



The Rory Cheetham Cup 30th – 31st March 2019 Notice of Race

1. The Event

- 1.1. The Rory Cheetham Cup is a keelboat match racing event. It will be sailed in J/80 type boats provided by the organising authority with four or five sailors per boat and no weight limit.
- 1.2. The Organising Authority (OA) will be Exeter University Sailing Club in conjunction with the Royal Thames Yacht Club.
- 1.3. The venue will be Queen Mary Sailing Club, Ashford.

2. Provisional Programme

2.1. Schedule

- a) The Race Office will be open from 0830 on each day of the event.
- b) Registration for the event will be from 0830 until 0930 Saturday 30th March.
- c) First briefing will be at 0930 on Saturday 30th March.
- d) First briefing with the umpires will be immediately after completion of the first briefing.
- e) Racing days will be 30th and 31st March 2019.
- f) The time of the first race on the first day will be 1030 and for the subsequent day 0930.
- g) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1600.
- h) Prize giving will be on Sunday as soon as possible after racing.

2.2. Unless excused by the OA attendance at the following is mandatory.

- a) First briefing for skippers.
- b) Daily briefing for skippers.

3. Skippers Eligibility

- 3.1. 6 skippers are to be invited to the event. Only skippers accepted by the OA will be eligible to enter the event.
- 3.2. The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency. Such an emergency shall be reported to the OA immediately after completion of that race.
- 3.3. To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing, to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
 - a) The entry fee of £55 per person and a separate damage deposit of £500 per boat shall accompany the acceptance, for this to be valid.
 - b) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19.2.

4. Entries

4.1. Entering:

- a) The team shall be entered on completion of registration and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by bank transfer or cheque.
- b) Any sailor under the age of 18 years old shall complete a parent/guardian declaration form with the entry letter.

4.2. Entry Fee:

A non-returnable entry fee of £55 per person shall be paid with the entry acceptance and prior to registration.

4.3. Damage Deposit:

- a) An initial damage deposit of £500 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.

- b) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.
- d) Un-cashed deposit cheques will be returned on request; otherwise they will be destroyed within 10 days after the event.

5. Rules

5.1.

- a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, Appendix C shall apply.
- b) The 'Rules for the Handling of Boats' will apply and will also apply to any practice sailing.

5.2. Major Alterations to the RRS:

- a) Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- b) RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.

6. Boats and Sails

- 6.1. The event will be sailed in J/80 type boats.
- 6.2. 2 or 4 boats will be provided by the OA as appropriate, dependent on number of entries.
- 6.3. The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib and Spinnaker.
- 6.4. Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

7. Crew (including skipper)

- 7.1. The number of crew (including skipper) shall be 4 or 5. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 7.2. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew member to be their substitute.
- 7.3. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

8. Event Format

- 8.1. The event is match racing and will likely consist of the following stages:
 - a) Stage 1 - Full Round Robin
 - b) Stage 2 - Semi-Finals
 - c) Stage 3 – Finals
- 8.2. The RC may change the format, terminate or eliminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of the matches under the existing conditions or the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

9. Course

- 9.1. The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- 9.2. The intended course area will be published in the relevant event's Sailing Instructions.

10. Advertising

- 10.1. As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, World Sailing Regulation 20.4. applies. Each boat may be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 10.2. Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
- 10.3. Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

11. Prizes

- 11.1. The team in first place will be awarded The Rory Cheetham Cup. The cup is to be held by the OA for the year.

12. Media, Images and Sound

- 12.1. If required by the OA:
 - a) The OA may require television personnel and equipment (or dummies) to be carried on board while racing and may require competitors to be available for interviews.
- 12.2. The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

13. Risk Statement

13.1. 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."

13.2. 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, umpires 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) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

14. Disclaimer

14.1. All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

15. Invitations

15.1. Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited, please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible with the OA by emailing sailing.captain@exeter.ac.uk.