

Notice of Race

The Firefly National Championship 2003

Brixham Yacht Club

Saturday 26th July to Friday 1st August 2002

1. Organising Authority

The 2003 Firefly National Championship will be held under the burgee of Brixham Yacht Club from 26th July to 1st August. The organising authority of the event will be Brixham Yacht Club and the Firefly Class Association.

2. Rules

Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2001 - 2004).

3. Conditions of Entry

A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces that responsibility.

It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it finds itself. By launching and going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for those 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 the 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 taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters.

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

Note: - A tally system will be in operation throughout the championship for safety purposes only.

Entries from competitors under the age of 18 are subject to parental/guardian authority and the declaration must be completed with the entry form.

4. Registration

Registration will take place at the Brixham Yacht Club Between 10:00 and 1400 hrs on Saturday 26th July 2003.

5. Racing schedule

Day	Date	Time	Race(s)
Sat	26 th	1500	Practice race
Sun	27 th	1200	Races 1 (City of Plymouth Trophy) & 2 (Sussex Silver Firefly)
Mon	28 th	1200*	Races 3 (Felixstowe Ferry Trophy) & 4 (RAFSA Trophy)
Tue	29 th	1100*	Race 5 (Mike Nye Memorial Trophy)
Wed	30 th	1100*	Race 6 (Sir Ralph Gore Challenge Cup, Marlow Trophy and Stern light trophy)**
Thu	31 st	1200*	Races 7 (Avon Bailer Trophy) & 8 (Tomato Boats Trophy)
Fri	1 st	1200*	Race 9 (Rickmansworth Trophy)

*Any changes to these times to be notified by 1800hrs on the previous day.

Times are for first race of the day, subsequent races to follow ASAP after that race.

9 race series for National Championship
1 discard after 4 races, 2 discards after 8 races.

Low points system RRS Appendix A will apply.

**The race for the Sir Ralph Gore Challenge Cup (min 12 miles) will be part of the points series for the National Championship and all boats will be eligible to compete. It is planned to run this on Wed (race 6). Boats qualifying for the Marlow Trophy (based on races up to that point) will win prizes based on their positions in this race. Should it not be possible to run this race as planned or if it is started but cannot be finished it may be replaced by or shortened into a race which does not qualify as The Gore but which is a points race counting for the championship series. However, when, at the time of going afloat to race, it is planned to run The Gore, not more than one points race will be completed that day.

6. Event Category

The event will be a Category C event in accordance with RRS Appendices Section II, Appendix 1.

7. Entry Forms

Entry Forms should be returned no later than **1st July, 2002** to: **The Sailing Secretary, Brixham Yacht Club, Overgang, Brixham, Devon, TQ5 8AR.**

Entry Fee is £120. For helms under the age of 18 on 26th July 2003 or who are entering the Firefly National Championship for the first time the fee is £90. **Please note** that for **all** late entries received after 1st July 2003 the entry fee will be **£140**.

8. Sailing Instructions will be issued at registration.

9. Directions to Venue These can be obtained from the Club Web Site: www.brixhamyachtclub.com or by ringing the Club on 01803 853332.