

Notice of Race

ASTO Small Ships' Race - Cowes 2008

1. Rules

- 1.1. This event is conducted under the current edition of the **Racing & Sailing Rules and Special Regulations** as issued by Sail Training International. These regulations are available from www.asto.org.uk/smallshipsrace.htm.
- 1.2. These rules will be changed as follows:

Part 1

- (2.2 - 2.3 - 2.4) The minimum LWL is amended to 24ft (7.3m)
(12.2.1) Amend 36 hours to 24
(13.2) Does not apply
(17.4) Amend 24 hours to 14 hours
(17.6) Does not apply
(17.7) Does not apply
(18) VHF CH 72 to be used in the event of a postponement
(23.1) Does not apply

Part 2 Section 4

- (4.04.1) Is not mandatory but evidence of procedures to ensure LSA is taken to the liferafts in the event of abandonment is required.

- (4.06.3) Does not apply
(4.19) Is not mandatory

Part 3 Section A

- (1.2.3) Does not apply

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. The event is open to all boats with a minimum waterline length of 7.3m.
2.2. 50% of the crew must be between the ages of 12 and 25 years old.
2.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached entry form, and sending it, together with the required fee to Craig Burton, ASTO, Unit 10 North Meadow, Royal Clarence Yard, Gosport, Hants, PO12 1BP by **1st September 2008**.
2.4. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Director. Late entries will be charged a higher entry fee.
2.5. Entries will be limited subject to the berthing availability.

3. Classification

- 3.1 Vessels will be classified as B, C or D in line with the STI rules.

4. Fees

- 4.1. The entry fee for all Classes is **£50** up to **1st September 2008**
4.2. Late entries will be charged an additional fee of £30, bringing the total fee to £80.

5. Schedule

- 5.1 Registration will take place between 1200LT and 1900LT on Friday 3rd October 2007 at Cowes Yacht Haven.
5.2 Race briefing to take place at 2100 on Friday 3rd October at the Royal London Yacht Club, The Parade, W Cowes.
5.3 The first start will be at 0900LT at the Royal Yacht Squadron Line.
5.4 **Time limit for all classes will be 1730LT**

6. Sailing Instructions

- 6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be issued at the registration between 1200 and 1900 on Friday 3rd October at Cowes Yacht Haven

7. The Courses

- 7.1 Full details of the courses will be issued at the race Briefing at 2100 at the Royal London Yacht Club.
7.2 The race courses will be limited to the Solent.

8. Berthing

- 8.1 Berthing will be provided at Cowes Yacht Haven

9. Radio Communication

- 9.1 All vessels must have a fixed VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving Channel 72.
9.2 All vessels must have a hand held VHF capable of sending and receiving emergency traffic.

10. Prizes

- 10.1 Prizes will be awarded for each class and overall winners
10.2 Additional special prizes will also be awarded

11. Disclaimer of Liability

- 11.1 Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

12. Insurance

- 12.1 All competing vessels must hold adequate 3rd party and liability insurance.

13. Further Information

For further information contact Craig Burton, ASTO, Unit 10 North Meadow, Royal Clarence Yard, Gosport, Hants PO12 1BP. Tel. 02392 503222 e: office@asto.org.uk