

Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club

Notice of Race

Catamaran Open

UKCRA Junior Cat Championships, F18 TT, Spitfire TT & Dart 16 National Championships
23rd & 24th of June 2018

Preamble – The event is open to catamarans with a SCHRS of 1.23 or less, this is to enable a fast turn-around between races. Any boat slower than this rating will be considered on an individual basis; a decision will be made on its handicap and the ability of the sailor.

There will be two separate starts:

1. Fast Handicap Fleet – F18, F16, Spitfire, Shearwaters etc.
2. Slow Handicap Fleet – Dart 18, Dart 16, Sprint 15 etc.

Handicapping will be based on the 2018 SCHRS numbers. If any start fails to obtain sufficient entries these starts may be combined or altered.

Sub events will have their results extracted from the handicap results.

Launching – Felixstowe Ferry has limited launching and for events with large numbers of boats we ask competitors not to block access points to the beach when launching and recovering.

The Bar – The shingle spit at the mouth of the River Deben is constantly changing. The channel marks are the safest way to get out to sea however long-boarded boats should note that the entrance at its lowest may be less than one meter.

Camping – Camping is available on the Millennium Green across the road from the sailing club. There is a £5 per tent per night charge for this as the land is not owned by the sailing club. Campervans are allowed in the dinghy park with prior permission due to space limitations.

Accommodation – various options are listed on the event page on the website, however the best value is the Premier Inn in Felixstowe Town Centre.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The event implements the RYA Racing Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA Rule Book or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter.
- 1.3. Class rules apply to all competitors.
- 1.4. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix 5 Standard Sailing Instructions and the supplementary Sailing Instructions that will be published on the Official Notice Board located in the clubhouse.
- 1.5. Rubbish shall not be put overboard, however it may be put in support boats.
- 1.6. Competitors shall give way to safety boats and race management craft at all times.
- 1.7. The rules and regulations of Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club shall be followed and will be available on the Official Notice Board.

2. Entry & Eligibility

- 2.1. The event is open to all catamaran classes with a SCHRS of 1.23 or less.
- 2.2. Eligible boats may enter upon the completion of the entry form and payment of the entry fee.
- 2.3. Competitors of the UKCRA Junior Cat Championships must be under the age of 18 on the 1st of January 2018.

3. Entry Fee

- 3.1. The entry fee is £60 for double handed boats and £45 for single handed boats.

4. Provisional Schedule

- 4.1. **Registration** – Will start Saturday June 23rd at 09:00-11:30hrs in the club house.
- 4.2. **Briefing** – Will take place at 12:00hrs
- 4.3. **Racing Programme** – Six races are scheduled. The warning signal for the first race on Saturday 23rd June will not be before 13:30hrs. The warning signal on Sunday 24th of June will not be before 10:30hrs.

5. Courses

- 5.1. The course will be a windward leeward course.
The fast handicap fleet will sail to mark 1, then to leeward gate 2P/2S and sail loops as specified by the number of laps, before sailing to the finish line.
- 5.2. The slow handicap fleet will sail to mark 1A then to leeward gate 2P/2S and sail loops as specified by the number of laps, before sailing to the finish line.

Penalties

- 5.3. For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two turns penalty is replaced with the one turn penalty.

6. Scoring

- 6.1. The scoring system is a low point system of Appendix A.
- 6.2. 2 races to constitute a series.
- 6.3. The following discards will apply:
If 4 or more races are sailed, 1 discard will be allowed.

7. Sailing Instructions

- 7.1. These will be published on the Official Notice Board and may be available on www.ffsc.co.uk.

8. Prizes

- 8.1. The winner of the UKCRA Junior Cat Championships will receive The Nick Dewhurst Trophy.
- 8.2. The winner of the Dart 16 National Championships will receive The Dart 16 National Championship Trophy.
- 8.3. Other prizes dependant on entries.

9. Support Boats

- 9.1. Any individual support boats will register at registration so they can be identified and briefed.

10. Venue

- 10.1. Races will be sailed on the mouth of the River Deben based out of Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club, The Ferry, Ferry Rd, Felixstowe, IP11 9RZ.
- 10.2. Please park sensibly to ensure that all boats are able to move around and access the water.
- 10.3. There is to be no launching from the public slipway up the road from the club.
- 10.4.

11. Protests

- 11.1. The Exoneration penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

12. Risk Statement & Disclaimer of Liability

- 12.1. Risk statement is as per the RYA Addendum A included in Appendix x.
- 12.2. All competitors shall wear a personal floatation device at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not considered personal floatation devices.
- 12.3. Boats shall keep clear of all motor vessels that are restricted in their ability to manoeuvre. When a boat finds herself unable to keep clear of such a vessel she may use propulsion, such as padding or pumping provided she does not gain a significant advantage in the race (rule 42.3(h)).
- 12.4. Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club uses beaches and concrete slipways. When launching a boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race of Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, safety boats and beach masters. The provision of safety and mark boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities. The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph.

13. Insurance

- 13.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per event or the equivalent.

14. Further Information

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