

39th HOO FREEZER, SPONSORED BY HOO MARINA

Name of event: Hoo Freezer 2010
Date of event: 28th February 2010 (& practice race 27^h February 2010)
Organising authority: The Hoo Freezer Committee, Hoo Ness Yacht Club, Hoo, Kent

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in the “The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012”.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rule 40 will be changed as follows:
Personal Flotation Devices, competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times.
The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules
- 1.4 Either a full wetsuit or drysuit shall be worn by all competitors whilst afloat.
- 1.5 Racing Rules relating to Team Racing in Appendix D of the Racing Rules shall not apply.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 This event is open to mono-hulled dinghies with a Portsmouth Number equal or less than 1160.
- 2.2 Team entries will be accepted, at the Hoo Freezer Race Office up to 60 minutes before the published race warning signal. A team will consist of three boats representing either a club or a class, a boat can only be in one team. Team Racing Rules shall not apply.
- 2.3 A youth helm must be under 18 years old when competing.
- 2.4 A disabled helm must be a registered disabled person.
- 2.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form, which will be accepted in advance by post, sent to Mrs Mary Chamberlain, Race Secretary, Hoo Ness Yacht Club, 29 Albany Hill, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN2 3RX: Tel.01892 520694, or at the Hoo Freezer Race Office up to 60 minutes before the published race warning signal.
- 2.6 **Entry Fee** will be £15 per boat.
- 2.7 **Checking Out** – in addition to completing an Entry Form all helms and crews must Check-Out at least 60 minutes prior to the first published warning signal of each race, see Safety Regulations in the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.8 **Sailing Instructions** – These will be available to all competitors from the Hoo Freezer Race Office at Hoo Ness Yacht Club, which will be open from 08.00 hrs both race days. Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Hoo Ness YC and Wilsonian SC web sites.
- 2.9 Launching and Checking Out/In is available at Wilsonian Sailing Club only to current members of The Wilsonian Sailing Club whose entry form is received before 23rd February 2010.

3. Schedule

- 3.1 Practice race Saturday 27th February 2010, first warning signal: 1040hrs.
- 3.2 Hoo Freezer race Sunday 28th February 2010, first warning signal: 1055hrs.
- 3.3 A list of classes their Yardstick and warning signal times will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 3.4 There will be a briefing approximately 90 minutes before first published warning signal each day at the Hoo Ness Yacht Club.

4. Scoring

- 4.1 Results will be calculated using each boat's corrected time.
- 4.2 The results of the Sunday Hoo Freezer race will be used to determine results. However, if there is no valid race on the Sunday, then the Saturday practice race result will be used to determine Hoo Freezer results.

5. Prizes

- 5.1 The prize giving will be at the Hoo Ness Yacht Club.
- 5.2 The Hoo Freezer Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner on corrected time.
- 5.3 Prizes will be awarded to the first 10 boats on corrected time in the Hoo Freezer Race.
- 5.4 A prize will be awarded to the first placed on corrected time in the Practice Race.
- 5.5 A prize will be awarded to the highest placed club team.
- 5.6 A prize will be awarded to the highest placed class team.
- 5.7 A prize will be awarded to the highest placed boat on aggregate score, for both the Saturday Practice Race and the Sunday Hoo Freezer Race. (Provided both races are valid)
- 5.8 A prize will be awarded to the highest placed Youth Helm on corrected time
- 5.9 A prize will be awarded to the highest placed Disabled Helm on corrected time.
- 5.10 Race Officers Discretion Trophy, awarded as decided by the Race Officer.

6. Disclaimer of Liability

- 6.1 Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for loss or damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

7. Insurance

- 7.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or equivalent.

8. RYA Racing Charter

- 8.1 Competitors should note that Hoo Ness Yacht Club implement the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012) or at rya.org.uk/racing/charter.