

# SYH CLASSIC REGATTA 17 & 18 JUNE 2017

## NOTICE OF RACE

**1) RACE ORGANISERS** – Suffolk Yacht Harbour (SYH) in association with the Haven Ports Yacht Club (HPYC). During the Regatta the Race Office will be the SYH office, telephone 01473 659240 or 659465.

**2) RULES** – Races will be sailed under the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2017–2020* (RRS), together with the RYA prescriptions, the notice of races, the entry forms and the sailing instructions, in the order stated. In case of conflict the later shall apply.

### **3) CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

a) For the purpose of these Conditions of Entry the word ‘boat’ shall where the context so admits include the owner or person in charge and all other persons concerned in the management or sailing of the boat in question in connection with the events covered by this Notice of Races.

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

c) It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching, leaving its mooring or 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.

d) The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3million.

e) 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 term ‘organisers’ encompasses everyone helping to run the race and the event, and includes the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer(s) and helpers, and mark or support boats.

f) The provision of mark or support boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.

g) The boat is responsible for ensuring that it is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather, and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know how to use it.

**4) AMENDMENTS** – This Notice of Race may be amended by Sailing Instructions or by a Notice to Competitors.

**5) ELIGIBILITY** – Yachts of classic character and conventional monohull design, by invitation.

### **6) SAFETY REGULATIONS**

As a minimum requirement, competitors must comply with ‘World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations’, appendix B of the special regulations for inshore racing. These can be found on the World Sailing website at [www.sailing.org/documents/offshorespecialregs/index.php](http://www.sailing.org/documents/offshorespecialregs/index.php)

The following variations shall apply:-

- *It is strongly recommended that personal buoyancy be worn in any boat without all-round guard rails or wires, at all times when racing to seaward of the Guard buoy.*

- *Except where specific exemption has been approved, a functioning propulsion engine is required, sufficiently powerful and with adequate fuel to reach safe shelter in bad weather from anywhere in the racing area.*
- *A VHF transceiver must be carried on board, hand held being acceptable. As a minimum, channels 16,37 (which on some sets may be indicated as M, M1, P, P1) 68, 71, 72 and 77 are required.*
- *A minimum of 0.5 litres of drinking water must be carried for each person on board.*

Boats unable, through design, to comply with any of these safety requirements should apply in writing to the Race Organisers for dispensation. If granted, alternative requirements may be imposed. Any such dispensation, if granted, will in no way alter or limit the responsibility of the owner or person in charge under section 2 of the Notice of Races.

**7) HANDICAPS** – Handicaps will be determined by the race committee following the completion of the handicap application form. A list of the competing yachts handicaps will be displayed on the regatta notice board on Friday 16 June.

**8) CLASSES** – The fleet will be divided into 3 classes. Stella class - code flag S, slow class - code flag H and fast class - code flag C. The split between slow and fast boats will be determined by the Race Committee and will be displayed on the regatta notice board on Friday 16 June.

**9) RACE AREA** – The Rivers Orwell and Stour and adjacent offshore waters approximately between Landguard Point and Walton on the Naze and inshore of the Cork sand. Unless otherwise advised, races will start and finish by Committee Boat adjacent to the Beacon Hill buoy in Harwich Harbour or near SYH in the River Orwell. The sailing committee may set an alternative start line.

**10) START TIMES** – Racing will start at or after 10.40 BST on 17 and 18 June 2017. A second race on 17 June will commence as soon as is practical after the finish of the first race.

**11) ENTRIES** – **No boat shall be eligible to race** until the owner or person in charge has signed the appropriate entry form, acknowledging the conditions and requirements set out in the Notice of the Race and warranting that the boat will conform to such requirements throughout the event, and paid the relevant race entry fee.