



# NOTICE OF RACE

## EMSWORTH SAILING CLUB

### Curtis Plate Out of Harbour Race

### Saturday 24th June 2017



The organising authority will be Emsworth Sailing Club (ESC)

The Curtis Plate race is a Commodore's Cup Event. The Commodore's Cup will be awarded to the overall winner of the five Commodore's Cup events. All 5 events to count.

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The Curtis Plate Out of Harbour Race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of RYA will apply
- 1.3. The races will be managed by either Emsworth Sailing Club (ESC)
- 1.4. RRS Rule 32.2 Shortened Course shall be replaced by para 9 of the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5. RRS Part 5 Protests, Redress, and Hearings. Competitors may request an Advisory Hearing or an Arbitration Meeting before a formal Protest Meeting is held. Para 12 of the Sailing Instructions shall apply.

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The race is open to all boats with a PY number of less than 1220 as specified by the RYA Portsmouth Number List 2017. Either the helm or crew shall be a member of ESC or ESSC.
- 2.2. Race entries for each race in the series may be made on an Entry Form at Emsworth Sailing Club (where it is posted as a notice) or on an Entry Form at Emsworth Slipper Sailing Club.
- 2.3. An Entry will be valid only if:
  - it gives the sail number and class of the boat to be raced which is an Eligible Boat.  
*NOTE: It is essential that the sail number is clearly displayed on the sail.*
  - it names her Helmsman and (where appropriate) her crew.
  - it is made at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the race being entered.

#### 3. THE SCHEDULE

- 3.1. The start of the race will not be before 11:15 on Saturday 24th June. Note High Water will be at 12:16 height 4.9m.

#### 4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. The sailing instructions will be available on the Emsworth Sailing Club notice board and website at least one day prior to the first race.

#### 5. THE COURSE

- 5.1. The course will be sailed in the Emsworth Channel and Stockers Lake areas of Chichester Harbour, and involve rounding one or more of the out of harbour racing marks CHI, BAY, WE & HARD located in Hayling Bay. The full course length will be between about 11 and 18 sea miles depending upon the conditions.

- 5.2. The courses will be sailed around fixed racing and navigation marks.
- 5.3. The course to be sailed will be determined by the Race Officer at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start and displayed from the ESC Bridge.

## **6. SCORING**

- 6.1. The current Portsmouth Yardstick Numbers will be used to calculate the corrected times and places.
- 6.2. The races and series shall be scored as provided in RYA Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A using the Low Point System.
- 6.3. Competitors will discard half less one of their results of the total number of races that are sailed.

## **7. PRIZES**

- 7.1. The Curtis Plate will be awarded to the ESC sailor who has the lowest nett points.
- 7.2. Other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the ESC Sailing Committee.

## **8. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 8.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **9. RISK STATEMENT**

- 9.1. 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."
- 9.2. 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;
  - 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) 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;

## **10. INSURANCE**

- 10.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover at least £2,000,000 per incident.