

THE UK IF-BOAT ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

To be held at St. Mawes on Sat 31 August and Sun 1 September 2024

Organising Authority: St Mawes Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 1.2 Racing rules 44.1, 60.1(a) & 64.1(a) will be changed as follows:
- (a) Rule 44.1 – Two Turn Penalty replaced by One Turn Penalty.
 - (b) Rule 60.1(a) – A boat's right to protest or request redress will be limited (see section 7)
 - (c) Rule 64.1(a) – Protest committee may impose penalties lesser or greater than disqualification.
- 1.3 Racing will take place on Sat 31 Aug and Sun 1 Sep. All races on 31 Aug and races other than the first race on 1 Sep are covered by this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. The first race on 1 Sep will be conducted under the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the StMSC Points Series race on that day. Scores from this Points Race will be taken forward into the Small Fleets scores as if only entries in the UK IF-Boat Championships were taking part and without adjustments for handicap. (For the avoidance of doubt, scores arising from events in the StMSC Points Series race on that day will stand irrespective of whether these scores were a result of actions, eg protests, involving vessels not entered in the UK IF-Boat Championships).
- 1.4 These Championships will be undertaken under UK IF-Boat Association class rules (with no handicapping) with the addition that no spinnakers shall be permitted (including for the first race on 1 Sep).
- 1.5 The Race Officer will be appointed by the participating Officers of the UK IF-Boat Association from the participating crews and will, themselves, be a competitor in the event. (There will be no committee boat.)

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising shall be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

3 ELEGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to members of the UK IF-Boat Association. Boats shall comply with class rules and prescriptions with regard to minimum safety equipment and shall carry a buoyancy aid or life-jacket at least complying with EN 393-50 Newtons for each person onboard.
- 3.2 Entry (at zero cost) is via an email to alandmacklin@gmail.com stating a wish to enter with the boat and skipper's names and confirmation of insurance cover.

4 SCHEDULE

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| Saturday 31 Aug | 2 races – Warning Signal not before 1330hrs |
| Sunday 1 Sep | First race as per StMSC Points Race (Warning Signal 1020, Start 1030)
Second race – Warning Signal no sooner than 30 mins after the last boat
Finishes the first race and not before 1230. |
- The Race Officer reserves the right to hold a third race on either day if it seems likely that less than 4 races would be completed otherwise.
- 4.2 Unless requested, there will be no formal race briefing. Any questions should be directed to the Class Captain.
- 4.3 Any matters that arise requiring communication with competitors on the day will be broadcast on VHF Ch 77 except for the first race on Sun 1 Sep: between 0930 and 1215hrs VHF Ch M2 (StMSC Race channel) is to be used.

5 COURSES & MARKS

- 5.1 Courses will be set in the lower Carrick Roads using marks shown on the StMSC 2024 Race Card and will comprise multiple rounds of a triangular or Windward/Leeward course at the discretion of the Race Officer. The marks to be used will be announced by VHF: the number of rounds will not be specified (see Para 5.3).

5.2 Start. RR26 is changed in that no visual starting sequence signals will be displayed. Races will be started using signals broadcast by VHF. A Gate Start will be used with the Gate Boat (nominated by the Race Officer by VHF) passing close to the leeward mark close hauled on port tack as soon after the assigned start time as possible. All other competing boats are to pass astern of the Gate Boat leaving the leeward mark to port (irrespective of the designated side for subsequent rounds). Whilst on this tack, the Gate Boat has right of way until all competing boats have passed astern of her (and therefore started) or she can just fetch the windward mark (whichever is the sooner) at which point she is free to tack and loses her right of way as Gate Boat.

5.3 Finish. The set course will NOT specify a number of rounds. The race finishes when the leading boat rounds the next mark after 60mins has elapsed from the assigned start time. (In the event of any doubt, the Race Officer will announce the finish mark at the 60 min point). The finish line is a straight line drawn (through and) beyond the finishing mark from the previous mark of the course. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

6 RESULTS & PRIZES

6.1 Series. A minimum of 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series. When 4 races have been completed a boat's series score shall be the sum of her race scores excluding her worst score. When 3 or fewer races have been completed a boat's series score shall be the total sum of her race scores.

6.2 Prize-giving will take place in StMSC Clubhouse after racing on 1 Sep.

- The Marieholm Championship Trophy is presented to the winner
- The Zeitgeist Trophy is presented to the crew of the winning IF-Boat

7 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

7.1 Protest forms will be available on the StMSC noticeboard and from the StMSC website. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

7.2 In addition of the requirements of RRS 61, any boat intending to make a protest arising from an incident in any race shall notify the race officer on VHF Channel 77 (Ch M" for the first race on 1 Sep) at the earliest opportunity after finishing the race in question AND submit a protest form into the 'Completed/ Submitted Protest Forms' envelope on the StMSC Noticeboard within the Protest Time Limit which will be not less than 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race officer signals no more racing today whichever is later. The actual time of this limit will be posted on the StMSC noticeboard if the race officer has been notified of an intended protest. The same protest time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee, and to requests for redress. Access to the noticeboard will be provided not less than 30 mins before the time limit.

7.3 Notices will be posted on the noticeboard no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where those hearings will be held. Hearings may start before the scheduled time with the agreement of all parties.

7.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

7.5 Protests will be heard as soon as possible, in approximately the order of receipt. It is the responsibility of the protestor, protestee and witnesses to make themselves available for the hearing.

8 RISK STATEMENT

8.1 Rule 3 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 is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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 whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions and omissions;
- (d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) 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) provision of safety 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 briefing held for the event.

9 INSURANCE

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

10 FURTHER INFORMATION

10.1 For further information please contact **alandmacklin@gmail.com**

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