

NOTICE OF RACE

FIREFLY OPEN MEETING

West Oxfordshire Sailing Club, Witney
Saturday 14th / Sunday 15th October 2023

1. RULES

- 1.1) The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2) The prescriptions of the RYA and West Oxfordshire SC will apply.
- 1.3) Racing rule(s) 40, 27.1 will be changed as follows: Flag Y will not be flown, the course will be defined on a course-board, The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.4) Buoyancy aids must be worn at all times when on the water and must not be of the self-inflating type.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1) The regatta is open to all National Firefly Class Dinghies sailed single handed or crewed.

3. FEES

£30.00 per boat to be paid on the day by cheque or **exact** cash amount; on-line advance payment is also possible at time of on-line registration, available at www.wosc.org.uk/event-5413317 (see also www.wosc.org.uk/firefly_open). Entry includes lunch plus tea and cake after sailing on Saturday.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1) Registration Open from 9.30am on the Saturday.
- 4.2) Dates of racing: Saturday 14 / Sunday 15 October 2023
- 4.3) The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first start on Saturday 11.25am. Up to five races are scheduled.
- 4.4) The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first start on Sunday 9.55am. Up to 5 short races are scheduled.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1) The event sailing instructions will be available at the time of entry.

6. THE COURSES

- 6.1) The courses to be sailed will be decided on the day.

7. PRIZES

- 7.1) Prizes will be awarded for the first three boats in the series, first single handed boat, first under 18 helm and first under 18 crew, additional prizes maybe awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 7.2) One discard will be taken if more than three races are sailed, a second discard will be taken if more than 7 races are sailed.

8. RISK STATEMENT

8.1) Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

Sailing is by its 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 of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b)** They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other 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 patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g)** Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2 million against third party claims.

9. INSPECTIONS

9.1) The fact that the Race Committee or an experienced member of WOSC conducts inspections of boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice Of Race.

COVID 19

All competitors are reminded that they must adhere to the prevailing government Covid 19 law and guidance on the day. WOSC reserves the right to cancel the whole event if any increase or changes in Covid 19 law and guidance occur.

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