

NOTICE OF RACE

UK 18ft Skiff Grand Prix 2008

1.0 STATUS OF EVENT AND ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 Round 2 of the 2008 UK Grand Prix will be held in Torbay on 17th & 18th May 2008.
- 1.2 The Organising Authority is the UK 18 Foot Skiff Class Association in conjunction with the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.
- 1.3 Separate events will be held and separate prizes will be awarded for each round of the Grand Prix. The overall score from each round will go forward to make a series of 5 events with 1 discard, using the ISAF Low Points Scoring System to find the overall 2008 UK 18ft Skiff Grand Prix Champion.

2.0 RULES

- 2.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005-2008, the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association, the rules of the 18 Foot Skiff Class Association, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. In the event conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 2.2 Alterations to Class Rules

The rules of the 18ft Skiff Class Association will be altered as follows:

Rule 6 **Wings** will be altered by: Wings must be registered and attached to the hull in such a way that they are not capable of adding additional righting moment, from whatever sources, beyond their own weight, and the weight of the crew they support.

Wings must be constructed from up to including 6000 series Aluminium, GRP/Carbon Fibre. Wings must be constructed from circular/round tubing. The minimum diameter of the tubing will be **68mm**. Wings Joints must be constructed in such a way as to allow tubes to be easily replaced and can be constructed from any material.

Rule 9 **Masts** will be altered by: Each skiff shall be allowed to register two masts, No. 1 Rig Mast and a No. 2 Rig Mast. Each mast will have fixed maximum length.

Each mast will have fixed maximum length which is measured from the sheerline of the mast step base.

No.1. **10.255m**

No.2. **9.200m**

Both masts may be constructed from up to including 6000 series aluminium or GRP/carbon fibre

3.0 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 3.1. An entry form must be completed and entry fee paid at or before registration. Entries by e-mail will be accepted, subject to signature at time of registration.
- 3.2. The safety of a yacht and her entire management shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the yacht, who must ensure that the yacht and crews are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither the establishment of the sailing instructions nor any inspection of the yacht in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for his crew, his yacht and the management thereof. Neither the Organising Authority, its officers employees or agents nor the Race Committee shall be responsible 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 regatta. Moreover every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his yacht for the regatta.
- 3.3. In the event that assistance is rendered to any competitor no liability is accepted by the Organising Authority, the Race Committee or the person rendering assistance.
- 3.4. Competitors will be required to certify to the Race Committee that they have adequate insurance including third party cover for not less than Two Million Pounds Sterling throughout the regatta.
- 3.5. Each skiff must carry, securely fixed, a sheathed knife on the port side of the rudder gantry.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. All Yachts entering will be 18ft Skiffs in accordance with the current rules of the International 18 ft Skiff Class Association, including amendments made in this Notice of Series.
- 4.2. All teams must be paid up members of the UK 18ft Skiff Class Association.
- 4.3. All skiffs must pay the required entry fee prior to the first race of each round.

5.0 PROGRAMME

- 5.1. Registration will take place between 0900 hours and 1030 hours on Saturday, 17th May 2008 in the Committee Room at Royal Torbay Yacht Club.
- 5.2. Measurement

A maximum of two full suits of sails may be used during the UK Grand Prix Series but only one set for a particular event. All competitors must present 1 complete set of sails, (1 or 2 mainsails, 2 jibs, and 2 spinnakers) for registration and marking at each event. This registration will take place between 10am and 11am at the each round.

Random spot checks of weight may be taken at any time.

5.3. Programme of Racing

Three races will be held on each date of the event. The first start on Saturday 17th May 2008 is scheduled to be at 13:00. The start on Sunday, 18th May 2008 is scheduled to be at 11:00, with the last start not being later than 15:00.

5.4. Briefing

The competitors briefing will be held at 11.00am on Saturday, 17th May 2008 at the boat park on Torquay Harbourside. All competitors are required to attend.

6.0. ADVERTISING

6.1 Only current branding relating to the existing boat, or series, sponsorship is permitted. All branding relating to previous events and or previous sponsorship are to be removed.

6.2 The lower 1m area of the jibs may be used for event or series sponsors. Competitors must ensure that event or series branding is positioned accordingly for the duration of each event.

7.0. THE COMPETITION

7.1. The Course

The course configuration and the order of rounding will be as the Sailing Instructions. Races will last approximately 45 minutes for the leading skiff, and when the leading skiff has finished all other skiffs will be deemed to have finished as they cross the finishing line, in the same direction as the leading boat, regardless of the round which they are on. They will be awarded the appropriate place taking into account the number of rounds they have sailed. Boats failing to cross the finish line within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish.

8.0. THE SCORING SYSTEM

The ISAF Low Points Scoring System will apply for each event; 6 races are scheduled of which a minimum of 3 shall be completed to constitute a valid event. If 4 or more races are completed, there will be one discard.

9.0. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1. Sailing Instructions will be published on the Royal Torbay Yacht Club's website (www.royaltorbayyc.org.uk) before the event and a hard copy will be issued to competitors on registration.

10.0. ALTERATIONS TO THE RRS

10.1. Touching a mark (other than a starting or finishing line mark) with any part of the boat or crew shall not constitute an infringement of the Rules and does not require a 360-degree turn; Manhandling a mark which results in an advantage is not allowed nor is displacing it and a boat so doing shall promptly retire. If a

boat touches a start or finish mark they shall complete a 360-degree turn. This alters RRS 31.2

10.2 RRS 42 is deleted.

10.3 RRS 44 is modified from a 720° to a 360° turn penalty to include one tack and a gybe. If the penalty is incurred whilst sailing downwind with the spinnaker flying the penalty shall be taken before rounding the leeward mark, or if approaching the finishing line to finish, before crossing the finish.

11.0 PRIZES

11.1 There will be prizes for the first 3 positions. The winner will be awarded the Holt Challenge Plate.