



INTERNATIONAL SIX METRE CLASS BRITISH OPEN AND EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wednesday 16th – Saturday 26th July 2014

Organising Authority (OA): RCYC Events Ltd,
Falmouth, Cornwall, UK

in conjunction with the
International Six Metre Class Association (ISMA) and British
International Six Metre Class Association (BISMA)

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- (a) RRS 1.2 will be changed so that “adequate life-saving equipment” shall include a personal flotation device (PFD) for each person on board to a minimum standard ISO 12402:5 (50 Newtons).
 - (b) RRS 44.1 will be changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
 - (c) The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.2 The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) will apply.
- 1.3 Local regulations will apply concerning safe navigation in close proximity of merchant and naval vessels restricted in their ability to manoeuvre, and dive vessels. Full details will be given in the sailing instructions.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages then the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display event advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. Such advertising, if any, shall be displayed in accordance with the sailing instructions and ISAF Regulation 20.4.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Six Metre class holding a valid certificate issued by the boat's ISAF Member National Authority (MNA), and that meet with the obligations of class rules.
- 3.2 Boats shall be entered by paid-up members of the International Six Metre Class Association. They shall complete on-site registration prior to 1700 on Thursday 17th July 2014, unless the OA extends this time. Boats competing only in the Europeans shall complete registration prior to 1700 on Sunday 20th July 2014, unless the OA extends this time.
- 3.3 The closing date for normal entries is Wednesday 18th June 2014. Entries submitted after this date will be subject to payment of an additional late entry premium.

- 3.4** All entries shall be submitted on-line at www.royalcornwallyachtclub.org prior to Friday 18th July 2014. The entry system will open on Monday 31st March.
- 3.5** Each boat shall submit a crew list of a maximum of six people prior to the close of registration.
- 3.6** An entry is not complete until:
- (a) entry fees have been paid in full;;
 - (b) the crew list and declaration form, available at registration, has been signed by each member of the crew;
 - (c) a valid measurement certificate issued by the boat's ISAF MNA has been submitted prior to the close of registration.
 - (d) a parental (or guardian) consent form and declaration has been submitted for crew age 18 and under. The form will be available for download at www.royalcornwallyachtclub.org.

4. FEES

- 4.1** The entry fee for the regatta (British Open and Europeans) is UK£900. The late entry premium is UK£300.
- 4.2** The entry fee for only the Europeans is UK£750. The late entry fee is UK£250.
- 4.3** The entry fee covers one crane-in before the regatta & one haul-out afterwards, truck & trailer storage, berthing, and complimentary tickets to the principal social events for all competing crew. Additional tickets will be available for purchase at registration and from the race office during the regatta.
- 4.4** Boats requiring berthing outside of the period Wednesday 16th July to Saturday 26th July (Europeans only: Sunday 20th July to Saturday 26th July) are responsible for making private arrangements with the marina management.
- 4.5** Competitors requiring berthing for support boats are responsible for making private arrangements with the marina management, who will also advise on launching at the nearby public slipway.
- 4.6** Refunds (less an administrative charge of £50) will only be given if cancellation is received before 1700 on Wednesday 18th July 2014.

5. COMPETITION FORMAT

- 5.1** The British Open Championship will consist of a series of six scheduled races.
- 5.2** The European Championship will consist of series of eight scheduled races.
- 5.3** Separate races will be provided for two divisions as follows:
- (a) Modern.
 - (b) Classic. A boat first certificated and/or constructed before 31 December 1965. Replicas of such boats, the original of which no longer exists, and whose construction has been endorsed by the ISMA Classic and Technical Committees are also eligible to compete in the Classic division.

6. SCHEDULE

The schedule is shown in Attachment A.

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1** Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate issued by the boat's MNA before the close of registration. All required hull and spar measurement marks shall be affixed to the boat. In addition, weight, flotation and sails may be checked and any other items that the international jury and equipment inspectors deem appropriate.
- 7.2** Scheduled equipment inspection will take place during the periods stated in Attachment A. In addition, random spot checks of boats and equipment may be carried out at any time during the regatta including on the water.
- 7.3** There will be no facilities at the venue for initial measurement. Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer before the regatta, and shall have the ISMA class sail label affixed.

- 7.4 As provided in RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for the event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available at on-site registration. A preliminary version may be posted at www.royalcornwallyachtclub.org and on the event website at www.6meuropeans14.com before this date. Entrants will be informed by email if a preliminary version has been posted.

9. VENUE AND COURSES

- 9.1 The race office will be situated at Port Pendennis Marina. Racing will take place in Falmouth Bay or adjacent waters to the east. If conditions in the Bay are unsuitable, racing may be held within the estuary (see Attachment B).
- 9.2 Courses will be Windward-Leeward as described in the sailing instructions. For the European Championship legs will be approximately 2 miles. For the British Open Championship shorter courses may be set to enable a full programme of races to be completed.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
- 10.2 Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

11. SCORING

British Open Championship

- 11.1 A minimum of 3 races shall be completed to constitute the championship.
- 11.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, no score shall be excluded.
- 11.3 When from 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

European Championship

- 11.4 The European championship shall be valid if 12 or more boats from not less than 3 European MNAs are entered.
- 11.5 A minimum of 5 races shall be completed to constitute the championship.
- 11.6 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, no score shall be excluded.
- 11.7 When from 6 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1 All support boats shall be registered with the OA and will be required to comply with local regulations.
- 12.2 Support boats shall keep clear of the racing area, which includes making wash across it, from the Warning signal until all boats have finished racing, except when asked to assist by the race committee, or to rescue a competitor who is ill, injured or in danger. Sailing instructions may impose other requirements on support boats.

13. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

- 13.1 Cranage will be available at the times stated in Attachment A. Cranage outside these times will be subject to additional charge and must be arranged by the competitors concerned. For further details and requirements see www.6meuropeans14.com.
- 13.2 Any boat wishing to use its own lifting strops or slings must present a valid test certificate with a translation in English.
- 13.3 Boats shall be kept afloat at Port Pendennis marina www.portpendennis.com. Boats are advised that suitable fenders will be required when rafted up alongside the pontoon.
- 13.4 There will be no parking close nearby for trailers. Trailers will be kept in a secure compound within Falmouth Docks with restricted access during the regatta.

- 13.5** Except by prior arrangement with the race committee, boats shall be berthed in the marina as follows:
- (a) British Open Championship. By 1800 on Thursday 17th July;
 - (b) European Championship. By 1300 on Sunday 20th July.
- 13.6** All boats shall be removed from the marina no later than Saturday 26th July unless private arrangements have been made with the marina management.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus (including snorkels) and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats during the following prohibited periods:

- (a) between the preparatory signal of the first race of the British Open Championship and the finish of the final race of the championship;
- (b) between the preparatory signal of the first race of the European Championship and the end of the regatta.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1** Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 16.2** The race committee may make use of a marine VHF international channel 72 to make announcements to competitors, including during the pre-start period. Channel 69 may be used as a back-up channel. Any announcement, or failure to make an announcement, shall not be cause for redress.

17. PRIZES

- British Open Championship**
- 17.1** Trophies will be awarded to the overall winners of the series. The OA and class association may also award other prizes.

- European Championship**
- 17.2** Trophies will be awarded as follows:

Overall winner - Modern
 Overall winner - Classic
 Boat with the lowest series score amongst those with a valid measurement certificate designed and built in accordance with the First (1907-1919) or Second (1919-1933) International Rule.
 Boat with the lowest series score amongst those first constructed between 1966 and 1978 inclusive, which have had no alterations to their underwater shape, other than permitted modification of the rudder. Should such modification have been carried out, then the depth of a separate rudder shall have an immersed draft in measurement trim of no more than 1200mm and its maximum thickness shall be no more than 95mm.

Coppa Giovanelli
President Woodrow Wilson Trophy
August Ringvold Memorial Trophy

Neptune Trophy

The OA and class association may also award other prizes.

18. RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1** 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".
- 18.2** 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 whilst 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 and omissions;
 - (d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - (e) 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) provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 18.3** The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

19. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate, valid third-party liability insurance. Competitors will be required to sign a declaration to this effect at registration.

20. MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors and/or their Guardians automatically grant to the OA and any party to which they may delegate this right, without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show (including via the internet), any motion pictures, still pictures, live, taped or filmed television or any other form of media, of or relating to the event.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about the event and venue please visit www.6meuropeans14.com and www.royalcornwallyachtclub.org , or contact the regatta office: Tel: +44 (0)1326 312 126, Fax: +44 (0)1326 211 614, email: 6metre@rcycevents.co.uk.

For further information on Falmouth and its environs, including accommodation, please visit www.falmouth.co.uk.

Attachment A

Schedule

A1 British Open Championship

Date	Activity	Time	Location
Wednesday 16 th July	Marina berths open to competitors	0900	
	Launching	1200-1700	Falmouth Docks
	Registration	1400-1700	Marina
Thursday 17 th July	Launching	0900-1700	Falmouth Docks
	Registration	1400-1700	Marina
	Reception / briefing	1900	NMMC
Friday 18 th July	Three races back-to-back	First warning signal 1055	
Saturday 19 th July	Three races back-to-back	First warning signal 1025 No warning signal will be displayed later than 1700	
Sunday 20 th July	Prize-giving	1900	RCYC

A2 European Championship

Date	Activity	Time	Location
Friday 18 th July	Registration	1400-1700	Marina
	Measurement	1000-1800	Marina
Saturday 19 th July	Registration	1400-1700	Marina
	Measurement	1000-1800	Marina
Sunday 20 th July	Launching	0900-1200	Marina
	Marina berths open to boats competing only in the Europeans	0900	
	Registration	1400-1700	Marina
	Measurement	1000-1800	Marina
	Informal practice	All day	
	Opening ceremony / briefing	1900	RCYC
Monday 21 st July	Two races back-to-back*	First warning signal 1055	
Tuesday 22 nd July	Two races back-to-back*	First warning signal 1055	
Wednesday 23 rd July	Two races back-to-back*	First warning signal 1055	
Thursday 24 th July	Two races back-to-back*	First warning signal 1055	
Friday 25 th July	Reserve racing day**	First warning signal 1055 No warning signal will be displayed later than 1200	
	Hauling out	0900-1600 (or after racing)	Falmouth Docks
Saturday 26 th July	Hauling out	1000-1600	Falmouth Docks

* A third race may be sailed if required to maintain the schedule in the event of adverse weather conditions.

** The reserve racing day will be used if less than eight races have been completed by the end of Thursday 25th July.

Attachment B

Venue



- 1 - Royal Cornwall Yacht Club (British Open prize-giving, Europeans opening ceremony, suppers)
- 2 - Port Pendennis marina (berthing, registration, race office, notice board, protest hearings)
- 3 - Falmouth Docks, County Wharf (launch, haul-out)
- 4 - Event marquee adjacent to National Maritime Museum Cornwall (NMMC) (parties, prize-giving)
- 5 - Public car parks
- 6 - Truck & trailer storage in Falmouth Docks

Indicative course areas

