



DOWNSSAILING CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE

CONTENDER & PHANTOM OPEN

5th and 6th August 2017

VENUE and ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Downs Sailing Club, The Beach, Walmer, Deal, Kent CT14 7DY.

RULES.

Racing will take place under the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 -2020, the prescriptions of the RYA, the Sailing Instructions and appropriate Class Rules. In the event of conflict, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

Competitors should note this event will be conducted in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of RYA Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.

ENTRY FEE

Entry fee for the Open Meeting is £30. (Includes Saturday evening meal)

REGISTRATION

Registration can be made on the day, however, to see a list of other entrants and to assist with planning, pre-register at: <https://goo.gl/forms/V6LhQDRXywy8gHLq1> by midnight on Wed. 2nd August. (No commitment. Pay on the day).

BRIEFING

A Welcome and Briefing will take place at 1200hrs on Saturday 5th August.

RACE SCHEDULE

First warning signal is scheduled for: 1255hrs on Saturday 5th August (2 races back to back), Sunday 0955hrs (3 races back to back)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available on the Downs Sailing Club website and at registration.

COURSES

The course is described in Appendix A to the Sailing Instructions.

RISK STATEMENT

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 by nature is 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 whilst 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) 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 briefings held for the event.

INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

CATERING

Full galley and bar services will be available.

FURTHER INFORMATION FROM - sailingsecretary@downssailingclub.co.uk and www.downssailingclub.co.uk