Lark National Championships 2020
As part of the Allspars Final Fling Dinghy Regatta

NOTICE OF RACE

17th October to 18th October 2020

Organising Authority: Royal Western Yacht Club of England Ltd
PLYMOUTH, U.K.
Lark Nationals
Saturday 17th - Sunday 18th October 2020

Notice of Race

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY
   1.1 The Organising Authority is the Royal Western Yacht Club of England.

2. RULES
   2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, RYA Prescriptions, current class rules and the Sailing instructions for the event.
   2.2 Where boats are racing within the boundaries of the Port of Plymouth they are referred to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 1999, a copy of which is displayed on the website (https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/qhm-plymouth) and Local Notices to Mariners. When the Race Committee believes that such regulations have been broken so as to bring the sport into disrepute it will act under RRS 60.2(c) requesting the Protest Committee to act under RRS 69.1(a), Allegation of Misconduct. Failure to comply with instruction from the Race Committee may result in a boat being scored DSQ.
   2.3 Racing rules will be changed as follows. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
      2.3.1 RRS 40 – Dinghy competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times whilst afloat.
      2.3.2 RRS 44.1 – The Two - Turns Penalty is replaced by the One - Turn Penalty.
   2.4 The exoneration penalty and Arbitration Procedures of the RYA will be available at this event.
   2.5 Where there is conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail except that neither shall change nor alter a class rule.

3. ADVERTISING
   3.1 No restrictions, but all advertising must comply with World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY
   4.1 Eligibility
      4.1.1 The regatta is open to Lark dinghies.
      4.1.2 All boats shall compete under their registered numbers to comply with RRS 77. Requests to display a different sail number than entered must be made to the Race Office by 9am each day.
      4.1.3 Under 18s are required to have parental/guardian consent to compete. Parent/guardian should email secretary@larkclass.org with the following statement: "I hereby agree that <insert name> can compete at the Lark Nationals 2020".
      4.1.4 At least one person in each boat shall be a full member (or Youth/Student member if applicable) of LCOA. To join, follow the link under ‘About’ tab here: https://www.larkclass.org/
   4.2 Entry
      4.2.1 Eligible boats shall enter on-line here: https://forms.gle/iRwSMKMNw8vdUPTD9
      4.2.2 No entries can be made after 1100 Saturday 17th October 2020.
5. ENTRY FEES
5.1 Entry fee will be as follows:
- Up to 12 October – FREE (LCOA will pay £30 to RWSC on your behalf)
- From 13 October: £40 (payable to LCOA, who will pass to RWSC)

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES
6.1 Competitor Briefing
6.1.1 A competitor briefing will be posted online via the RWSC website by 12th October.
6.2 Start times
Sat 17th Oct - First Warning Signal not before 1200* with 3 races back to back.
Sunday 18th Oct - First Warning Signal not before 0955* with 3 races back to back.

* Larks will start 5 minutes after Scorpions (where relevant).

6.3 Format of Racing
6.3.1 Practice: there will be safety cover on Friday afternoon. Competitors may practice on notifying the race office.
6.3.2 Saturday: 3 races - 2 x Sausage/ Triangle Races, plus 1 x race around Plymouth Breakwater and back to club line (weather permitting).
6.3.3 Sunday: 3 races - Sausage/ Triangle.
The race committee may revise the schedule/or course on the water if required by weather or daylight conditions

N.B Courses to be shared with Scorpions.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND REGISTRATION
7.1 Sailing Instructions
7.1.1 The sailing instructions will be published on the RWYC Website: www.rwyc.org no later than Friday 9th October.
7.1.2 Printed copies may be collected from the Regatta Office at registration

7.2 Registration
7.2.1 Registration will be held at the Royal Western Yacht Club on Friday 16th October from 0900 to Saturday 17th 1100

8. REGATTA OFFICE
8.1 The Regatta Office will be located at the Royal Western Yacht Club
8.2 The Regatta Office will be open between the following times:
   Friday 16th October 0800 – 1800
   Saturday 17th October 0800 – 1800
   Sunday 18th October 0800 – 1700
8.3 The Official Noticeboard (ONB) will be the RWYC website and notices may also be displayed on the clubhouse noticeboard.

9. VENUE
9.1 The racing area for the regatta will be Plymouth Sound. Refer Admiralty Chart 30: Plymouth Sound and Approaches.
9.2 Dinghy berthing will be at RWSC. Free car parking will also be available on the dockside. Motor homes can be used on-site for £8 per night.
10. PRIZES

10.1 A day prize giving will be held at the Royal Western Yacht Club at 1900 on Saturday 17th October 2020.

10.2 The day and overall prize giving will be held at the Royal Western Yacht Club after the final race on Sunday 18th October 2020.

10.3 LCOA will award a trophy for each race and for overall

11. RISK STATEMENT

11.1 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.”

11.2 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:

11.2.1 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;

11.2.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

11.2.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

11.2.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

11.2.5 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;

11.2.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

11.2.7 Please read and follow Covid-19 Guidelines as set out in the RYA guidance as outlined on the Event webpage no later than the 12th October 2020.

12. INSURANCE

12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million pounds.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1 For further information please contact The Royal Western Yacht Club, Email: admin@rwyc.org
Phone: 01752 660077