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**Emsworth Slipper Sailing Club**

**The Quay, South Street, Emsworth, Hants, PO10 7EQ**

**Notice of Race**

**D-Zero & Finn Open Meeting – Sunday 24th March 2024**

**1st Start 10.30**

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. GOVERNING RULES

Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the Notice of the Race, these sailing instructions, the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea, Chichester Harbour Bye Laws, and the appropriate class rules, subject to:

1. In the event of a conflict with the Notice of the Race these sailing instructions shall prevail;
2. Any boat that is helmed in any race other than by the declared helm on the entry form shall be treated as a separate entry.
3. ORGANISING AUTHORITIES

Shall comprise: The Race Officer/s and Sailing Committee/s of Emsworth Slipper Sailing Club (ESSC)

1. RISK

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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

(i)  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 whilst taking part in the event;

(ii)  They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

(iii)  They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

(iv)  Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

(v)  The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

(vi)  The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

1. INSURANCE

Every competitor shall hold a valid and current certificate of insurance, which covers them whilst racing (including third party insurance over or up to at least £3 million) and will continue to do so whilst engaged in racing during the event.

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A valid Entry will:

(i)  Advise the sail number of the boat to be raced which is an Eligible Boat;

(ii)  Name the Helmsman; and

1. Be made at least 1 hour before the scheduled start time of any race that has a Committee Boat start or by the warning flag for any other race;
2. Should the event be cancelled for adverse weather conditions etc this will be communicated through the appropriate channels by 5pm on Friday 22nd March 2024
3. SAIL NUMBERS

The Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying an identifying number other than that required by RRS Appendix H, providing the number is not being used by another boat competing in the races.

1. ENTRY FEES

The entry fee is £15, payable on the day

A further fee is payable for those who do not have a Chichester or Langstone Harbour plaque. Also payable on the day

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Entries will be taken in the club on the day.

1. BRIEFING

A briefing will be carried out by the PRO at 9.30am

Boats are to be on the water by 10am

1. SCHEDULE OF RACES/WARNING SIGNALS

The schedule of races, the starting times and warning signals are:

Start Class Pennant

10.30am Finn Class Flag

10.35am D Zero Class Flag

The D Zero warning signal will be the Finn start signal. Should a general recall occur for the Finn races, the D Zero sequence will remain and the Finn start sequence for that particular race will commence on the D Zero start signal. Subsequent start sequences will revert to the original sequence

Up to 4 races will be sailed. Note: It can take up to 30 minutes to sail from Emsworth Slipper SC to the Racing Area subject to wind conditions and direction.

1. PRIZES

Individual prizes for the D-Zero and Finn classes will be awarded to at least the first three places overall.

1. PRIZEGIVING

Will take place immediately after racing subject to resolution of any protests.

12. PROTEST COMMITTEE

The Race Committee shall appoint a Protest Committee to hear protests as necessary.

1. CHANGING ROOMS, SECURITY & VALUABLES

Members & Visitors to follow covid guidelines. Please do not wedge the doors open to the changing rooms, and/or not to leave valuables in the changing rooms

1. PARKING – dinghies and combi bases to be parked in the club car park or on the quay. Competitors to park cars in South Street public car park
2. Lunch – lunch will be available after racing – to be ordered and paid for when entering