

Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

- 1.1 Dinghy Week will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024
- 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 2021-2024.
- 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. Further information on www.chifed.org
- 1.4 The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available during this event.

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 Chichester YC Dinghy Week is open to all monohull dinghies with a 2021 Portsmouth Number listed in the RYA Dinghy Portsmouth Number List 2021. 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.
- 3.1.4 The event is not open to sailboards or multihull dinghies, except the Challenger trimaran.

3.2 Young competitors

- 3.2.1 Young competitors are those under the age of 18 on 11th August 2021
- 3.2.2 During the event the parents or guardians of young 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 young competitors shall sign the paper entry (or by 'submitting' the online entry form) form accepting the "Parents or guardians declaration".
- 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.

3.5 Entry

3.5 Eligible competitors must enter on-line at the following link [Dinghies: Dinghy Week Race Series • Chichester Yacht Club \(cyc.co.uk\)](#) - restricted to 60 entries, entry closes on 11th August @ 2100 hours. There will be no refunds for competitors who do not attend the event if they have paid for entry.

3.6 Entry Fees

Adult helm			Youth helm		
	Visitor	CYC	Visitor	CYC	
Cost	£40	£20	£10	£10	

3.6.3 Harbour dues: (if not already paid)

All boats must pay harbour dues. The cost of visitor harbour dues is £3.60 for the week or £2.00 for up to 2 days

4 Racing Schedule

4.1 The Chichester YC Dinghy Week 2021 will be held from Thursday 12th August until Sun 15th August

	HW/Ht	Races Scheduled	First Signal
Thurs 12 th August 2021	1502/4.8	1,2	1330
Fri 13 th August 2021	1544/4.7	3,4	1415
Sat 14 th August 2021	1630/4.5	5,6	1515
Sun 15 th August 2021	1722/4.4	7,8	1615

4.2 Stated warning signal times are for the first race of the day of the fast handicap fleet. 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. Races will be back to back

5 Risk Statement

5.1 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."

5.2 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 and the processes in place for Covid 19 or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue and event and to pay attention to any additional documents regarding safety or social distancing measures

6 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.

7 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Dinghy Week WhatsApp group

8 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the dinghy week WhatsApp group at least one hour before the warning signal of the race it affects.

9 Signals Made Ashore

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

9.2 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.

9.3 Launch Control: When, before a race, the Class flag is displayed ashore no boat shall launch until their class flag is removed. The boat may rig and approach the beach while their class flag is displayed ashore.

10. Fleet Definitions:

10.1 Fast/Modern Fleet - Classes designed after 1990 typically, but not limited to, asymmetric boats with a PY of 1110 or less. In addition any class with a PY of 1045 or under.

10. 2 Classic/Medium Fleet - Classes with a PY of 1046 to 1199 (*see 10.4*) and would typically include Comet (any type), Byte, Finn, GP14, Laser Full Rig & Radial, Miracle, National 12, OK, Solo, Streaker, Firefly, Wanderer.

10.3 Slow/Traditional/Novice Fleet - Classes with a PY 1200 or higher (Novice Fleet 1500 or under)
10.4 The helmsman of RS Fevas, Bytes, Laser 4.7 and Miracles may elect to sail with either the Classic/Medium or Traditional Slow fleet. Once they nominate a fleet (at first ‘sign on’ for a series) they then must sail in that fleet for the entire series.
Fleet boundaries may be adjusted at Race Officers discretion before the briefing on Wednesday August 8th

10. 4 The Class flags will be:	Flag	Flag image
Fleet		
Fast/Modern	International Code Flag F	
Medium/ Classic	International Code Flag G	
Slow/Traditional/Novice	International Code Flag T	

11 Courses
11.1 Courses will be set and races will be held on the waters known as Chichester Lake.
11.2 To sail to the starting area once launched should take no more than 20 minutes
11.3 The course {for each fleet}, including start and finish line details, will be On a white board outside the clubhouse or on the side of the Committee Boat or the Dinghy Week Whatsapp Group

12 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.

13 The Start
13.1.1 Cyclone start. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Chichester YC committee vessel Cyclone at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark which will be a large orange cylindrical buoy marked CYC 0.
13.1.2 Support vessel start. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a named Chichester YC support vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark which will be a small spherical yellow mark.
13.2. Limit marks may be laid adjacent to any starting mark and they shall be small spherical buoys. If used, limit marks are marks of the course and no boat shall pass between a limit mark and the starting mark it guards after her warning signal.
13.3 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.

14 The Finish and Finishing
14.1.1 Cyclone finish. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Chichester YC committee vessel Cyclone at the starboard end and the course side of the port – end finishing mark which will be an orange cylindrical buoy marked CYC 0.
14.1.2 Support vessel finish. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a named Chichester YC support vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port – end finishing mark which will be a small spherical yellow mark.

14.2 Time Limits
The advisory time limit 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.

14.3 Shorten Course
14.3.1 Where the shorten course flag is displayed with a Class Flag (as defined in section 10 of this notice) then the shortened course only applies to the Class(s) indicated. This changes RRS 32.

15 Scoring.
15. 1 The Low point System will be used. Average points will be awarded for duties

15.2 Race Series - One race is 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:

No of Races	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	4

15.3 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 or crew 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.

16 Protests, Rule Disputes and Requests for Redress

16.1 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.

16.2 The exoneration penalty will be 20% of the score for DNF and calculated as stated in Rule 44.3 (c). See the official notice board for details.

16.3 A competitor intending to request an advisory hearing or lodge a protest must advise the race committee, preferably the race officer, of their proposed action as soon as possible after finishing the race concerned.

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

16.5 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

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

16.7 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).

16.8 Breaches of instructions 1.2, 1.3, 9.3, 13.3, 17, 18.1, 19.1, 19.2 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.

16.9 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.

16.10 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.

17 Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

18 Safety Regulations

18.1 RRS Rule 40 (personal floatation) applies at all times while afloat - International code flag Y will not be displayed.

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

18.2 The helm of every boat intending to race is preuming signed on by entering online. A helm shall indicate that he has retired from a race by signing off with the code DNS, or DNF. Helms shall Declare within 60 minutes of finishing the last race of the day. This should be done preferably by Whatsapp to the dinghy week whatsapp group.

19 Local Variations

19.1 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 cannot 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.

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

19.3 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.

20. Duties

All competitors are requested to undertake a duty to support this series. All Chichester YC members aged 15 and over who compete are expected to undertake at least one duty. Parents of younger Chichester YC members who are competing are also expected to undertake at least one duty.

21. Supporting Information

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

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

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

21.2.1 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.

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

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

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

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

21.6.1 racers in the Novice fleet may be coached by a nominated coach boat. This coach boat will display a white and red ribbon flying. No other support boats will be allowed to coach unless agreed by the Race Committee

21.7 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.

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

22. Prizes

22.1 The Following Trophies will be presented:

The Becky Pye Trophy – presented to the youngest qualifying helm.

The Brunt Challenge Trophy – presented to the winner of the Fast Handicap Fleet.

The Barry Coomer Trophy – presented to the winner of the Medium Handicap Fleet

The 122 Trophy – presented to the winner of the Slow Handicap Fleet

All perpetual trophies remain the property of Chichester Yacht Club and must be returned prior to the 2021 event.

22.2 Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising committee.

23 Contact details:

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