

Man of Kent Notice of Race

Issue 1- 6th May 2024

The Man of Kent Trophy race NOR 7th September 2024

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority is Herne Bay Sailing Club.
- 1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 Local by Laws governing the use of the areas surrounding HBSC will apply.
- 1.4 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions (SI's), modified as required by Supplementary Sailing Instructions (SSI) that will be on the official notice board located at HBSC. Any changes to the SSI's will be posted by 1330 on the day of the race (this replaces 3.1 of the SI's).

2. THE EVENT

- 2.1 The event is being hosted by Herne Bay Sailing Club on 7th September 2024
- 2.2 Sailing area will be adjacent to the HBSC to the East of the Pier.
- 2.3 In accordance with the SI's, starts will be in accordance with rule 26 and the class flag is designated as H (one white and one red vertical stripe).
- 2.4 Racing will consist of 3 races, back to back. The first race will start at approximately 1300 hrs.
- 2.5 Racing will be General Handicap with the 2024 RYA Portsmouth Yardstick being applied.
- 2.6 Course diagram will be displayed at the briefing.
- 2.7 The results will be calculated with all races to count, in the case of a draw positions will be decided on race positions of the drawn boats in each of the three races.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Each boat must be sailed by full sailing members of the respective clubs.
- 3.2 A club with at least three boats competing will be eligible for the Team prize.
Teams will be made up of the 3 highest scoring boats from the same club, of which at least one will be from the fast fleet and one from the slow fleet.
- 3.3 Costs of entry £25.00 for double hander and £15.00 for a single hander. Early bird costs booked by 31st August 2024 - £20.00 for double hander and £10.00 using the following link

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Briefing will be held in person by the Race Officer or Assistant Race Officer at approximately 1200 hrs in the HBSC canteen/Bar area.
- 4.2 First race will start no earlier than 1400 hrs.
- 4.3 Prize giving will take place on 7th September as soon as possible after the completion of racing.

5. REGISTRATION

- 5.1 Registration will be open at HBSC from 1000 hrs until 1300 hrs. Each boat must sign on at registration.
- 5.2 All competitors under the age of 18 must be indicated on the Signing on sheet.

6. PRIZES

- 6.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:
 - (a) The overall winner – MoK Bowl
 - (b) Junior (first under 18 on the date of the race) -Junior Cup.
 - (c) Masters (first 60+) - Masters Decanter.
 - (d) Ladies Cup (first Lady helm (or Crew if no helm) -Ladies Cup.
 - (e) Club Team (para 3.2 refers) - Team Shield.
 - (f) Race Officers choice.
 - (g) fastest boat of PY 1133 and above (Slow Fleet) Sponsors Prize.
 - (h) fastest boat of PY 1132 and below (Fast Fleet) Sponsors Prize.

(i) Rookie (First Year of Competition) - Rookie Fleet Shield.

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6.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the organisers' discretion.

7. PERSONAL BUOYANCY AND EQUIPMENT

7.1 Competitors shall wear an adequate personal flotation device at all times while afloat.

8. DAMAGE

8.1 Any boat causing damage to another boat such that the damaged boat cannot continue will be required to retire.

8.2 Protests are to be passed to the race officer no later than 30 minutes after coming ashore.

9. RISK STATEMENT, INSURANCE

9.1 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."

9.1 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/team, their boat and any 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.

(g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this 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) When the boats are provided by the competitors, the boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least three million pounds (£3,000,000).

10. CANCELLATION

10.1 The organisers reserve the right to cancel the event.

11. RIGHT & COPYRIGHT

11.1 Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and audio live or recorded of or relating to the event.

12. CONTACT

12.1 For further information please contact: HBSC Sailing Committee dengatel847@gmail.com