

2016 LYMINGTON RIVER SCOW NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

July 9th and 10th 2016

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority is the Keyhaven Yacht Club (KYC) on behalf of the Lymington River Scow Class Association (LRSCA)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The championship will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Competitors shall wear adequate personal floatation devices (PFDs) at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. PFDs shall have a minimum buoyancy level of 50N. Wet suits and dry suits are not PFDs.
- 1.3 Boats in Keyhaven Harbour while racing, proceeding to a race, or returning from a race, shall not cause Hurst Castle ferries to take avoiding action.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The championship is open to Lymington River Scows that have valid measurement and buoyancy certificates.
- 2.2 Boats are required to be adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims.
- 2.3 There will be 3 classes:
 - Single-Handed
 - Double-Handed
 - Junior
- 2.4 All competitors must be at least 8 years of age on the day of the first race.
- 2.5 Single-Handers and at least one crew member in the Double-Handed class shall be 16 years of age or older on the day of the first race.
- 2.6 Juniors shall be double-handed and both crew members shall be under 18 years of age on the day of the first race.
- 2.7 'Masters' are single or double-handed entries where all crew members are 70 years of age or older on the day of the first race.
- 2.8 All boats except 'Junior' entries must have at least one crew member whom is a member of the LRSCA.
- 2.9 Newcomers' are Single or Double handed entries (not Juniors) in which the helm has not entered the LRSCA National Championship previously.

3 ENTRY

- 3.1. Entries shall be made on the Entry Form by 29th June 2016.
- 3.2. The entry fee is £25 per Single or Double-Handed boat and £15 per Junior boat.
- 3.3. Late entries after 29th June 2016 may be accepted at a fee of £30 for Single/Double-Handers and £20 for Juniors.
- 3.4. Cheques should be made payable to 'Keyhaven Yacht Club'. The boat name and sail number should be written on the reverse side of the cheque.
- 3.5. Entry forms received on or before 29th June 2016

By post to 'Keyhaven Yacht Club, The Clubhouse, Keyhaven, Lymington, Hants. SO41 0TR'. Please mark the envelope 'Scow Nationals' and remember to include payment.

or

By email to admin@keyhavenyacht.co.uk . Payment should be made at registration on Saturday 9th July before 12:00

- 3.6. Entry forms after 29th June 2016.

Completed entry form with payment by cash or cheque at registration before 12:00 Saturday 9th July.

4. REGISTRATION & BRIEFINGS

- 4.1 Boats shall register at KYC before the first race. The measurement and buoyancy certificate shall be presented for inspection. Registration will commence at 10:00a.m.
- 4.2 There will be race briefings on Saturday at 12:00 and on Sunday at 12:00 at the KYC.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 5 races are scheduled, with a maximum of 3 on each day.
- 5.2 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 13:55 and for the first race on Sunday is 14:25. Subsequent races will be started as soon as reasonably possible after completion of the previous race.
- 5.3 On Sunday no warning signal will be made after 16:00.
- 5.4 The racing area will be off Hawkers Lake.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Sailing instructions will be available on the KYC website at <http://keyhavenyachtclub.co.uk> one week before the event and at registration.

7 SCORING

- 7.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 7.2 One score will be excluded if 5 races are completed.

8 TROPHIES & PRIZES

- 8.1 The following trophies will be awarded to be held until the following years' championship:
 - The Builder's Trophy for the Single-Handed winner.
 - The Sailmaker's Trophy for the Double-Handed winner.
 - The Lymington Town Sailing Club Trophy for the Junior winner.
 - The President's Trophies for the first Single-Handed and Double-Handed Masters.
 - The Keyhaven Commodore's Trophy for the first Newcomer ('first' is the top placed boat; in the larger fleet in the event of a tie).
- 8.2 In addition, prizes will be awarded to the first 3 placed boats in each class. Other prizes may be notified by a Notice to Competitors.
- 8.3 The presentation of trophies and prizes will take place at the KYC as soon as possible after racing on Sunday.

9 RISK STATEMENT

- 9.1 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.'
- 9.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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 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) The fact that the race committee conducts inspections, or not, of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

10. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

- 10.1. Afternoon tea will be available at the KYC after racing on Sunday. Weather permitting, it is intended that it will commence at 18:00
- 10.2. A championship dinner will be held at KYC on Saturday evening at 19:30 Tickets should be booked with entries.
- 10.3. Competitors will be temporary members of KYC for the duration of the event.

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 11.1. The championship will be conducted in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter (which can be found at the beginning of the RYA Racing Rules of Sailing rulebook).
- 11.2. There is an NFDC 'Pay and Display' Public Car park adjacent to KYC clubhouse. **Please note this car park can become quite busy so early arrival or alternate arrangements are advised.**
- 11.3. Boats shall be left in KYC dinghy park or as directed by the Beach Master.
- 11.4. For further information please contact the KYC on 01590 642165 or email admin@keyhavenyacht.co.uk.