

West Wales Dolphin Raid

Saturday 3rd June / Sunday 4th June 2017 NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. RACING CHARTER

Competitors should note that Tresaith Mariners Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in accordance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020)

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The long distance race is open to catamarans and dinghies with an established PY number of 1000 maximum and an overall length of no more than 20ft. The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick scheme will be used for handicap racing. Entries by persons under 18 years of age must be countersigned by their parent or Guardian.

4. FEES

Required fees are as follows:

£45 Double Hander for Sat/Sun (£20 Sunday Only – no PY restriction)

£35 Single Hander for Sat/Sun (£15 Sunday Only - no PY restriction).

5. SCHEDULE

Saturday: Handicap Long Distance Race

Registration: will take place in the Club Marquee on Saturday morning from 9:30am

Briefing: will take place on Saturday morning at 10:00am

Start of race 1100, target time for race 5 hours depending on conditions

Sunday: Handicap Racing around the Cans

Briefing: Will take place at 9am

Start of first race 1000, target is three races back to back. Average lap times will be used.

If weather conditions are unsuitable for the long distance race on Saturday this will be postponed to the Sunday, with the Sunday races swapped to the Saturday where possible.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at Registration or they can be downloaded prior to the event from the Tresaith Mariners Sailing Club Website.

7 VENUE

The venue will be Tresaith Mariners Sailing Club, Tresaith, Ceredigion, SA43 2JL

8 THE COURSES

Courses will be as shown in the sailing instructions

9 MINIMUM EQUIPMENT REQUIRED for Long Distance Race

- **1 Flare per person (to be carried by sailors & NOT attached to boat)**
- **Compass**
- **Wetsuit / Drysuit**
- **Water / Food**
- **Paddle**
- **10m tow rope**
- **VHF (Optional)**

10 PRIZES

Prize giving will take place in the club marquee within 1 hour of the last race finishing on Sunday.

11 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 & 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;
- (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.

12 INSURANCE

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

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please see: www.tresaithmariners.co.uk

Rights to use Names & Likenesses

Competitors automatically grant to Tresaith Mariners Sailing Club without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

If dolphins/porpoise are encountered at sea:

- Maintain a steady speed and course or slow down gradually.
- Don’t chase, manoeuvre erratically, turn towards or attempt to feed or touch them.
- Take extra care to avoid dolphins with their young and don’t attempt to swim with them.

In addition you must take all precautions to avoid dropping any litter onto the sea, particularly all plastic waste. Boats willfully disregarding this may be disqualified.