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COLNE YACHT CLUB

National Sonata Class National Championship

Saturday 6th August 2022 to Wednesday 10th August 2022

Racing on Sunday 7th August 2022 to Wednesday 10th August 2022

Organised by the Colne Yacht Club in conjunction with the Class Association

CYC, Waterside, Brightlingsea, Essex CO7 0AX

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 RRS Appendix T shall apply
- 1.3 In the case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the SI's will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4 Protocols relating to Covid 19 may be published at any time and will state if they have the status of a rule (DP).

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display identification numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the National Sonata Class that meet with the obligations of their Class Rules and their National Authority.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form available on the website www.cycsonatas.co.uk
- 3.3 Lift keel Sonatas are invited to participate. It is intended that there will be a single fleet start but separate results for each type of Sonata. The OA reserve the right to split the fleet into two starts.

CREW LIMITATIONS:

- 3.4 A boat shall sail with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 persons.

4. FEES

- 4.1 The Entry Fee will be: £150 per boat paid before midnight on 30th June 2022
Entries received after this date will be at £180 per boat.
- 4.2 Entries shall be made online at www.cycsonatas.co.uk
- 4.3 A Brightlingsea Harbour mooring will be £10 per night collected at registration.
- 4.4 Boats requiring launching will be charged £100 for a launch in and out and the storage of the trailer for the event.
- 4.5 There will be a water taxi service before and after racing each day.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1

Day	Date	Event	Time
Saturday	6 th August	Registration	09.00 – 18.00
		Equipment Inspection	10.00 – 17.00
		Competitor Briefing	20.00
Sunday	7 th August	3 Races	Warning signal 10.30
Monday	8 th August	2 Races + 1 long distance	Warning signal 10.30
Tuesday	9 th August	3 Races	Warning signal 10.30
Wednesday	10 th August	3 Races Prize giving	Warning signal 10.30 Asap after racing

- 5.2 Races will be sailed back-to-back.
12 Races are scheduled at 3 per day with a maximum of 5 races on any one day.
- 5.3 No race will be started after 15.00 on Wednesday 10th August.
- 5.4 The O.A. and/or the R.C. reserve the right to modify the programme due to weather conditions or other causes.

6. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 6.1 Each boat shall hold a valid measurement certificate and will be asked to produce or verify that measurement certificate at registration.
- 6.2 The Organisers may measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races.
- 6.3 Sails shall be measured by an approved measurer before arrival at the regatta.
- 6.4 All boats shall display on their mainsails their own or boats registered sail number and with which they were entered, except by prior permission of the Race Committee.

- 6.5 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity (DP)

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available online and during registration on the official notice board, which will be located at the Colne Yacht Club.
www.cycsonatas.co.uk

8. VENUE

- 8.1 All races will be held in the Colne Estuary. Competitors should ensure they allow sufficient time to reach the race area which may be some distance from the launch area.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1 The course to be sailed will be a combination of reaching and/or windward/leeward legs.
9.2 Spreader/offset marks and leeward gates may be used.
9.3 It is intended to run a long-distance race.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 Rule 'Appendix P' (Special Procedures for RRS 42) shall apply.
10.2 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to be unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions (DP).

11. SCORING

- 11.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
11.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
11.3 When from 5 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
11.4 When from 10 to 12 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

12. COMMUNICATION

- 12.1 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.
12.2 It is anticipated that communications will be made on-line in addition to the Official Notice Board at the Colne Yacht Club. The Official Notice Board remains the primary method of communication.
12.3 The VHF radio - as required by class rules - shall be capable of operating on Channel 72

13. SUPPORT VESSELS

Official support vessels will be marked with a CYC flag or pennant

14. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

15. DIVING EQUIPMENT & PLASTIC POOLS

15.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools, or their equivalent shall not be used around the boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

15.2 Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means from 0800 7th August until 16.00 10th August.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17. RISK ASSESMENT

17.1 Rule 3 of the RRS states “the responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone”.

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 while taking part in the event.
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore.
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss 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.

N.B When applicable, parents or guardians of competitors under 18 years old will be required to take full responsibility for their dependents throughout the event and to sign the parental permission form provided at registration.

18. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

19. TELEVISION AND PHOTOGRAPHERS' RIGHTS

- 19.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage – which may be taken by drone - or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.
- 19.2 **Drones at the Regatta:** All those who take part in the regatta as competitors as well as support crew or spectators agree to be overflown by a drone or drones during the duration of the event, this includes your person and your property.

20. DATA CONFIDENTIALITY

The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority, racingrulesofsailing.org, and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1 The Pimm's Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.
- 21.2 Daily prizes will be awarded each evening at the CYC

22. FURTHER INFORMATION AND KEY CONTACTS

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Accommodation lists can be found by visiting the Brightlingsea Sailing Club website using the following link <https://www.sailbrightlingsea.com/directory>