

NOTICE OF RACE
SONATA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2010
Helensburgh Sailing Club
Thursday 10th – Sunday 13th June 2010



1 Organising Authority

The organising authority for this Championship is Helensburgh Sailing Club in conjunction with the National Sonata Class Association.

2 Rules

The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) and the class rules of the National Sonata Class Association.

3 Eligibility

- 3.1 Competitors shall be members of clubs affiliated to the RYA and current members of the National Sonata Class Association.
- 3.2 All boats and competitors shall comply with the safety rules of the National Sonata Class Association.
- 3.3 All boats must have a valid measurement certificate and all sails carried must have been measured prior to or during the event.
- 3.4 The Race Committee may appoint an official to inspect any competing boat at any time.

4 Race Area

The racing will take place off Helensburgh Pier, and in the Clyde Estuary. Admiralty Chart 1994 refers.

5 Entries

- 5.1 Downloadable entry forms are available from the Club website page for this event, www.helensburghsailingclub.co.uk/sonatanational.
- 5.2 Completed forms with entry fee should be sent to the address on the form to arrive no later than Friday 27th May 2010.
- 5.3 The entry fee is £100 which includes four dinner tickets for the Saturday night. Entries (and cheques) received after this date will incur a late booking surcharge of £30.

6 Responsibility & Insurance

- 6.1 Competitors must have third party insurance of at least £2,000,000.
- 6.2 RRS Fundamental Rule 4 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." This includes a decision whether or not to go afloat, and should take into account the equipment and clothing of both helm and crew.
- 6.3 The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however caused, to the owner or crew as a result of their taking part in the event.

7 Protests

The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedure will be available.

8 Radio Communication

- 8.1 Race management broadcasts will be made on VHF. It is therefore recommended that all boats carry VHF.

9 Registration, Briefing, & Sailing Instructions

- 9.1 Registration will be held at the Sailing Club on Wednesday 9th June 21:00 – 21:30 and again on Thursday 10th June from 08:30-09:45.

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- 9.2 Scrutineering will be on-going throughout the event.
- 9.3 Briefing will be held on Thursday 10th June at 09:45 at HSC.
- 9.4 Draft Sailing Instructions will be available on the Sonata website from 1st May 2010. Final Sailing Instructions will be available to competitors from the website after 5th June and at registration. Questions on the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, should be in writing to the address shown on the entry form.

10 Courses, Number of Races & Warning Signal

- 10.1 Ten races are scheduled for the event and will consist of a mix of windward-leeward, , Triangle Sausage and a medium distance race.
- 10.2 On days when two or more races are scheduled subsequent races shall follow as soon as possible after the last competitor has finished the previous race.
- 10.3 The minimum number of races to constitute an event shall be 6 (six).
- 10.4 Up to three races per day will be sailed lasting approximately 90 minutes except the distance race may be longer.
- 10.5 No race shall start after 16:00.
- 10.6 The warning signal will be 11:55 on Thu & 09:55 the following days.
- 10.7 There will be a practice race as part of the Wednesday night East Patch Racing with a Sonata class start at 19:15 approx 30mins from Rhu Marina.

11 Launching/Berthing

Rhu Marina will provide craneage and berthing at a charge of £125 inc VAT (payable directly to Rhu Marina) for launch Wed/Thu am and recovery Monday* plus up to 5 nights . Moorings may also be available off Helensburgh Sailing Club.

~~* Note: Recovery on Sunday is not possible for Marina operational reasons.~~

* By special arrangement, Rhu Marina will lift up to 5 boats on Sunday, starting at HW +1 (15:00). The Marina is unable to lift boats after HW +4 – i.e. 18:00 on Sunday. Dependent on competitor requirements to be lifted on Sunday as opposed to Monday, the timing of the finish of Sunday racing will be adjusted to accommodate all visitors requiring this – at an additional fee of £20/boat.

12 Prize Giving

Overall Prizes based on 20% of the entry will be presented as soon as possible after the last race on Sunday. In addition there will be a daily prize giving in the clubhouse.

13 Further Information

Email sonata@helensburghsailingclub.co.uk

Directions, Accommodation, Social is available at www.helensburghsailingclub.co.uk/sonatanational