Chichester Yacht Club
Snowflake Series 2019

Organising Authority: Chichester Yacht Club.
Event Location: Chichester Yacht Club, West Sussex

Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

1.1 The Chichester YC Snowflake Series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020.

1.2 Competitors should note that Chichester YC implements the RYA Racing Charter and by entering the series competitors agree to sail in compliance with the charter. This can be found at the front of the RYA book- Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.

1.3 Chichester YC follows the Chichester Harbour Code of Conduct for Racing and by entering the series competitors agree to sail in compliance with this code.

2 Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3 Eligibility and Entry

3.1 Boat Eligibility

3.1.1 The CYC Snowflake Series is open to all monohull dinghies with a 2018 Portsmouth Number listed in the RYA Dinghy Portsmouth Number List 2018. Those wishing to enter the event with a boat not listed shall contact the event organisers in advance to agree an acceptable Portsmouth Number.

3.1.2 Boats entering races are expected to conform to their class rules; however a boat not meeting its class rules may still race if an appropriate Portsmouth Number can be agreed in advance of the first day the boat races. Laser or other class replica sails are allowed, but must be declared at entry and are subject to verification & acceptance by a member of the CYC race committee.

3.1.3 Boats needing to sail with sail numbers differing from those under which they have entered must seek approval from the CYC race committee via the entry desk prior to the first race in which they sail with the changed numbers. All competitors must ensure that the sail has a suitable sail number identification.

3.1.4 The event is not open to sailboards or multihull dinghies, except the Challenger trimaran.

3.4 Each boat shall be sailed by the same helm throughout the series. Substitution of helm will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Substitution of crew is permitted, this shall be notified at race sign-on.

3.2 Junior competitors

3.2.1 Junior competitors are those under the age of 16 on the 6th January 2019.

3.2.2 During the event the parents or guardians of junior competitors shall either be in or around Chichester YC or afloat participating in the event, or will inform the event organisers in writing who is acting in loco parentis on their

behalf. Those acting in loco parentis shall either be in or around Chichester YC or afloat participating in the event. Parents, guardians or persons acting in loco parentis of junior competitors shall sign the paper entry (or by 'submitting' the online entry form) form accepting the "Parents or guardians declaration".

3.3 Young competitors

3.3.1 Young competitors are those aged 16 years, but under the age of 18, on 6th January 2019.

3.3.2 A young competitor who is a Chichester YC member whose parent or guardian has had a Young Person Consent form accepted by Chichester Yacht Club, may participate in this event without a parent, guardian or person acting in loco parentis being present at Chichester YC during the event.

3.3.3 However during the event the parents or guardians of all other young competitors shall either be in or around CYC or afloat participating in the event, or will inform the event organisers in writing who is acting in loco parentis on their behalf; then those acting in loco parentis shall either be in or around CYC or afloat participating in the event. Parents, guardians or persons acting in loco parentis of these other young competitors shall sign the CYC Snowflake entry form (or by 'submitting' the online entry form) accepting the "Parents or guardians declaration".

3.4 Adult competitors

3.4.1 Adult competitors are those aged 18 or over on 6th January 2019.

3.4.2 Veteran competitors are those aged 60 and over on 6th January 2019.

3.4.2 Legend competitors are those aged 70 and over on 6th January 2019.

3.5 Entry

3.5 Eligible competitors may enter before the event at the office at Chichester YC, on-line or on the day at the entry desk in the Sloop at Chichester YC.

3.6 Entry Fees

3.6.1 Adult competitors	**Member**	**Non-member**
Adult Snowflake Series	£20	£35
Adult Snowflake Daily Entry	£5	£10

3.6.2 Young/Junior competitors	**Member**	**Non-member**
Young/Junior Snowflake Series	£10	£20
Young/Junior Snowflake Daily Entry	£4	£7

3.6.3 Harbour dues: (if not already paid)

All boats must pay harbour dues. The cost of visitor harbour dues is £2.00 per weekend - £8.00 for the Snowflake Series

Competitors are advised that they may purchase a 6 month (1/10/18-31/3/19) permit direct from Chichester Harbour Conservancy. The cost for boats up to 3m is about £6.16, for boats 3.01-4m is £11.52, & 4.01-5m is £16.03

3.7 Dinghy Park Berth Fees

3.7.1 Adult competitors	**Non-member**	**Tag deposit** *Refundable*	**Non –member including deposit**
Adult Snowflake Series	£40	£20	£60

3.7.2 Young/Junior competitors	**Non-member**	**Tag deposit** *Refundable*	**Non –member including deposit**
Young/Junior Snowflake Series	£30	£20	£50

3.7.3 Only those entering a complete race series may apply for a winter dinghy park berth.

3.7.4 There is a berth tag deposit of £20.

3.7.5 All visitors' boat trolleys should display the issued berth tag. The berth tag deposit will be refunded provided the boat has been removed and the tag returned by the relevant date (3.7.7).

3.7.6 All boats must be stored in the designated area. Any boat placed in a non-designated area, may be moved by a member of the CYC Dinghy Committee. Boats and road trailer combinations should be kept together.

3.7.7 Boats must be removed from the dinghy park at the end of the Series, no later than 4th March 2019.

3.7.8. Boats not removed the by due date will forfeit the tag deposit. Additional charges may apply for late removal.

3.7.9 Merlin Rocket class boats intending to race in the CYC Merlin Rocket open may leave their boats in the dinghy park until the Merlin Open on 23rd March 2019

4 Race Fleet Designations
Racing shall be held for the following fleets:

4.1 Fast handicap fleet: Boats with a Portsmouth Number of 1060 or lower.

4.2 Medium handicap fleet: Boats with a Portsmouth Number in the range 1061 to 1169 inclusive.

4.3 Slow handicap fleet: Boats with a Portsmouth Number of 1170 or higher.

4.4 Fleet boundaries may be adjusted at the briefing of the first race in the series.

5. Racing Schedule

Date	**HW/Ht**	**Races Scheduled**	**Briefing**	**First Signal**
6th January 2019	1133/4.6	1 & 2	0930	1025
20th January 2019	1023/4.9	3 & 4	0900	0955
3rd February 2019	1045/4.4	5 & 6	0845	0940
24th February 2019	1457/4.7	7 & 8	1230	1325

5.1 Stated warning signal times are for the first race of the day of the fast handicap fleet. The fast handicap fleet warning signal for the second race of the day will sound as soon as possible after the first race has finished. Warning

signals for the medium and slow handicap fleets should sound five and ten minutes respectively after the fast handicap fleet's warning signal, subject to there being no general recalls.

6. Risk Statement

6.1 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."

6.2 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; and for boats sailed by young and junior competitors the competitor's parents or guardians or those acting in loco parentis for the parents or guardians also accept this.
(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 omission;
(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 organizer 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 and event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

7. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 that is valid for this event and those sailing the boat.

8. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Snowflake notice board located in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club.

9. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board in the Sloop and on www.cyc.co.uk at least one hour before the warning signal of the race it affects.

10. Signals Made Ashore

10.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast situated between the two slipways.

10.2 Postponement Signals Ashore: When the AP is displayed ashore the time "1 minute" shall be replaced with the time "not less than 20 minutes". This changes the RRS Race Signals.

10.3 Launch Control: When, before a race, a fleet's class flag is displayed ashore no boat in that fleet shall launch until their class flag is removed. The boat may rig and approach the beach while their class flag is displayed ashore.

11. Fleet class flags are as follows:

11.1 Fast handicap fleet: Naval numeral 0.

11.2 Medium handicap fleet: International code pennant 5.

11.3 Slow handicap fleet: International code flag T.

12. Courses

12.1 Courses will be set and races will be held on the waters known as Chichester Lake.

12.2 To sail to the starting area once launched should take no more than 20 minutes

12.3 The race course for each fleet, including start and finish line details, will be displayed on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the warning signal of the race.

13. Marks

Racing marks shall be either large orange cylindrical buoys, bearing the initials CYC and an identification number, or small spherical buoys coloured green, orange, yellow, pink or red, or any of the fixed yellow Chichester Harbour racing marks. The approximate positions of the Chichester Harbour racing marks are shown on the charts in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club.

14 The Start

14.1 The starting line marks shall be the Chichester YC committee boat Cyclone and the large orange cylindrical buoy with the identification mark CYC 0. Cyclone shall be the starboard end starting mark and CYC 0 shall be the port end starting mark. The starting line shall be between a staff on Cyclone displaying an orange flag and CYC 0.

14.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence of other races.

14.3 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

15 The Finish and Finishing

15.1 The finishing line marks shall be the CYC committee boat Cyclone and the large orange cylindrical buoy with the identification mark CYC 0. Cyclone shall be the starboard end finishing mark and CYC 0 shall be the port end finishing mark. The finishing line shall be between a staff on Cyclone displaying an orange flag and CYC 0.

16 Time Limits

16.1 The advisory time for the leading boat is 45 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the leading boat may be scored as Did Not Finish without a hearing, or the Race Officer may award finishing positions to boats that are still racing. The Race Officer's finishing position decisions are final. This changes RRS 35.

16.2 Shorten Course

If the shorten course flag is displayed with a Class Flag (as defined in section 11 of this notice) then the shortened course only applies to the Class(s) indicated. This changes RRS 32.

17 Scoring.

17. 1 The Low point System will be used, and calculated in accordance with RRS A9: race scores in a series longer than a regatta. Average points will be awarded for duties.

17.2 Race Series

Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series. A boat's series score will be the sum of a boat's best scores from the number of races to count. The number of races to count is shown below:

Races Sailed	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Races to Count	2	3	3	3	4	4	5

17.3 Boat's Score - duties

Applies to both CYC members and non-members. To compensate boats whose crew give up their time and sailing to help out as part of the race committee, the boat's helm may claim average points for races not sailed subject to the following:

17.4 The average points awarded shall be the average of the boat's scores in the races in which the boat started.

17.5 The number of races that may be awarded average points under this instruction shall be no more than 50% of the number of races started by that boat.

18. Protests, Rule Disputes and Requests for Redress

18.1 The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available during this event. (Full information on www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes). Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

18.2 The exoneration penalty will be 30% of the score for DNF and calculated as stated in Rule 44.3.(c). See the official Snowflake notice board for details.

18.3 A competitor intending to request an advisory hearing or lodge a protest must advise the race committee, but preferably the race officer, of their proposed action as soon as possible after finishing the race concerned and before leaving the race area and coming ashore.

18.4 Protest forms are available in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

18.5 For each fleet, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This changes RRS 62.2

18.6 Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

18.7 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

18.8 Breaches of instructions 2, 10.3, 14.3, 19, 20.1, 21.1, 21.2 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

18.9 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered either within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

18.10 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

19 Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions while racing. This restriction also applies to any mobile electronic device including mobile telephones.

20 Safety Regulations

20.1 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices adequate for the conditions at all times while racing.

International code flag Y will not be displayed. Wet suits and dry suits shall not be considered as adequate personal flotation devices. Also junior competitors shall wear adequate personal flotation devices when on the pontoons. Young & junior competitors must wear a wet suit or a dry suit. This instruction changes RRS 40.

20.1.2 Parents, guardians and those acting in loco parentis are solely responsible for ensuring that young competitors in their care comply with this instruction.

20.2 The helm of every boat intending to race must sign on before going afloat and sign off after returning to the shore. By signing off the helm is indicating that the correct courses have been sailed and the rules obeyed for all races sailed and that all of the boats crew have returned safely to the shore. A helm shall indicate that he has retired from a race by signing off with the code DNS, RTD, or DNF. Helms shall sign off within 60 minutes of finishing the last race of the day.

21 Local Variations

21.1 Competitors are warned that cruisers in the approach channels to the Chichester Marina and Birdham Pool cannot necessarily manoeuvre freely or navigate outside the confines of the channels and hence can not be expected to give right of way to boats racing. Competitors are requested to keep clear of all boats in these channels and are reminded that the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea apply between vessels that are racing and those that are not racing.

21.2 Competitors are asked to keep well clear of fishermen's lines whether cast from the bank or from moored boats.

21.3 Competitors are warned that the mud bank known as Monkey Island, situated between the Club Line and the Monkey racing mark, has shallow patches and dries out well before low water.

22. Duties

All competitors are requested to undertake a duty to support this series. All Chichester YC members who compete are expected to undertake at least one duty.

23. Supporting Information

23.1 Results will be posted on CYC's web site - www.cyc.co.uk

23.1.1 This shall include names, home club, boat type, sail number & results. These are kept as long term records by Chichester YC.

23.2 Competitors shall accept that photographs and motion pictures of their boat and its crew could be taken whilst attending this event.

23.3 In entering this event, competitors automatically grant the organising authority the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and any other reproduction of them taken during the event, without compensation.

23.4 Results, reports & photos as published on-line will also be published on-line and the press.

23.5 Paper entry forms & sign on/sign off sheets will be retained and held securely by CYC for up to 2 years.

23.6 Protest forms will be retained for up to 5 years.

23.7 Support boats attending this event shall register at the entry desk during any registration period.

23.8 Competitors are asked not to leave road trailers in the car park at CYC, but to move them to the dinghy park or other area designated for the purpose.

23.9 Trash disposal. Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats

24. Snowflake Series Prizes

24.1 The following prizes will be awarded to competitors in the Snowflake Fast Handicap Fleet:
The Chichester Snowflake Challenge Trophy (Fast) for first place on handicap.

The Fast Handicap Fleet Veterans Trophy for the first boat on handicap with a veteran helm.

The CYC Finn Class Trophy for the leading Finn in the Fast Fleet on handicap.

24.2 The following prizes will be awarded to competitors in the Snowflake Medium Handicap Fleet:
The Chichester Snowflake Challenge Trophy (Medium) for first place on handicap.

The Medium Handicap Fleet Veterans Trophy for the first boat on handicap with a veteran helm.

The Laser Snowflake Trophy for the first Laser, either Standard or Radial or 4.7, on handicap.

The Solo Snowflake Trophy for the first Solo on handicap.

24.3 The following prizes will be awarded to competitors in the Snowflake Slow Handicap Fleet:
The Chichester Snowflake Challenge Trophy (Slow) for first place on handicap.

The Sailing Smiths Optimist Trophy to the leading Optimist on handicap.

24.4 The following prize will be awarded at the Race Committee's discretion:
The Jack Holt Trophy for the best placed boat built to a Jack Holt hull design, excluding modern Merlin Rockets.

The Icicle Trophy for exceptional sportsmanship

24.5 Further prizes which may include juniors, women, veterans, legend and fleet prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising committee.

25 Prize Giving
The Prize Giving for the Snowflake will be held after racing on February 24th 2019.

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