

2010 UK National Blind Sailing Championships

The Organising Authority is the East Anglian Sailing Trust

NOTICE OF RACE

The 2010 UK National Blind Sailing Championships shall be held on the river Orwell at Levington, based at Suffolk Yacht Harbour, Levington, Ipswich, Suffolk.

Friday 21st May to Sunday 23rd May 2010

The championship shall provide racing for visually impaired sailors in categories B1, B2 and B3. The racing will be in Squib keel boats provided for the event by the Organising Authority.

1. Rules.

- 1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 - 2012 and National prescription shall apply.
- 1.2 The objectives, principles and practices of the RYA Racing Charter shall apply.
- 1.3 Rules 44.1, 44.3 and 30.2 are changed. See Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 Spinnakers shall not be used.
- 1.5 Each boat shall carry a VHF transceiver (Fixed or handheld) capable of operating Ch M (37), Ch 16, Ch 72, Ch 80.
- 1.6 The use of depth sounders is permitted.
- 1.7 Each boat shall have three crew, See paragraph 5.
- 1.8 Boats shall be allocated on a rotational basis by the Organising Authority.
- 1.9 Competitors shall wear Personal Flotation Devices at all times while afloat. Wet suits, dry suits and non inflated manual life jackets are not sufficient.

2. Advertising.

RRS 80 shall apply.

3. Eligibility.

Any visually impaired person in categories B1, B2 and B3, over 16 years of age.

4. Fees and Closing Date.

Entry fee of £60 (£40 for students and those in full time education) for entries received by Friday 7th May 2010 (Closing Date). Friday supper, Saturday and Sunday lunch, are inclusive of the fee. An additional late entry fee of £10 Shall be charged for all entries received after the closing date.

The East Anglian Sailing Trust Office at Suffolk Yacht Harbour, shall be open for registration from 10.00 Friday 21st May.

5. Crew divisions.

Crew shall be allocated by the Organising Authority.

Crew members shall only be substituted with the permission of the Organising Authority .

5.1 B1 Class, crews shall comprise :-

B1 VIP Helmsperson, B1 or B2 VIP crew and a sighted tactician.

5.2 B2 Class, crews shall comprise :-

B1 or B2 VIP Helmsperson, B1 or B2 VIP crew and a sighted tactician.

5.3 B3 Class, crews shall comprise :-

B1, B2, or B3 VIP Helmsperson, B1, B2, or B3 VIP crew and a sighted tactician.

5.4 The VIP Helmsperson may handle the helm, main sheet and mainsheet traveller.

The VIP Crew may handle the main sheet and mainsheet traveller, headsail sheet and barber haul.

The sighted tactician may handle the headsail sheet and barber haul.

All other controls may be handled by any member of the crew.

6. Race Programme.

Friday, 21st May. Afternoon race practice. First warning signal not before 12.55hrs.

Saturday 22nd May . Points races 1 to 5.

Sunday 23rd May. Points races 6 and 7.

The first Warning Signal is scheduled for 09:55hrs each points racing day.

No Warning Signal shall be displayed after 1500 hrs on Sunday 23rd May.

7. Venue and Race Area.

All activities will be based at Suffolk Yacht Harbour, Levington. All racing will be on the River Orwell in the vicinity of Suffolk Yacht Harbour.

8. Courses.

The intention is to set "windward-leeward" configurations where possible.

The length and duration of races will be at the discretion of the Race Officer, with an intended race time of time of 30 - 40 minutes.

9. Penalty System.

Rule 44.1 is changed. 44.3 shall not apply. Boat control handling penalty. (See Sailing Instructions).

10. Support Boats.

The sailing instructions may set restrictions on the use of Support Boats.

11. Radio Communication.

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. The Race Committee may communicate with the fleet or individual boats via VHF Ch 72.

12. Trophies and Prizes.

Trophies and prizes shall be awarded at the end of the event.

13. Disclaimer of Liability.

Competitors participate in the championship entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority shall not accept any liability for material damage or personnel injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the championship.

14. Insurance.

Each participating boat is being supplied by the organisers and all third party liability rest with the organisers. Competitors are advised to ensure they have adequate personal injury insurance cover.

15. Further Information.

For further information please visit the web site --- www.e-a-s-t.org.uk/2010ukbsc

Or e-mail --- blindregatta@e-a-s-t.org.uk

16. Race Office.

The Race Office for the event will be the Harbour Room foyer (building next to the Lightship) at Suffolk Yacht Harbour. The official notice board will be in the Race Office.