



THAMES OPEN MEETING.

FIREFLY 60th ANNIVERSARY OPEN MEETING
Hosted by Thames Sailing Club and Tamesis Sailing club

20th/21st May 2006.

NOTICE OF RACE

Thames SC is home to the Thames A Rater with the Firefly's being a recent but popular addition to the handicap fleet.

A joint open meeting hosted by Thames Sailing Club and Tamesis Sailing Club. With racing from Thames Sailing Club on Saturday 20th and from Tamesis Sailing Club on Sunday 21st May for the Elizabeth Cup.

PROGRAMME Saturday 20th May

A 3 race series, weather and conditions permitting

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| RACE TIMES: | Saturday 20 th May 2006 | Race: 1 | 11:30 |
| | | Race: 2 | 14.00 |
| | | Race: 3 | will follow back to back. |
| | Special 60 th Anniversary Race TSC to Tamesis | | 17.00 |

REGISTRATION: All boats must register by 10:30.

BRIEFING: 11:00 on Saturday 20th May outside the Race Box.

PROGRAM Sunday 21st May

A 3 race series with 2 two count, weather and conditions permitting

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| RACE TIMES: | Sunday 20 th May 2006 | Race: 1 | 11:00 |
| | | Race: 2 | TBA |
| | | Race: 3 | TBA. |

REGISTRATION: All boats must register by 10:30.

BRIEFING: 10:30 on Sunday 21st May outside the Race Box.

ENTRY

The Entry Fees are £10.00 per boat for the Weekend Open Meeting with Tamesis if received at Thames Sailing Club by Tuesday 16th May 2006 or **£15 thereafter**. There will be an optional fee of £8.00 per day. There will be a maximum entry of 50 boats.

ENTRY FORMS:

Completed entry forms must be at Thames Sailing Club by Tuesday 16th May 2005 to comply. Late entries can be submitted no less than 60 minutes before the start of the first race, these can also be completed at Tamesis sailing club on the day.

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is the UK Firefly Class Association, Thames Sailing Club and Tamesis Sailing club.

RULES

Racing will take place under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2005 – 2008), the Rules of the Class and the prescriptions of the RYA, except as any of these are changed by the TSC Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race.

ELIGIBILITY

Racing will take place in Firefly Class dinghies. A boat shall have a valid measurement certificate and a valid insurance certificate (including third party cover for not less than £2,000,000), both of which may be required at registration.

BOAT TRAILERS

There will be space allocated for road trailers at Thames Sailing Club. There is “a tow” leaving Tamesis Sailing Club at 10.00 where there is plenty of space for trailers. If “a tow” is required please mark the entry form accordingly. We can only guarantee a tow for advanced bookings.

RACE AREA

The race area is between Kingston Bridge and Teddington Lock.

PRIZES

Prizes for events on Saturday will be awarded to the leading helms and crews of the event in proportion to the number of entries. The prize giving will take place at the Saturday evening function at Thames Sailing Club. The Elizabeth Cup will be awarded to the winner of the Races hosted by Tamesis Sailing Club.

CLUBHOUSES

All competitors are invited to use the facilities of the Clubs during their stay. Competitors will be deemed to be temporary members for the duration of the event, and as such, shall abide by all the Club's rules and requirements.

DRESS

Members and visitors to the Clubs are asked to change from their sailing clothes in the evenings and dress appropriately for the time of day.

VALUABLES

PLEASE DEPOSIT VALUABLES IN THE LOCKERS MADE AVAILABLE – DO NOT LEAVE THEM IN THE CHANGING ROOMS.

CATERING

Breakfast 09.00 – 10:30
Lunch 12:30 – 14:30
Tea 16:00 – 17:30 (At Tamesis)

COMPETITORS SUPPER

There will be a BBQ on Saturday evening 19.00 Thames Sailing Club at £7:00 per head to which all competitors are invited. Please book with your entry or via email to catering@thamessailingclub.co.uk

ACCOMMODATION

Club members have made available a number of rooms. Limited camping facilities are available on site (for small tents). Contact sailingsecretary@thamessailingclub.co.uk for more information.

CLUB DETAILS

Thames Sailing Club

Address: Portsmouth Road, Surbiton, Surrey. KT6 4HH
Tel 0208 399 2164
Email info@thamessailingclub.co.uk
Website www.thamessailingclub.co.uk

Tamesis Sailing Club

Address: Trowlock Way, Broom Road, Teddington Middlesex TW11 9QY
Tel: 020 8977 3589
Email: suzyharris@blueyonder.co.uk
Website: www.tamesisclub.co.uk

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board next to the race box.

CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the SI's will be posted by 11:00 on 20th May for races on the 20th and by 10.30 on 21st May for races on the 21st - with the flag L flown from the club mast.

SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff on the race box.

PROTESTS

Protests shall be written on forms available from the Office.

Completed forms shall be returned to the office within the protest time limit.

The protest time limit is 1 hour after the last boat finishes the last race of the day.

SCORING SYSTEM

The event will be scored using the Thames Sailing Club Scoring Method when racing at Thames.

When racing at Tamesis the event will be scored using the low points system in RRS Appendix A. A maximum of 3 races and minimum of 2 races will be sailed. If 3 races are sailed the worst score will be discarded.

SUBSTITUTION OF COMPETITORS

Substitution of competitors will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances with prior written approval of the race committee. Applications must be submitted in writing to the race committee and accompanied by a parent or guardian declaration if the competitor is under 18.

RADIO COMMUNICATION

Competitors are reminded of class rule 9.2 that prohibits “electronic and electrical instruments with the exception of electronic timing devices”. This includes mobile phones.

RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of, or relating to the event. They also allow their names, age category, club and boat details to be displayed in competitors lists prior to the event and in results, both on the NFCA, the TSC and Tamesis websites and in publications.

THAMES SAILING CLUB TAMESIS SAILING CLUB

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

LIMITATION OF THE CLUB'S GENERAL LIABILITY

Members of the Club, their guests and visitors use the Club premises and any other facilities of the Club entirely at their own risk and impliedly accept that:

- (1) The Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the Club.
- (2) The Club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of the use of the club premises, and any other facilities of the club, or out of participation in any races organised by the club, whether sustained by members, their guests or visitors, or caused by the said members, guests or visitors whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed or contributed to or was occasioned by neglect, default or negligence of any of them, the officers, committee or servants of the Club.
- (3) Before inviting any guests or visitors onto the premises or to participate in events organised by the club, members are required to draw their attention to this rule.

RACING DISCLAIMER

A boat and the owner and the person in charge (the boat) are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore and nothing whether in this notice of race or the sailing instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions for which it will find itself. By launching or going onto the river, the boat confirms that it is fit for these conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000.

Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of a boat; nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat having taken part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, its officers and staff, the race committee, the race officer and assistants, the patrol or rescue boats and beach masters.

The provision of patrol or rescue boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.

The fact that a race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities set out in this paragraph.

INSURANCE

In addition to third party liability for not less £2,000,000 referred to above, competitors are advised to effect their own personal accident insurance.

PERSONAL BUOYANCY

All competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy when afloat. All children under 12 shall wear adequate personal buoyancy when next to the river. Wetsuits and drysuits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

THAMES OPEN MEETING
At Thames and Tamesis Sailing Club

OPEN EVENT ENTRY FORM

to be sailed on 20th /21st May 2006

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| Sail Number | Boat Name |
| Helm Name..... | Crew Name..... |
| Helm Club | Crew Club |
| Address | |
| | PostCode:..... |
| Telephone No: | |
| Email Address: | |
| DoB if under 18..... | |

Entry Fee (£10 pre 16th May 06 or £15 after)

Daily Fee (please indicate which day) £8.50

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| Sat | Sun |
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BBQs at £7.00 No. of persons:

TOTAL ENCLOSED £.....

Tow required (tick box)

Camping required (tick box)

Entry Declaration

I wish to enter the Thames/Tamesis Sailing Club Open Meeting. I understand that I/we will be deemed to be Temporary Members of Thames/Tamesis Sailing Club, and as such, shall abide by all the Club's rules and requirements.

I agree to be bound by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. I confirm that I hold a valid registration certificate and that I have Third Party Insurance for at least £2,000,000. I confirm that I have read and accept for myself, my crew and our guests the limitation of the Club's General Liability and Racing Disclaimer.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Return to: Sailing Secretary, Thames Sailing Club, Portsmouth Rd, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 4HH