

NOTICE of RACE & ENTRY FORM

THAMES VALLEY CHALLENGE - SATURDAY 2nd JULY 2016

Team racing in RS Fevas for under-16s from the Thames Valley

**Organised by Reading Sailing Club (RSC)
with assistance from Goring Thames Sailing Club**

1 INTRODUCTION

The event is designed as a means of introducing young sailors to inter-club competitive sailing, in the form of team racing.

The event will be sailed on 2 July 2016 at Reading Sailing Club (RSC), using RS Feva dinghies supplied by RSC. Each boat shall be sailed by two people.

Entries are invited from three-boat teams (i.e six people + subs) from the Thames Valley area. Participants shall be 16 or under (as of 31st August, 2015).

2 RULES

2.1 The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.

2.2 Races will be umpired.

2.3 The UK Team Racing Association (UKTRA) Standard Team Racing Sailing Instructions will apply. These change some rules in the RRS; they are available on the UKTRA web site (www.teamracing.org) and at registration.

2.4 In accordance with RRS 70.5(a) the right of appeal will be denied.

2.5 Teams will consist of 6 people with a maximum of two additional substitute members. All members shall be 16 or under (as of 31st August, 2015).

3 ENTRIES AND DEPOSIT

3.1 The event can accommodate up to 12 teams.

3.2 Entries are invited from sailing clubs, schools, and youth groups (collectively 'Organisations') within the Thames Valley area

3.3 Organisations may enter up to three teams, and should do so as soon as practical.

3.4 Entries will only be valid if they are:

- made using an official entry form, one for each team,
- made by an adult (i.e. an individual aged 18 or over) who will act as Team Manager at the event
- accompanied by payment of the entry fee.

3.5 In order to allow as many Organisations to be represented as practical, RSC will, initially, allocate places on the basis of one team per Organisation and in order of receipt of entry. If there are places left unfilled by the 15th May, the RSC will then offer places to the second and third teams from each Organisation, again in order of receipt.

3.6 The entry fee will be £90 per team (equivalent to £15 per team member, excluding substitutes). Payment details are given on the entry form.

3.7 Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment and property up to a maximum of £300 per incident. A deposit for this amount will be required at registration and before a team may sail. When a team is assessed as liable for damage, it shall restore the deposit to the original value in order to continue sailing. Damage attributed to participants generally or to an unidentified team will be attributed equally between all teams. A team may apply to the protest committee to determine their responsibility for any damage.

4 EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

4.1 The format of the event will be available at registration.

4.2 Registration will take place between 8.00 a.m. and 8.45 a.m. on Saturday 2nd July 2016 at RSC

4.3 There will be a briefing at 9.00 a.m. on Saturday 2nd July 2016 outside the clubhouse at RSC.

4.4 The first warning signal will be at 9.27 a.m.

5. BUOYANCY

Adequate personal flotation devices shall be worn by all competitors when afloat or when on or near the quay, pontoons, or lakeside.

6. CATERING

The cost of meals is NOT included within the entry. Competitors may purchase meals or snacks from a catering van which will be on site all day. Alternatively, competitors may wish to bring packed food with them.

7. RISK STATEMENT

- Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.
- 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."
- In text below, the phrase 'their boat' means the boat loaned to participants by Reading Sailing Club

By taking part in the event, the parent/ guardian of each participant, and the participant themselves, agree and acknowledge that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of the participant and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of the participant and 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, and equipped to sail in the event;
- e) The participant is fit to participate;
- f) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the Reading Sailing Club does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- g) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

8 PRIZES

These will be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

ENTRY FORM for the Thames Valley Challenge

to be sailed on 2 July 2016

As per clause 3 in the Notice of Race:

- A separate form is to be completed for each team to be entered.
- An Organisation may enter up to three teams.
- Reading Sailing Club will, initially, allocate places on the basis of one team per organisation and in order of receipt of entry. If there are places left unfilled by the 15th May, RSC will then offer places to the second and third teams from each organisation, again in order of receipt.
- Entries must be accompanied by payment of the entry fee, at £90 per team; the fee will be returned to any team not allocated a place.

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Organisation

Team Name:

Team Manager's name

Team Manager's email

Team Manager's phone #

Team Manager's street address

I enclose a cheque, made payable to Reading SC, to the value of £90 **YES/ NO**

OR

I have made an electronic payment of £90 to Reading SC, **YES / NO**
sort code 20-71-03, account number 70744468,
quoting the team name as a reference.

We can provide one or more adult volunteers to help out on the day **YES / NO**

We can loan one or more RS Feva dinghies for use on the day **YES / NO**

I confirm that all team members will have read the Notice of Race prior to the event, and will – as a condition of participation – agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern the event. In particular, I confirm that they will have read paragraph 7 of the Notice of Race, concerning risk, and accept its provisions.

Signed

(Team manager)

Form to be returned, as soon as practical, to either

- (i) email: thamesvalleychallenge@gmail.com;
- (ii) or by post: Stephen Day, 164 Kidmore End Road, Emmer Green, Reading RG4 8SU