Byte Inland Championships

Notice of Race

Saturday 25th September – Sunday 26th 2021

1. Rules

1.1 Races will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 – 2020 except as they are changed by the Bowmoor Sailing Club sailing instructions, the prescriptions of the RYA and this Notice of Race.

2. Condition of Entry

2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Byte class only. Byte CII, CI and traditional rigs are welcome. Eligible boats may enter by completing an entry form.

2.2 The safety of the boat and its entire management, including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the competitor racing the boat.

2.3 All craft on the club premises (on land and on the water) must have full insurance cover, including third party liability to £2,000,000.

2.4 The race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.

2.5 To prevent the spread of non-native species boats and trolleys should be cleaned prior to arrival. Check Clean Dry: http://www.nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry/index.cfm

3. Organising Authority

3.1 The organising authority is Bowmoor Sailing Club.

4. Safety Regulations

4.1 All competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times whilst afloat. (Bowmoor SC SI 2.7)

5. Entry and Registration

5.1 There will be an entry fee of £25 per boat.

5.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing an entry form with the organising authority on the day of the event.

5.3 All entrants must hold a current Byte class association membership.

6. Event and Programme

6.1 Sailing instructions will be available at entry registration on the day of the event and are posted on the club's notice board in clubhouse. A copy can also be found on the Bowmoor website. (refer to 'Racing' page)

6.2 Hot and cold food and drinks will be available.

6.3 Entry registration will commence from 09:30.am Saturday 25th September.

6.4 There shall be a briefing for all competitors at 12:00 am Saturday 26th September.

6.5 It is intended to hold 6 races, 4 on Saturday and 2 on Sunday morning.

6.6 First warning signal shall not be before 12:25am on Saturday 29th September. On Sunday 1st October 2017, first warning shall not be before 9:55am.

6.7 The race starting sequence shall be as defined in the Bowmoor 'Sailing Instructions for Open Meetings' instruction 6.1

7. Advertising and Sponsorship

7.1 Advertising will be restricted to Category C.

8. The Course

8.1 The course shall be available at the briefing.

9. Scoring

9.1 Points
The low point scoring system will apply as set out in RRS A4.1. Boats that did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing or were disqualified shall be scored in accordance with RRS A4.2.

9.2 Series Ties
RRS rule A8 applies.

9.3 Individual Scoring
Boats will be placed in order of their combined points. If 4 or more races are sailed, the worst score will be discarded.

10. PRIZES

10.1 The regatta winner will obtain the title "2019 Byte United Kingdom Champion"

10.2 Prizes may be awarded in the following categories subject to entry numbers:

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd places overall,
- 1st under 16-year-old,
- 1st C1 rig,
- 1st Standard rig,
- 1st over 50-year-old,
- Various spot prizes

11. Camping

11.1 Caravans and Tents are permitted in the camping field throughout the event, inclusive of the entry fee.

12. RISK STATEMENT

Addendum A (RYA) Appendix J

12.1 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."

12.2 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.