as a cheque payable to **Tata Steel Sailing Club, Margam**.

4. Schedule

- 4.1 Registration Competitors will register at the Clubhouse on 20th May from 10:00 a.m.
- 4.2 Briefing A competitors' briefing will be held at the Race Control hut at 12:00.
- 4.3 Race schedule Five races are scheduled:
 - Three races on Saturday 20th May. First start not before 13:00, races 2 and 3 to follow as soon as practicable after completion of the previous race.
 - Two races on Sunday 21st May. First start not before 10:30, race 5 to follow as soon as practicable after completion of the previous race.
 - No warning signal will be given after 14:00 on Sunday 21st May.

5. Measurement

Each boat shall comply with the measurement rules of the Osprey Class Association available on the Osprey Class website, and must sail under the original sail number unless otherwise authorized by the race officer.

6. Sailing Instructions and Notices to competitors

Sailing instructions will be issued at registration.
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 courseboard.

8. Scoring

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 3 or more races have been completed. Two or more races are required to be sailed to constitute a series.

9. Support boats

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

10. Disclaimer of Liability

10.1 Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for competitors to decide whether their boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching competitors confirm the boat is fit for those conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, 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 encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, including the organising authority, the race committee, the race officers, patrol boat crews and beachmasters. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and competitors of their responsibilities.

10.2 Each sailor under the age of 18 on 20th May will be required to submit a consent form signed by a parent or guardian.

11. Insurance

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

12. Safety

Personal flotation devices of an appropriate standard shall be worn by all competitors whilst racing. 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 David Downs 07801713481 davdowns@btinternet.com

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.