



THE GJW DIRECT
67th FIREFLY NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP



**SATURDAY 27 JULY – FRIDAY 2 AUGUST
2013**



Organising Authority

**ROYAL TORBAY YACHT CLUB
TORQUAY DEVON ENGLAND**

NOTICE OF RACE

ALL TIMES ARE BRITISH SUMMER TIME (BST)

1. RULES

- 1.1 The championship will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Rules of the National Firefly Class will apply (except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions).

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The championship is open to all boats of the National Firefly Class.
- 2.2 Helmspersons must be fully paid-up members of the National Firefly Association.
- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, to The Club Secretary, Royal Torbay Yacht Club, 12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay TQ1 2BH by Saturday 13 July 2013.
- 2.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee together with payment of £200 entry fee (no discounts available after 13 July).

3. FEES

The required entry fees are as follows:

- Helms 22 years and over - £180
- Helms under 22 years - £100 (U22 01/01/13)

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Registration and scrutineering:
 - Saturday 27 July from 1000 hours to 1800 hours (**closed for duration of practice race**)
 - Sunday 28 July from 0900 hours to 1045 hours
- 4.2 Dates of racing and number of races:
 - Saturday 27 July - Practice Race
 - Sunday 28 July - Race 1 and Race 2
 - Monday 29 July - Race 3 and Race 4
 - Tuesday 30 July - Race 5 and Crews Race
 - Wednesday 31 July - Race 6 (Sir Ralph Gore Challenge Cup and Marlow Cup)
 - Thursday 1 August - Race 7 and Race 8
 - Friday 2 August - Race 9
- 4.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the practice race is 1525 hours.
- 4.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for race 1 is 1225 hours.

5. MEASUREMENTS

- 5.1 Each boat shall hold a valid measurement certificate.
- 5.2 Boats and equipment must be presented for measurement and scrutineering to the official National Firefly Committee or their nominated representative.
- 5.3 Random measurement and safety equipment checks may be carried out at any time during the championship at the discretion of the official National Firefly Committee or their nominated representative or the Race Committee.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available after 1000 hours on Saturday 27 July at the Race Office.

7. THE COURSES

Trapezoid or Triangle or Windward-Leeward-Triangle courses will be laid in Torbay.

8. SCORING

8.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

8.2 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9. PRIZES

Prizes will be given for the series and individual races at the discretion of the N.F.A. as follows:

Sir Richard Fairey Points Cup	The winner of the points series during the Nationals. This does not include the practice race and includes a discard if enough races have been sailed.
Rothmans Trophy	The helmsperson with the best position overall for the week counting all races. This includes the practice race and allows for no discard if enough races have been sailed.
Sir Ralph Gore Challenge Cup	The winner of the Gore Race normally sailed on the Wednesday of the championship by the top half of the fleet.
Marlow Cup	The winner of the Marlow Race normally sailed on the Wednesday of the championship by the second half of the fleet.
International Paints Trophy	The helmsperson from the Marlow Cup Fleet with the best position overall for the week counting all races. This includes the practice race and allows for no discard even if enough races have been sailed
City of Plymouth Trophy	Winner of the first points race.
Tomato Boats Trophy	Winner of the second points race.
Felixstowe Ferry Trophy	Winner of the third points race.
Mike Nye Memorial Trophy	Winner of the fourth points race.
Sussex Silver Firefly Trophy	Winner of the fifth points race.
RAFSA Trophy	Winner of the sixth points race.

Avon Bailer Trophy	Winner of the seventh points race.
Stern Light Trophy	Winner of the eighth points race.
The Olympic Trophy	Winner of the ninth points race.
Deben Ladies Trophy	The helmswoman with the best position in the Sir Richard Fairey Points Cup.
Geriatric Trophy	The helmsperson over 50 with the best position in the Sir Richard Fairey Points Cup.
Veterans Trophy	The helmsperson over 50 with the best position in the Gore Race.
The Ultimate Trophy	The most senior crew with the best position in the Sir Richard Fairey Points Cup. This is raced for by the 5 oldest boats, calculated on the combined crew and helm ages.
Tolly Cobbold Cup	The club which has the lowest aggregate points in the Sir Richard Fairey Points Cup from their 4 best placed helms.
Colin Whittle Trophy	Winning Crew in Sir Richard Fairey Points Cup
Restronguet Ovaloid Trophy	Best helm under 18 in the Sir Richard Fairey Points Cup.
The Chris Lynham Trophy	Best helmsperson under 21 in the Sir Richard Fairey Points Cup
Eden Trophy	The best improver from their position in the Sir Richard Fairey Points Cup at the previous year's national to the current position in the Sir Richard Fairey Points Cup.

10. 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.

11. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 or the equivalent.

12. INSPECTIONS

The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

13. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

The media rights belong exclusively to Royal Torbay Yacht Club and National Firefly Association. By participating in this event a competitor automatically grants to the organising authority and any sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and or any other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

The participants also undertake not to allow any act of reproduction, public communication or any distribution of images of the races without the previous authorisation from Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the event organiser Sue Penfold, Royal Torbay Yacht Club, 12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay TQ1 2BH Telephone 01803 292006, email suepenfold@hotmail.co.uk