

National 18ft Dinghy Championships

The organising authority (OA) is the Royal Findhorn Yacht Club in conjunction with the National 18ft Class Association

Venue - Royal Findhorn Yacht Club, Findhorn, Moray, IV36 3YE

4th-8th August 2024

Notice of Race (NoR)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the latter will prevail.
- 1.3 The notation (DP) in a rule of the NOR or SI indicates that the penalty for breaching this rule is at the discretion of the protest committee.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after 09.00 on 20.07.2024 online and on the Notice Board on the Veranda at RFYC.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <http://www.rfyc.co.uk/>
- 3.2 All official notices to Competitors will also be posted on the Notice Board on the Veranda at RFYC.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all National 18ft class and dinghies. Entries may be made from the following fleets;
 - (a) Ultra: Morrison designed hull
 - (b) Ultimate: GRP hull built to 200kg hull weight rule or built to 250kg hull weight rule and lightened to below 250kg.
 - (c) Penultimate: GRP hull built and still conforming to the 250kg rule.
 - (d) Classic: Wooden/GRP boats and such other boats as the organising authority may designate; in particular Chichester Harbour 18.
- 4.2 The Boat Owners of National 18ft class dinghies shall be members of the National 18ft Class Association. Association subs must be paid in advance of regatta start. Failure to pay subs means no result. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.3 Entrants in the Ultra fleet (Morrison designed hull) are required to hold a valid RYA National 18 Class Measurement Certificate and undergo a safety inspection to confirm they have replaced their RWO buoyancy hatches with Allen ones.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, to RFYC, Findhorn, Moray, IV36 3YE. Entries can be made online using the link [National 18 Championship Entry Form](#)

5 FEES

The entry fee per boat will be £175. Payment should be made in accordance with instructions on the online entry form.

6 ADVERTISING

(DP) Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. Advertising not supplied by the organising authority is prohibited.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Manual Registration will be open in the Clubhouse at RFYC, on the Veranda, from 16.00-18.00 on Saturday 3rd August

7.2 There will be a briefing for competitors at 18.00 on Saturday 3rd August on the Veranda in the Clubhouse.

7.3 Championship races will be scheduled from 4th to 8th August.

7.4 It is intended to run up to 12 races for the Ultra fleet.

7.5 The number of races for Ultimates, Penultimates and Classics may be lower depending on final agreed regatta format with those fleets. This may include a separate race area.

7.6 Races not sailed as scheduled, or anticipated to be affected by bad weather, may be rescheduled at the discretion of the race committee.

7.7 A minimum 5 knot wind limit for a race start will be in place unless agreed in advance between the organizing authority and the race committee

7.8 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 12.10, on Sunday 4.8.24. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15.00.

7.9 There may be a formal inspection process to ensure all boats are seaworthy and meet the minimum safety and measurement requirements as specified in the class rules. Boats may be further inspected by the Technical Committee at any time for compliance with class rules in accordance with RRS 92.

8 VENUE

Racing will take place in the Moray Firth, off Findhorn Bay.

9 COURSES

Courses will be a mixture of windward-leeward (Ultra fleet) and triangular courses. Details will be in the Sailing Instructions. The race target times will be 45 minutes for all classes.

10 SCORING

10.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A4 will apply.

10.2 Three races are required to constitute a series.

10.3 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.4 When four to six races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

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- 10.6 When nine or more races have been completed a boats score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 11 The discards for the non Ultra fleets may be different and will be determined by the regatta format as published in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11 BERTHING**
- Boats are to be stored ashore in the dinghy park location for the duration of the event with the exception of the Classic boats which may remain afloat.
- 12 DATA PROTECTION**
- Regatta Entry Forms on paper or online are stored by the Organising Authority for 1 year after events. They are then destroyed by deleting or shredding. They are used for Contacting during current and for future events, for recording participants in races for results, prizes, payments and for Health and Safety reasons.
- 13 RISK STATEMENT**
- RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 14 INSURANCE**
- Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 or €3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.
- 15 PRIZES**
- Details of the trophies to be awarded will be published in an addendum to the Sailing Instructions.
- 16 FURTHER INFORMATION**
- For further information please contact:
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