



RUTLAND CHALLENGE FOR THE JOHN MERRICKS TIGER TROPHY.

3rd & 4th FEBRUARY 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.
- 1.2 The Organising Authority will be Rutland Sailing Club and the John Merricks Sailing Trust. The event is part of the GJW Sailjuice Winter Series of which the Trust is the official charity.
- 1.3 All boats will be required to sail according to their respective class rules, particularly regarding weight equalising rules. However, under Rule 87, class rules which permit pumping, rocking and ooching in certain wind conditions and/or change penalty turns (rules 44.1 and 44.2) are suspended for the purposes of this regatta.
- 1.4 Competitors automatically grant the Organising Authority, event sponsors and their agents without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of, or relating to the competitors, unless otherwise advised in writing prior to the Regatta
- 1.5 Competitors are required to behave appropriately whilst on RSC premises. RRS Rule 69 Action by a Protest Committee will apply at all times regarding any "gross breach of a rule, good manners or sportsmanship"

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 There will be no restrictions on advertising.
- 2.2 Competitors may be supplied with a sponsors sticker which is required to be attached for the event.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all centerboard and catamaran classes with a PY number of 1340 and below. Classes above this will be permitted to enter but will have to sail to PY 1340.
- 3.2 The regatta is also open to accepted RSC classes (eg Challenger, 2.4mr, Flying Fifteen) that are either owned by an RSC member or will be helmed in the race by a disabled member of a recognised Sailability Group, subject to prior consent from the Organising Authority
- 3.3 Entries by persons under 18 years old must be counter signed by their parents or guardians.
- 3.4 An on-line entry form is available at www.tiger-trophy.com and www.sailracer.org
- 3.5. The Entry **will include tickets for the Tiger Dinner** and will be £59 for double handed and £39 for single handed boats.
- 3.6 For the efficient running of this charity event, competitors are requested to enter in advance online at <http://sailracer.org/ResultsEntry/Event/210838/Tiger%20Trophy%20-%20GJW%206>
Late entries will be accepted at RSC Club Office on the Saturday of the event.
Entries can be made on Sunday for those competing in the Pursuit race only. Cost for Pursuit race only will be £18 for double-handed and £14 for single-handed boats.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Registration will be in the upstairs lounge at RSC from 08:30 on Saturday.
- 4.2 A competitor briefing will be held at 11:00 hrs in the upstairs wet bar on Saturday and 10.00am on Sunday for the pursuit race
- 4.3 On Saturday, there will be three scheduled general handicap races. The warning signal of the first race will be 11:55 hrs & races 2 & 3 will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.
There will be a Pursuit race on Sunday and the first class will start at 11:00 hrs
- 4.4 **The Tiger Dinner** will be held at RSC on Saturday evening from 7pm. **Ian Walker** is scheduled to speak in his role as a trustee of JMST and his new role at RYA as Director of Racing and 2020 Olympics. This will be followed by an auction of some unique sailing items.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 The sailing instructions will be available at registration and may also be published in advance on the event and club websites, <http://www.jmst.org.uk/> , <http://www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk/> or <http://events.sailracer.org/eventsites/content.asp?id=46330&eventid=210542>

6. THE COURSES

- 6.1 Trapezoid courses will be sailed on Saturday with alternatives at the discretion of the Race Committee. The fleet will be split into two groups – Fast and Slow based on PY's.
There will be separate start for each group. The Class PY's and the PY split between Fast and Slow groups will be notified to competitors on the event notice board before the briefing on Saturday.



7. SCORING

7.1 Saturday Racing will be General Handicap races on an Average Lap Basis and PY numbers will be those published in the current issue of the Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme for each class, amended by the Race Committee as appropriate. Sunday Pursuit starts will also be based on the above Portsmouth Numbers. A list of classes and their PY numbers will be posted on the official notice board, along with start times for the Pursuit race on Sunday.

7.2 Four races are scheduled of which one race is required to be completed to constitute a series

7.3 When three general handicap races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score from the general handicap races plus the pursuit race (i.e. the Pursuit is non-discardable). If only two or less general handicap races are sailed, all races will count

8. PRIZES

- i) The overall winners of the event will receive the "John Merricks Tiger Trophy" together with individual prizes.
- ii) The first placed all girl crew, if not the outright winners, will receive the 'John Merricks Lady Tiger Trophy'.
- iii) The highest placed helm over 60 on first day of event if not the overall winner will win the "Shere Khan Trophy"
- iv) All helms and crews finishing in the top ten will receive prizes and individual Class prizes (Minimum 6 entries in the class)
- v) The highest placed YOUTH team (all under 19 on 31st Dec 2017) and were not the overall event winners will win the new JMST Youth Trophy
- vi) The highest placed JUNIOR team who were all under 16 on first day of the event and were not the overall event winners will win the "John Merricks Junior Trophy"
- vii) The winners of the Sunday Pursuit race will receive the 'John Merricks Pursuit Trophy'.
- viii) The winner of the aggregate of the General handicap races (no discard) will receive "The Tony Everard Trophy"
- ix) The Sailing Club with best overall aggregate score of its members will receive the "Tiger Club Trophy"

9. RISK STATEMENT

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 inherently 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event 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.

10. INSURANCE

10.1 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000

11. CONFLICT BETWEEN NOR AND SI'S

11.1 If there is a conflict between NOR and SI's (and amendments), the SI's will prevail.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

12.1 For further information, check the event websites www.sailjuiceseries.com
www.tiger-trophy.com , www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk or contact Rutland Sailing Club on 01780 720292

13. CHECK, CLEAN and DRY procedures to avoid the spread of invasive aquatic species

13.1 Visiting boats must comply with the Anglian Water byelaws recently introduced to help avoid the spread of invasive aquatic species. See appendix 1 for details of the BYE-LAWS



APPENDIX 1



Check, Clean & Dry Procedure for visiting ribs, dinghies & cruisers.

In order to comply with Anglian Waters bye laws for Rutland Water all visiting boats must comply with the **CHECK CLEAN & DRY** procedure **BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT RSC.**

Check your equipment and clothing for living organisms. Pay particular attention to areas that are damp or hard to inspect.

Clean and wash all equipment, footwear and clothes thoroughly, use hot water where possible. If you do come across any organisms, leave them at the water body where you found them. (Cleaning & washing must be done away from Rutland Water when visiting the Club)

Dry all equipment and clothing – some species can live for many days in moist conditions. Make sure you don't transfer water elsewhere.

Visiting boats will be randomly checked on arrival and if found to be in a condition that causes concern, will not be allowed to be brought on site. All sailors & rib drivers will be expected to sign a statement to confirm that they have Checked, Cleaned and Dried their boats before arriving at RSC. This will be normally included with the race entry form or the rib registration form that must be signed before racing starts.

Additional Information.

Ribs. Any ribs that have flooding hulls are not allowed to be brought to the club. Engines should be flushed out with hot water before they are brought to Rutland water.

Launching Trollies/Trailers should not be left in the water for any longer than is necessary to launch & recover the boat

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