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**Notice of Race**

**Heron Open and Southern Championship   
12th May 2024**

The Organising Authority is Chipstead Sailing Club in conjunction   
 with the Heron Class Dinghy Association

1. **RULES**
   1. The event will be governed by rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* *2021-2024*
   2. **COVID STATEMENT**   
      1.2.1 If you have COVID-19 [symptoms](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection#symptoms) or a positive test result you should be staying at  
       home and not attending the event.

1.3 Competitors should note that Chipstead Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing  
 Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be   
 found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing (the yellow pages after   
 the definitions), or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.

1. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
   1. The Sailing Instructions are available on the club website at [www.chipsteadsc.org.uk](http://www.chipsteadsc.org.uk).
2. **COMMUNICATION**
   1. From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
3. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
   1. The event is open to all boats of the Heron Class and must be helmed by a current member of the Heron Dinghy Class Association. The Association reserves the right to check competitors’ membership status. Entries may be as Doublehanded or Singlehanded.
   2. Boats may enter the event via an electronic entry form (Eventbrite) which shall be publicised to members of the HDCA. Boats may also register on the morning of the first day (see 9.1).
   3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
4. **FEES**
   1. Entry fee is £20.00 per boat.
5. **CREW LIMITATIONS**

6.1 A boat shall be helmed and crewed by the nominated helmsman and crew  
 throughout the Championship unless under exceptional circumstances a quorum of  
 the General Committee of the Association gives a special dispensation. All points shall   
 accrue to the helm and any award shall accrue to the owner(s) of the boat, except   
 that in certain cases an award may accrue to a club or an individual in accordance  
 with the terms of a Deed of Gift.

1. **ADVERTISING**

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

1. **QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES – Does not apply**
2. **SCHEDULE**
   1. Registration will take place in the clubhouse from 09:00 to 09:45.
   2. Dates of Racing

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| Date | Number in series | Races Scheduled |
| Sunday 12th May 2024 | 4 | 4 |

* 1. At the discretion of the Class Representatives and the Race Officer the number of races may change to allow for any for any inclement weather forecasts. This decision will be announced at the briefing.
  2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race day is 10:30 Sunday 12th May 2024. Subsequent scheduled races for the day will be sailed back-to-back with the first race.
  3. No warning signal will be made after 15:00.
  4. A competitor briefing will be held outside the clubhouse at 09:45 on Sunday 12th May 2024.

1. **EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**
   1. Each boat may be required to produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate. The HDCA reserves the right to refuse entry to any boat they cannot be satisfied is conformant with class rules.
2. **CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**
   1. RRS40.1 shall apply at all times when afloat.
3. **VENUE**
   1. The venue shall be Chipstead Sailing Club, Chevening Lane, Chipstead, KENT TN13 2SD. Parking is to the right-hand side before the clubhouse (end of Chevening Lane). Drivers should only park in the club carpark. Boats can be driven down to the foreshore (ramp on left hand side, opposite car park) but cars must be parked in the carpark as soon as practically possible thereafter.
4. **COURSES**
   1. The courses to be sailed will be announced at the briefing.

1. **PENALTY SYSTEM**
   1. The standard RRS shall apply.
2. **SCORING**
   1. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series. Three races are required to qualify for the series.

15.2 A boat’s series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.

15.3 RRS 90.3e shall apply.

15.4 Race positions will be calculated using average lap times with the following PN applied:

Double Handed boats 1345  
 Singlehanded boats 1325

1. **SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**
   1. Support vessels shall not be allowed.

**17, 18, 19, 20 DO NOT APPLY**

1. **DATA PROTECTION**
   1. The CSC data protection policy can be found at [www.chipsteadsc.org.uk](http://www.chipsteadsc.org.uk)
2. **RISK STATEMENT**

22.1 RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue  
to race is hers alone.’ Sailing is by 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 to themselves, their crew, their boat to such  
inherent risk whilst taking part;

(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their  
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 a patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in  
extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances, and

(g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue  
or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the  
venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

1. **INSURANCE**
   1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.
2. **PRIZES**
   1. The Heron Class Dinghy Association trophies will be awarded as follows:

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|  | Winner of the First Race |
|  | Winner of the Second Race |
|  | Winner of the Third Race |
|  | Winner of the Fourth Race |
|  | Winner of the Fifth Race |
|  | Best Placed Female Helm |
|  | Lowest aggregate points in the series with a team of at least three boats |
|  | First Helm over 65 years |
|  | First single-handed Boat |
|  | First Helm over 50 years |
|  | Boat placed middle overall. Where there is an odd number of competitors, the place awarded will be rounded up (e.g. 11 competitors = fifth place, 12 competitors = sixth place) |
|  | Nominated by the HDCA committee |
|  | Best Placed Related Helm and Crew |
|  | Overall 5th Place |
|  | Overall 4th Place |
|  | Overall 3rd Place |
|  | Overall 2nd Place |
|  | Overall 1st Place |
| **First Chipstead Boat** | Highest placed boat from the final places helmed by a CSC member |

1. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

25.1 CANCELLATION  
In the event of any adverse weather conditions or other reasons causing the event to the cancelled, the Heron Dinghy Class Association will notify all members by email and post on its Facebook page by Saturday 11th May 2024 at 1100.

25.2 CAMPING  
Camping is available on request. Please contact the membership secretary via [membership.hdca@gmail.com](mailto:membership.hdca@gmail.com) to make arrangements.

25.3 CATERING and BAR  
The club caterer will be on site offering a range of options which will be available for purchase. Details will be circulated to association and Chipstead SC members in advance of the event. The club bar will be open (subject to volunteer availability) at lunchtime and after racing. Chipstead SC cannot guarantee that either facility will be available and will make best efforts to communicate in advance to all competitors should there be any difficulties in this regard.