



East Coast Week Regatta

26 – 29 June 2008

incorporating the

Northern Sportsboats Championships

Royal Northumberland and Coquet Yacht clubs

Notice of Race

1. Organising Authority

1.1 East Coast Sailing Week 2008 (ECSW) will be organised by the Royal Northumberland (RNYC) and Coquet Yacht Clubs (CYC), with assistance from the ECSW Steering Committee.

2. Rules and Responsibilities

2.1 It will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS), the Prescriptions of the RYA, the North East Rating Rule (NERR) and Rules of the Royal Northumberland Yacht Club (RNYC), except as amended by these Sailing Instructions.

- 2.2 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure that the boat and her crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise during the course of the series. Neither the establishment of sailing instructions or rules, their use by the race organisers, nor the inspection of a yacht in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge.
- 2.3 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000; the amount recommended by the RYA.

3. Entries

- 3.1 All entries should go to Bill Etherington, 111 Thorntree Drive, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, NE25 9NW. Enquiries should be made to either Jeremy Watson (0771 434 1664) or Doug Sharp (0779 443 9534).
- 3.2 Entries should be made on the attached form and will be accepted for the full series only. The entry fee includes berthing at RNYC from the weekend prior the event to the Monday after (21 – 30 June 2008), racing and daily prize giving.
- 3.3 The entry fee is £75.00. Sailing Instructions will be sent to each entrant on receipt of the entry fee and will additionally be available on the website after 1st June 2008.
- 3.4 Entries received after 1st June 2008 shall pay an additional late fee of 20% of the entry fee (£15.00).
- 3.5 Entry cancellations and refunds:
- 3.5.1 If written cancellation of an entry reaches the organisers before 19th June 2008 the whole fee less a 20% administration charge will be refunded. No other refunds will be made.
- 3.6 Race Abandonment or Cancellation:
- 3.6.1 In the event of a race being abandoned or cancelled, entry fees will not be refunded.
- 3.7 Details of the event will appear on the ECSW website at www.ecsw.org.uk.

4. Handicaps

- 4.1 All classes shall race under the North East Rating Rule (NERR). A Time Correction Factor (TCF) will be allocated by the RNYC measurer for yachts which do not have a NERR rating.
- 4.2 Yachts who do not have a NERR TCF must fill in all relevant sections of the entry form and apply to the committee for a rating where a TCF will be allocated by the measurer. Trial numbers may be altered during the regatta at the decision of the committee.

5. Classes and Programme of Races

5.1 The Regatta will be held at RNYC. For the regatta series yachts shall sail in the following classes:

Class	Class/Warning Signal
Sport Boat Class (zero)	Pennant 0
Fast Handicap (one)	Pennant 1
Medium Handicap (two)	Pennant 2
Gentleman's Class (white sail)	Pennant 3

- 5.1.1 In any feeder race, yachts will race in classes specified by the organising club.
- 5.1.2 Yachts in the gentleman's class are not permitted to use a spinnaker or cruising chute and may only set one headsail at a time. A boomed out headsail is permitted.
- 5.2 All yachts must display the appropriate distinguishing patch on their bow issued to them at the start of the regatta (specified in the sailing instructions) together with the appropriate class flag.
- 5.3 The racing programme may include inshore races, passage races, windward/leeward races, and windward/leeward/triangle races. Courses will be designed to suit the particular class.
- 5.4 Courses will be centered in and around Blyth Bay.
- 5.5 The first start of each day is scheduled for 1100 and the schedule for all classes will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 5.6 The intention is that all classes will race up to 7 races over 4 days.
- 5.7 Five or more boats of any one design may constitute a separate class if entered for the complete series. They may be required to start and sail with the appropriate handicap class.

6. Safety

- 6.1 All yachts must meet North East Sailing Safety (NESS) category 4 safety requirements – see the 'NESS' link on the 'sailing page' at www.RNYC.org.uk. Safety inspections are now part of racing - be warned.
- 6.2 Personal safety. Note RRS 40 shall apply.

7. Scoring

- 7.1 Shall be in accordance with RRS appendix A low point system.
- 7.2 If more than 5 races are completed a yachts worst result will be discarded in the calculation of the series points.
- 7.3 Three races must be sailed to constitute a series.

8. On-shore details

- 8.1 RNYC has full pontoon berthing.
- 8.2 Lifting facilities are available with a small crane (1.5 Ton maximum) and a travel hoist (20 Ton maximum). Crane-age costs are not included in the entry fee. Yachts requiring crane-age should contact Bill Etherington (billetherington@blueyonder.co.uk) Doug sharp (see below) as soon as possible.
- 8.3 A full social programme will be in place. Breakfast and evening meals will be available together with full bar facilities and entertainment. Full details will be published at www.ecsw.org.uk.
- 8.4 Subject to protest there will be a prize giving held each evening at 19.30 hrs except Sunday 29 July when it will be held as soon as possible after racing. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class for each race and overall.

9. Reservations

- 9.1 The Race Committee reserves the right to make any alteration to the sailing instructions they consider necessary. Such alterations will normally be posted at the race office at least two hours before the start of the race.
- 9.2 Classes may be altered, amalgamated or divided at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 9.3 The Race Committee will take appropriate disciplinary action, which may include disqualification from a race or series against the owner/skipper and/or crew of a yacht which causes damage ashore or afloat, or whose conduct brings discredit to RNYC, CYC or ECSW.

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