



Royal Naval Sailing Association Portsmouth Branch
Notice of Race
Thursday Evening Dinghy Handicap Series
Royal Navy Sailing Centre, HMS EXCELLENT

1. Introduction

The event will be held at the RNSC, HMS Excellent on the following dates: 7 Jun, 14 Jun, 28 Jun, 12 Jul & 19 Jul. Any dinghy with a PY handicap number is eligible to enter including privately owned boats and RNSC owned craft.

2. Organising Authority

The organising authority is the Royal Naval Sailing Association.

3. Rules

- 3.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 3.2. Races will not be umpired.
- 3.3. The Sailing Instructions will be made available prior to the event and at the briefing prior to each race.
- 3.4. In accordance with RRS 70.5(a) the right of appeal will be denied.

4. Entries

- 4.1. The event is open to all RNSA members. Non-RNSA members may compete alongside a RNSA member in the same boat.
- 4.2. Entries will be accepted at any point throughout the series. There is no requirement to sign up in advance and no entry fee.
- 4.3. RNSC boats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis for racing each evening.

5. Event format

- 5.1. The intention is to run one handicap race around the harbour per evening lasting approximately one hour. The organising authority retains the right to change the format at any time.
- 5.2. The intended timings are as follows:

1645	Muster
1700	Race Brief
1730	First warning signal
1830	Race complete
1900	Disperse

6. Buoyancy and clothing

- 6.1. Adequate personal flotation devices and suitable clothing shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat. Limited loan clothing will be available from RNSC; competitors are advised to bring their own clothing if available.

7. Risk Statement

- 7.1. Service personnel are considered 'on duty' during the event iaw BRd 51 Vol 4 0802.
- 7.2. Rule 4 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 7.3. 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) 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.

8. Prizes

- 8.1. Prizes for the series remain TBC. The winner will be announced at the RNSA Annual Dinner in 2019.

9. Logistics

- 9.1. As a RNSA branch event, Duty Travel is not authorised.
- 9.2. The RNSC bar will be opened if there is sufficient interest on completion of racing.
- 9.3. Contact details are as follows:
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