



**BYC Sonata 2K Team Racing Regatta
(Two sail –Two Boat Team Racing Regatta)
NOTICE OF RACE
Dates as advertised on the BYC Website and Notice Board
Organised by Brixham Yacht Club**

1. THE EVENT

- 1.1 The BYC Sonata 2K Team Racing Regatta is an event for two-boat Hunter Sonata OD team racing sailed without spinnakers. It will be sailed in boats that comply with the National Sonata OD class rules provided by the competitors with three sailors per boat. There is no weight limit.
- 1.2 Social Program:
 - a. Bar and food will be available after racing.
 - b. Prize giving as stated in 7.1.
- 1.3 The event will be held from Brixham Yacht Club and sailed in waters to the North West of BYC mark 'A'.
- 1.4 The Organising Authority is Brixham Yacht Club

2 RULES

- 2.1 The event will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the current Racing Rules Of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix D Team Racing Rules & Class Rules
- 2.2 Races will be umpired.
- 2.3 Right of Appeal will be denied in accordance with rule 70.5 (a).
- 2.4 Rule 14 shall apply at all times whether racing or not and shall apply to all sailing boats involved in the event.
- 2.5 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 2.6 This event is a 'white sail' event. Boats shall not use spinnakers or gennakers.
- 2.7 Boats shall not use a spinnaker pole or whisker pole to wing out the foresail.
- 2.8 Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted at the event on the official notice board.
- 2.9 A boat shall be crewed by 3 persons including the helm

3 ENTRIES

- 3.1 A team shall comprise 6 persons who shall sail together in two boats, 3 to a boat.
- 3.2 There is no entry fee provided that the boat has submitted an entry form and paid the season entry fee for the relevant seasons BYC club racing, otherwise the entry fee is £ 15 for the event.
- 3.3 The event will take place over 3 evenings. These evenings may be changed or abandoned for any reason. This will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 32.1 & 62. £ 5 of any special fee paid will be refunded for each evening abandoned (but not changed) and not re-sailed.
- 3.4 To remain eligible the entrant shall complete registration in accordance with the Notice of Race and pay any outstanding entry fee for each race
- 3.5 Each team is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The event format is detailed in Appendix A.
- 4.2 Competitors briefing held in the compound adjacent to BYC steps at 17.45. Attendance by skippers is mandatory
- 4.3 The schedule of races will be provided at the briefing in a separate document. Any changes made and schedules will be broadcast on VHF ch37M and may be relayed by the Umpires.
- 4.4 The latest time for a warning signal will be 20:30.
- 4.5 The intended time of the first warning signal is 18:25 but if all competitors are in the racing area prior to this time the schedule may be brought forward at the discretion of the RC. Each subsequent race will be started as soon as practicable after the previous race.

5.1 SAFETY

- 5.1.1 All competitors shall carry and maintain a listening watch on VHF channel 37M. The schedule of racing and starting sequences will be announced on this channel.
- 5.1.2 A personal flotation device shall be CE marked and be a 150N lifejacket to standard EN396
- 5.1.3 Personal buoyancy as defined in NOR 5.1.2 shall be worn at all times by any crew under the age of 18. This changes the preamble of part 4 of the racing rules, rule 27.1 and rule 40.1.
- 5.1.4 Anchors must not protrude in front of the stem fitting of the bow.
- 5.1.4 Outboards shall be stowed inboard.
- 5.1.6 Any injury must be logged in the BYC accident book.

5.2 ADDITIONAL SAFETY GUIDANCE NOTES

- 5.2.1 It is strongly advised that long hair on all crew shall be tied up or restrained to eliminate the risk of entanglement.
- 5.2.2 In an emergency a casualty can be taken ashore by an umpire in a rib. The emergency casualty drop off point is the Ferry Pontoon (formally known as "Western Lady" steps) at the South Eastern most tip of Brixham Fish Quay. 50° 23.92N 003° 30.63W. The postcode is TQ5 8AW. Vehicle access will be via the entrance to Brixham Fish quay along the south eastern pier. In the event of access being restricted call the harbour office on VHF Ch. 14 or phone 01803 853321 or 07768553881. In strong Southerly winds progress may be more comfortable and possibly faster to use the alternative casualty drop off point will be Haldon Pier pontoon in Torquay 50° 27.42N 003° 31.64W. It is worth bearing in mind that Haldon Pier is closer to Torbay Hospital if a casualty requires Hospital treatment. Postcode is TQ1 2BG

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and may also be found on the BYC website
- 6.2 The course to be sailed will be designated or indicated in the sailing instructions.

7 PRIZES

- 7.1 Prizes will be awarded at the BYC Annual Prizegiving

8 REGISTRATION

- 8.1 Teams must complete registration before going afloat.

9 RISK STATEMENT

- 9.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its 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 of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk while taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other 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 responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as it can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face the extremes of weather; that there is crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather, and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew;
- (h) Their boat is adequately insured with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.

9.2 INSPECTIONS

The fact that the race committee conducts inspections does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

10. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 10.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show at any time or times, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.