

38th HOO FREEZER, SPONSORED BY HOO MARINA

Name of event: Hoo Freezer 2009

Date of event: 8th February 2009 (& practice race 7th February 2009)

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 rules 29.2 and 40 will be changed as follows:
29.2 General Recall and Race Signals First Substitute; start of the recalled fleet will be postponed until five minutes after last valid fleet start.
40 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.

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 start time. 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 Janet Slogrove Race Secretary, Hoo Ness Yacht Club, 3 Underhill Court, 24 Sydenham Road, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 2EF: Tel 020 8680 7982 or at the Hoo Freezer Race Office up to 60 minutes before the published race start time.
- 2.6 **Entry Fee** will be £15 per boat.
- 2.7 **Signing on** – in addition to completing an application form all helms and crews must Check-Out at least 60 minutes prior to 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 Signing on/off is available at Wilsonian Sailing Club only to current members of Medway based Clubs whose entry form is received before 3rd February 2009.

3. Schedule

- 3.1 Practice race Saturday 7th February 2009 first warning signal: 10:00hrs.
- 3.2 Hoo Freezer race Sunday 8th February 2009, first warning signal: 10:30hrs.
- 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 handicap.
- 5.3 Prizes will be awarded to the first 10 boats on handicap in the Hoo Freezer Race.
- 5.4 A prize will be awarded to the first placed on handicap 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.
- 5.8 A prize will be awarded to the fastest Youth Helm on handicap
- 5.9 A prize will be awarded to the fastest Disabled Helm on handicap.
- 5.10 Race Officers Discretion Trophy, awarded as decided by the Race Officer.

6. Disclaimer of Liability

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 material 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.

ENTRY FORM HOO FREEZER 7th and 8th February 2009

Please complete (in BLOCK CAPITALS) Mrs Janet Slogrove, HOO NESS YACHT CLUB,
and return to:- 3 Underhill Court, 24 Sydenham Road, Croydon,
Surrey, CR0 2EF Tel: - 020 8680 7982

Please accept my entry for the **HOO FREEZER 2009** for which I enclose the entry fee of £15.00. Cheques should be made payable to HOO NESS YACHT CLUB and covered by a cheque card number.

Address.....
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Postcode **Telephone No.**.....

Email address.....

Helms full Name..... **Age:** (if under 18).....

Crews full Name..... **Age:** (if under 18).....

Name of Boat **Class**..... **Colour of Hull**.....

Sail no...... **Club**..... **PY no.**.....

Please tick box.

I WISH TO SIGN ON AND LAUNCH FROM THE Wilsonian Sailing Club.
(Available to current members of Medway based Clubs only whose entry form received before 3rd February 2009)

I wish to compete in the: **Youth category.** **Disabled category.**

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event. In particular I have read paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Notice of Race and confirm that I agree to its provisions and that my boat will conform to its requirements throughout the event.

I confirm this boat is in class in respect of its buoyancy, or as built in the absence of any specific class rule.

I undertake to sail in compliance with the RYA Racing Charter.

Signed Helm: _____ **Signed Crew:** _____

PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN THIS RACE WHO ARE UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, are required to have their entry countersigned by their parent, guardian, or other legally responsible for them. The person countersigning this form shall not leave the club premises, except to participate in this event, or for reasons beyond their control, without taking with them the person, for whom they have countersigned.

* The person countersigning this form is also confirming the validity of the boat's buoyancy and third party insurance.

Counter Signature Helm: _____ *I confirm the boats buoyancy and third party insurance

Counter Signature Crew: _____ *I confirm the boats buoyancy and third party insurance

Entry No.