



FIREFLY Open Meeting
Sunday 22nd April 2018
TAMESIS CLUB



NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1. The organising authority is Tamesis Club together with the NATIONAL FIREFLY ASSOCIATION.
2. This event is one in the series of the M25 and Vines Trophy Series.

RULES

3. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* with RYA Prescriptions and the RYA Racing Charter or at www.rya.org.uk/charter.
4. Adequate personal flotation to provide at least 50N buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors when afloat (neither a wet-suit nor a dry suit constitutes adequate personal flotation): changes RRS 40.
5. In the event of conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race and one in the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail: changes RRS 63.7.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY FEE

1. The regatta is open to boats of the National Firefly Association.
2. For your results to be considered for the Vines Trophy and M25 Series you must be a member of the National Firefly Association,
3. The person stated on the entry form for a particular boat will be the only person that shall compete in that boat at the event.
4. Eligible sailors may enter by submitting the form available at registration with the required fee of £10.00. The club reserves the right to limit the number of entries which will be accepted in the order received.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

See the Official Notice Board located in the clubhouse.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.
2. The course to be sailed and the course area will be announced at the briefing and displayed on the Official Notice Board.

TAMESIS CLUB LOCATION

Trowlock Way, Broom Road, Teddington TW11 9QY <http://www.tamesisclub.co.uk>. Car parking at the club or in the adjacent public car park. Boats may be left overnight, at the owner's risk, by arrangement with the Firefly Class Captain and / or flag officers of the club.

SCHEDULE

Time Activity

09:30 Registration opens in the club house.

10:30 Race briefing for all competitors. The first race will start no earlier than 11:00. The intention is that 3 races will be sailed. Some races may be sailed back to back. It is intended to finish racing by 17:00 with no start after 15:30.

The race committee reserves the right to organize racing in heats: details will be given at the briefing.

CATERING

Hot drinks all day. Snacks, lunch and tea will also be available.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for places overall on the basis of $\sqrt{\text{entries}}$. Additional awards may be given. The Prize Giving will take place after racing finishes and any protests have been heard.

PROTESTS/ADVISORY/ARBITRATION HEARINGS, RRS Appendix 'P'

5. If possible, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration Process of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available as an alternative to full Protest.
6. Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5(a).
7. RRS Appendix 'P' will apply as modified in the Sailing Instructions.

SCORING

The number of races scheduled is 3. The number of races required to complete the series is 1. If two races are sailed, both shall count. If 3 races are sailed a boat's worst score shall be discarded.

RISK STATEMENT

RRS 4 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in racing at Tamesis, 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) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
- (h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.

PUBLICITY AND COPYRIGHT

Competitors automatically grant to the club and the Firefly Association the right to use any images, either still or video, of the event.

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