

Notice of Race : Winter Pursuit -The Channel Chop

Portishead Yacht & Sailing Club

Belton Rd, Portishead BS20 8DR

Saturday 12th March 2022

First Start 12:00hrs

High Tide 13:51hrs, Height 8.8 metres

Organising Authority: Portishead Yacht & Sailing Club

Rules

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*. The prescriptions of the RYA will apply. The *Equipment Rules of Sailing* and the Class Rules applicable to each class taking part shall apply.

Entries

1. Racing is open to sailing dinghies with a RYA handicap of 1400 or lower. We are unable to offer racing for, Keel boats, Gaffers and Catamarans).
2. Racing rules will be changed as follows. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

RRS 40 – Dinghy competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times whilst afloat

3. Entries will be limited to 50 boats – Entries maybe made online via Sailing Southwest web site (<https://www.sailingsw.co.uk/ssw-winter-series>) If more than 50 boats apply to enter, then there will be a first come first served policy.

Entry Fees

4. Boats will be required to register on the day and pay the entry fee of £15.00 (Cash Only), and Juniors under the age of 18 on 12th March 2022 £10.00

Schedule

5. A Single pursuit race with the first start not before 12:00 hrs (Counting down from 140 minutes to 0, the Mirror D/H will start on 139 Minutes). A list of start times will be posted on the notice board.
6. There will be a competitors briefing at 11:30 hrs

The pursuit race numbering will be calculated using RYA yardsticks.

Sailing instructions / Race Area / Course

7. These will be available on the club website and at registration, as well as on the Sailing Southwest web site (<https://www.sailingsw.co.uk/ssw-winter-series>)
8. The course will be briefed on the day and displayed on the boat house doors.

Scoring

9. The winner will be the boat leading when the clock reaches 0 minutes.
10. Results will be forwarded to Sailing Southwest for inclusion in their winter series and posted on club notice board

Prizes

11. Prizes will be awarded to the winning boat, and the leading junior boat, further prizes will be awarded to other finishers at the discretion of Portishead Y&SC.

Facilities

12. The club galley will be available to serve hot drinks and limited food (There is no licensed bar)

Further Information:

13. Contact Colin Jarvis 01275 875461 or via club email

RISK STATEMENT

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."

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:

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;

They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

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;

The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.