



Notice of Race

Milton Keynes Cup Inter-Club Championship

Host Club – Emberton Park Sailing Club
(within Emberton Country Park, MK46 5FJ)

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th April 2020

1 Rules

The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association, Class Rules and Emberton Park Sailing Club's Sailing Instructions.

Racing Rules 27.1 and 40 will be changed to the effect that buoyancy aids are required. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions which will be available at the time of entry.

Competitors should note that Emberton Park Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book.

2 Eligibility and Entry

The regatta is open to one Adult team and one Junior team from each of the RYA affiliated sailing clubs in the Milton Keynes Area. Adult and Junior teams would normally compete on different days. Competitors must be full members of the club for which they are competing.

Junior teams to comprise of 5 boats with no restriction on mix of single or double-handed. All Junior team members must be aged 18 or under on the day of the regatta

Adult teams to comprise of 5 boats, of which at least one will be double-handed. Helms must be aged over 18 on the day of the event.

Competing boats must have a current RYA Portsmouth Yardstick within the range 1000 to 1409. In addition, no sailboards, multi-hulls or craft longer than 17ft are permitted to race.

Eligible teams may enter on the day. Each team must complete a registration form prior to competing, to include details of team members and the boats racing. Registration will be open on the morning of the racing from 09:30hrs.

Changes may be made after that, at the Race Officer's discretion, if:

- a) The original boat is damaged beyond immediate repair.
- b) The helm is unable to continue due to illness or injury.

Crew may be changed for each race.

3 Fees

The entry fee will be 30 GBP per team payable on the day at registration.

4 Format

The event will consist of three average lap handicap races of approximately one-hour's duration.

5 Schedule

Registration 09:30

Briefing 10.30hrs

1st Race start 11.00hrs

2nd Race start 13.30hrs

3rd Race start as soon as possible after finish of race 2

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 10h55 and no warning signal will be made later than 1630

Prize giving as soon as possible after the last race.

6 Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the day or on the club's website.

4 Scoring

Two races are required to constitute a series.

When three races are completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

Finishing places will be calculated from a boat's finishing time corrected for handicap using the current RYA Portsmouth Yardstick ratings.

The winning team will be that with the lowest cumulative score (excluding discards). In the event of a tie, the winner will be the team with the greater number of first places. If a tie remains unbroken, then account will be taken successively of the higher number of second places, third place, etc. Incomplete teams will be awarded points for their missing boats equal to the number of competing boats plus 1.

The winning individual boat will be that with the lowest cumulative score (excluding discards). In the event of a tie, the winner will be the boat with the greater number of first places. If a tie remains unbroken, then account will be taken successively of the higher number of second places, third place, etc.

4 Disclaimer of liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. Emberton Park Sailing Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

5 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of at least £2,000,000 or the equivalent.

6 Prizes

There will be a prize awarded to the winning individual boat and

Milton Keynes Citizen Shield: To the team with the lowest total score, i.e. 5 x 2 race results.

Milton Keynes Youth Cup: To the helm of the boat with the lowest total score, i.e. 2 race results

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Disclaimer of Liability

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing 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 involves an element of risk.

By taking part in the event, 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser 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;