



# **2017 GUL SCORPION UK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**29th July – 4th August, 2017**

**Venue: Weymouth, Dorset, England**

**Organising Authority: Castle Cove Sailing Club in conjunction with the  
National Scorpion Class Association**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **1 Rules**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.
- 1.2 Any amendment to this Notice of Race will be posted on the website [www.ccsc.org.uk](http://www.ccsc.org.uk) and [www.sailscorpion.co.uk](http://www.sailscorpion.co.uk) no later than 1st July, 2017.

### **2 Advertising**

- 2.1 Competitors may be required to display bow numbers and/or event sponsor' advertising in accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Code. If required, the Organising Authority will supply these items and they shall be affixed as prescribed in the sailing instructions.

### **3 Eligibility**

- 3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the National Scorpion Class that have a valid measurement certificate issued by the RYA.
- 3.2 Either the helm or crew shall be a full or youth member of the National Scorpion Class Association (NSCA).

### **4 Conditions of Entry**

- 4.1 Entry forms for competitors under the age of 18 years of age shall be counter-signed by a parent or guardian. The decision to race is therefore the responsibility of that parent or guardian.
- 4.2 All boats entering this regatta shall have third party insurance cover of not less than £3,000,000 or equivalent in any other currency.

## 5 Entry Procedure, Fees, Cancellation of Entry

5.1 Eligible boats may enter on-line via the National Scorpion Class Association website. Details of how to enter are on the Nationals entry tab on the website. The closing date for early entry will be June 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. Entries after this date will be accepted subject to a late entry supplement of £50.

### 5.2 Entry Fees

Event	Entry fee	Late entry fee
UK National Championship	£195.00	£245.00
First Nationals in any Class	£145.00	£195.00
U23 Helm	£154.00	£204.00
Under 23 Helm and Crew	£ 99.00	£149.00

5.3 Entry fees will not be refunded for entries cancelled after 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017. If cancellation occurs prior to this date 75% of the fee will be refunded upon written request.

## 6 Schedule of Events

Date	Event / activity	Time
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Registration & measurement	10:00h - 12.00h 14:00h - 17:00h
	Competitors Briefing	20:00 h
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	Registration	09:00h – 10:00h
	Warning signal – Practice Race	11:55h
	Warning Signal – Race 1	Immediately following practice race
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	1st warning Signal – 2 races scheduled	11:55h
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	1st warning signal - 2 races scheduled	11:55h
	Crews race	TBA
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	1st warning signal – 2 races scheduled	11:55h
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	1st warning signal - 2 races scheduled	11:55h
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	1st warning signal - 1 race scheduled	11:55h
	Prize giving	TBA

6.1 No warning signal will be made after 15:00h on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017 unless fewer than three races have been completed.

## 7 Lost Days, Rescheduled Races

7.1 The intention is to complete the full programme of scheduled races and therefore any lost races may be rescheduled. If extreme weather conditions are forecast, the race committee may re-schedule races to an earlier time or date.

**8 Registration, Certificates**

- 8.1 Registration will take place at Castle Cove Sailing Club at the times prescribed in NoR 6 'Schedule of Events'. Boats shall complete registration prior to participating in any race.
- 8.2 To complete registration competitors shall:
- i) Present, if not already received by the organising authority, a completed entry form including a declaration that the boat is covered by appropriate third party insurance as required by NoR 4.2 and pay any outstanding entry fees.
  - ii) Present a valid measurement certificate.
  - iii) Provide proof of membership of the National Scorpion Class Association as required by NoR 3.
  - iv) Complete all relevant documentation as requested by the organising authority.
- 8.3 When rule 78.2 is applied the certificate shall be produced or verified no later than 10:00h on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017. [changes RRS 78.2].
- 8.4 Prior to registration, or during the regatta, the organising authority will:
- i) Request that the RYA verifies the validity of entrants' certificates including owner's details and any corrector weights required to be fitted to the hull.
  - ii) Request that NSCA verifies that the competing helmsman or crew comply with the eligibility requirements prescribed in NoR 3

**9 Sailing Instructions**

- 9.1 Sailing instructions will be available at registration and on the Class Association Website before the event.

**10 Measurement**

- 10.1 All boats may be subject to measurement checks at any time during the event.. There will be no first-time measurement of hulls, sails, or equipment.
- 10.2 The measuring authority referred to in rule 64.3(b) will be the Royal Yachting Association.

**11 Course Configuration & Racing Area**

- 11.1 Racing will take place on triangle/sausage or sausage/triangle courses as defined in the sailing instructions.
- 11.2 The racing area will be in Weymouth Bay (in the vicinity of Portland Harbour) or inside Portland Harbour.

**12 Scoring**

- 12.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2 Races to count:-
- i) Ten races are scheduled of which three are required to be completed to constitute a series.
  - ii) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - iii) When five, six, seven or eight races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her races excluding her worst score.
  - iv) When nine or ten races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

**13 Protest Committee**

- 13.1 The organising authority will appoint an independent protest committee consisting of three or more members.

**14 Substitution of Crew**

- 14.1 Permission to substitute a registered crewmember will only be granted for reasons of injury, illness, serious unforeseen circumstances or pre-arranged crew substitutions all to be approved by the organising authority. Any prearranged substitution must be requested at or before registration. Only one substitution per boat will be permitted.

## **15 Safety**

15.1 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices which are in good condition and in accordance with the specifications issued or approved by a national authority affiliated to World Sailing, or a standards organisation, or certification authority, recognised for the purpose by its respective government.

## **16 Coach and Support Boats**

16.1 All coach and support boats shall register at the race office and shall be conspicuously identified.

## **17 Prizes**

17.1 The number of prizes to be presented will be dependent on the number of entries. As a minimum, prizes will be awarded to individual race winners and the first six boats overall in the UK National Championships.

## **18 Risk Statement**

18.1 RRS Rule 4 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

18.2 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:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, 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;

## **19 Additional Information, Web Site.**

19.1 For more information please refer to the scorpion website – [www.sailscorpion.co.uk](http://www.sailscorpion.co.uk)

Or contact:

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