

ROYAL THAMES YACHT CLUB and ROYAL YACHTING ASSOCIATION

BRITISH KEELBOAT LEAGUE – YOUTH QUALIFIER PROVISIONAL NOTICE OF RACE ROYAL SOUTHERN YC 28/29 OCTOBER 2017

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The British Keelboat League is a nationwide inter-club competition promoting concentrated keelboat fleet racing in a series of Qualification regattas throughout the year culminating in a British Keelboat League Final to determine the British Keelboat League Champion, who will be entitled to compete in the Sailing Champions League to be held the following year.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITIES

- 2.1 The Series Joint Organising Authority (SOA) for the series is the Royal Thames Yacht Club and the Royal Yachting Association.
- 2.2 The Host Organising Authority (HOA) is the Royal Southern YC in conjunction with the SOA.
- 2.3 Registration will be between 0800 & 0850 BST on the first day of racing. Other times outside of this may be available at the discretion of the HOA.
- 2.4 The first warning signal on the first day of sailing will not be before 1027 BST
- 2.5 The start of the last race on the last day will be approximately 1600 BST

3. CHALLENGES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Any club affiliated to the Royal Yachting Association may apply to enter using the form on the Royal Southern YC Website by the 20th October. Entries after this date will only be accepted at the discretion of the HOA.
- 3.2 All crew for QY shall be under the age of 25 on 1st January 2018.
- 3.3 Teams may sail with 4 or 5 people. Every member of the team shall be a bona fide member of the club entering.
- 3.4 Entries shall be accepted at the discretion of the HOA, who shall set the maximum number of entries permitted.
- 3.5 Clubs may enter more than one team only at the discretion of the HOA

4. FEES

- 4.1 Entry fees will be £250 and is payable directly to the HOA.

5. RULES

- 5.1 Each event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 5.2 Races will be umpired in line with Attachment U of the SI's
- 5.3 The Host Club for each event will, in conjunction with the SOA, issue a supplemental set of Local Sailing Instructions which may include a reference to additional rules to be observed, including local byelaws, boat handling rules and the like.
- 5.4 RRS 28.2, 44, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.1, 65, 66, 70 and 78.3 will be changed by Attachment U in the SI's
- 5.5 RRS 31 is changed to: While *racing*, neither the crew nor any part of a boats hull shall touch a starting *mark* before *starting*, a *mark* that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing *mark* after *finishing*. In addition, while *racing*, a boat shall not touch a race committee vessel that is also a *mark*.
- 5.6 Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided that the return onboard is at the approximate location of the recovery.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the HOA, World Sailing regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat and the supplied equipment may be required to display advertising as provided by either the SOA or HOA.

7. FORMAT

- 7.1 Each event will consist of a series of round robins between the entered teams. Full details for each Regional Qualification event and the British Keelboat League Final shall be detailed in the Local Sailing Instructions for that event. This will include the schedule of races detailing when teams will be racing and in which boats.
- 7.2 Boats will be allocated by a draw carried out by the HOA .

8. SCORING

- 8.1** Races will be scored using a High Point System where 1st place will be awarded points for the number of boats being used at the event, 2nd place will be awarded the points for the number of boats being used at the event minus one and so on. This changes RRS A 4.1.
- 8.2** A team retiring from a race will be scored one point. This changes RRS A 4.2.
- 8.3** A team that did not start or is disqualified shall be scored no points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A 5.

9. DAMAGE DEPOSITS

- 9.1** The Host Club will require a damage deposit to be paid by each competing team at or before registration. In the event of any damage teams may be required to top up the damage deposit before being allowed to continue in the event. The Local Sailing Instructions will provide details of each Host Clubs requirements.

10. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 10.1** 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".
- 10.2** Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. All those taking part should be fully aware and conscious of the actual and potential risks involved in active watersports, including drowning, hypothermia and other physical injuries including head injuries.
- 10.3** By taking part in the event, competitors and each and every competitor agree and acknowledge 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) they have checked that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event;
 - (e) they have checked that they and their fellow crew members are fit to participate;
 - (f) the provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the HOA does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - (g) the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - (h) it is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to the host venue or the 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.

11. MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

- 11.1** If required by either the SOA or HOA:
- (a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the SOA or HOA shall be carried on board while racing.
 - (b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the SOA or HOA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the SOA, HOA or Race Committee.
 - (c) Registered helms shall wear communications equipment supplied by the SOA or HOA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.
- 11.2** Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the SOA or HOA supplied media equipment.
- 11.3** The SOA or HOA has the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

12. SPONSORSHIP

Each HOA and any team entered in a qualifying event may procure sponsorship subject to approval of the SOA – but shall not enter into any agreement that extends beyond 2018.

13. PRIZES

Any prizes to be awarded at a qualifier or the finals will be described in the SI's for that event.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information about the British Keelboat League please contact the RYA Keelboat department by emailing keelboatracing@rya.org.uk