



EMSWORTH SAILING CLUB



Notice of Race

The Whitaker Trophy Race

(A Commodore's Cup Event- round the harbour handicap race)

Saturday 12th August, 14:20. (HW 15:23 height 4.6m).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Whitaker Trophy Race will be governed by the rules as defined in *the current Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The organising authority will be Emsworth Sailing Club (ESC).
- 1.3. The prescriptions of RYA will apply
- 1.4. The race will be managed by Emsworth Sailing Club (ESC).
- 1.5. RRS Rule 32.2 Shortened Course shall be replaced by para 9 of the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.6. 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 1200 (Laser 4.7) as specified by the RYA Portsmouth Number List 2017. Either the helm or crew shall be a member of ESC or ESSC.
Note: Depending on conditions and with the specific approval of the Race Officer, an RS Feva may take part in this race (PY 1222)
- 2.2. Race entries for the race 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. The Whitaker Trophy 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.
- 2.4. An Entry will be valid only if:
 - the boat to be raced is an Eligible Boat.
 - it gives the sail number and class of the boat to be raced which is an Eligible Boat.
 - 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 race is scheduled to start at 14:20 on Saturday 12th August. Note High Water will be 15:23 height 4.6m.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

5. THE COURSE

5.1. The course will be;

Start – Streamline	Eleanor – Starboard
Freddie Brooks – Port	John Davis – Port
East Head – Port	SW Pilsey – Starboard
Astra – Port	Northney – Port
Star – Starboard	Walsh – Starboard
Astra – Port	Sweare Deep – Port
Park – Starboard	Finish - Streamline.

5.2. All boats shall pass to the east of the beacon NE of Pilsey Island, commonly known as PILSEY PERCH.

5.3. All boats shall pass between the Beacons commonly known as the GOALPOSTS marking the ends of the obstructions at the entrance to Thorney Channel.

6. SCORING

6.1. The current Portsmouth Yardstick Numbers will be used to calculate the corrected times and places.

6.2. The race shall be scored as provided in RYA Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A using the Low Point System.

7. PRIZES

7.1. The Whitaker Trophy 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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

9.3. 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;

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

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

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

9.7. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

9.8. 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.