



## Notice of Race

### Heron National Championships 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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

#### 1. RULES

1.1. The event will be governed by rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*

#### 1.2. COVID STATEMENT

1.2.1 If you have COVID-19 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](http://www.rya.org.uk/racingrules).

#### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. The Sailing Instructions are available on the club website at [www.chipsteadsc.org.uk](http://www.chipsteadsc.org.uk).

#### 3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. 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.

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. 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 a competitors' membership status. Entries may be as Doublehanded or Singlehanded.

4.2. 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).

4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

#### 5. FEES

5.1. Entry fee is £35.00 per boat.

#### 6. 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.

## 7. ADVERTISING

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

## 8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES – Does not apply

## 9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1. Registration will take place in the clubhouse from 09:00 to 09:45.

- 9.2. Dates of Racing

| Date                               | Number in series | Races per day Scheduled |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May<br>2023 | 6                | 4                       |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May<br>2023 | 6                | 2                       |

- 9.3. At the discretion of the Class Representatives and the Race Officer the number of races each day may change to allow for any for any inclement weather forecasts. This decision will be announced at the briefing. For example, if the weather on Sunday does not allow 4 races to be completed, a race will be added to Monday's programme. If this is needed, sailors will be advised.
- 9.4. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race day is 11:00 Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and 10:30 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Subsequent scheduled races for the day will be sailed back-to-back with the first race.
- 9.5. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 13:00.
- 9.6. A competitor briefing will be held outside the clubhouse at 09:45 on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023. If deemed necessary, a second briefing may be held at 09:30 on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

## 10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1. 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.

## 11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1. RRS40.1 shall apply at all times when afloat.

## 12. VENUE

- 12.1. 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.

## 13. COURSES

- 13.1. The courses to be sailed will be announced at the briefing.

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1. The standard RRS shall apply.

## **15. SCORING**

15.1. Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2. (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores.

(b) When five or more races have been completed, a boats 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

## **16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

16.1. Support vessels shall not be allowed.

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

## **21. DATA PROTECTION**

21.1. The CSC data protection policy can be found at [www.chipsteadsc.org.uk](http://www.chipsteadsc.org.uk)

## **22. 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

(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

## 23. INSURANCE

23.1. 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.

## 24. PRIZES

24.1. The Heron Class Dinghy Association trophies will be awarded as follows:

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| <b>Yachting World Bowl</b>        | Winner of the First Race  |
| <b>Findlay Cup</b>                | Winner of the Second Race   |
| <b>Bletchley Bowl</b>             | Winner of the Third Race  |
| <b>The Heron Glass</b>            | Winner of the Fourth Race   |
| <b>The Fused Glass</b>            | Winner of the Fifth Race  |
| <b>Ladies Trophy</b>              | Best Placed Female Helm   |
| <b>Fen and Wood Club Trophy</b>   | Lowest aggregate points in the series with a team of at least three boats   |
| <b>Newton Crum Tankard</b>        | First Helm over 65 years  |
| <b>Single Handed Trophy</b>       | First single-handed Boat  |
| <b>Brolga Trophy</b>              | First Helm over 50 years  |
| <b>Middle of the Fleet Trophy</b> | 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) |
| <b>West Wick Endeavour Bowl</b>   | Nominated by the HDCA committee   |
| <b>Clan Trophy</b>                | Best Placed Related Helm and Crew   |
| <b>The Gibson Plate</b>           | Overall 5 <sup>th</sup> Place   |
| <b>Kingfisher Cup</b>             | Overall 4 <sup>th</sup> Place   |
| <b>Teamac Paints Trophy</b>       | Overall 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place   |
| <b>John Good Trophy</b>           | Overall 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place   |
| <b>Silver Heron Trophy</b>        | Overall 1 <sup>st</sup> Place   |
| <b>First Chipstead Boat</b>       | Highest placed boat from the final places helmed by a CSC member  |

## 25. FURTHER INFORMATION

### 25.1 CANCELLATION

In the event of any adverse weather conditions or other reasons causing the event to be cancelled, the Heron Dinghy Class Association will notify all members by email and post on its Facebook page by Friday 05 May 2023 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 CAFETERIA and BAR

The club caterer will be on site offering a range of breakfast and lunch options which will be available for purchase. The club bar will be open both on Sunday evening and (subject to volunteer availability) at lunchtimes. An evening meal is being planned for the Sunday and further details of menu options and pricing will be communicated separately as soon as possible.