

Hamble Valley Regatta Committee
Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. This Notice of Race may be varied by amendments or the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall take preference.
- 1.2 The organising authority is the Hamble Valley Regatta Committee in conjunction with Warsash Sailing Club.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to sailing dinghies and yachts
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the appropriate entry form.
- 2.3 Online entry is available from the Regatta website (www.theregatta.org).
- 2.4 Paper entry forms must be received by the Sailing Secretary either by email to sailing@theregatta.org or by hand/post at 26 Shore Road, Warsash, Southampton SO31 9FU.
- 2.5 Parent/Guardian declarations. All helms and crews under 18 years of age on the day of the race shall submit the parent/guardian declaration on their entry form with contact details of the parent/guardian acting on behalf of the child.
- 2.6 Late entries will be accepted at the Race Officer's discretion.

3 FEES

Entry fees may be paid by cheque or via BACS. Please see your entry form for details. Entry fees are as follows:-

Dinghies (excluding Optimist Dinghies)	£5.60
Optimist Dinghies	£3.60
Yachts	£12.00

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 DINGHIES: Saturday 7th September 2024

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 10.25

Start at Crableck Beacon, River Hamble

Race Class

- 1 Handicap dinghies PY 700 – 1079
- 2 ICLA 7/Laser
- 3 Handicap dinghies PY 1080 – 1150
- 4 Handicap dinghies PY 1151 – 1259
- 5 Foxers
- 6 Handicap dinghies PY 1260 – 1460
- 7 Optimist dinghies

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4 SCHEDULE OF RACES (continued)

4.2 YACHTS: Sunday 8th September 2024

Start at Bald Head buoy, Southampton Water.

Race Class

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| 1 | Old Gaffers |
| 2 | X One Design |
| 3 | Yachts and keeled dayboats rated 0.880 and above |
| 4 | Yachts and keeled dayboats rated 0.879 and below |

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 10.35.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available to download from the Regatta website at least one week before the races.

6 THE COURSES

The courses for dinghies will be sailed on the River Hamble and Southampton Water (Cathead area)

Courses for yachts will be sailed on Southampton Water and the Solent. Details will be in the Sailing Instructions

7 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third-placed boats in each race, provided sufficient boats enter.

The River Hamble Combined Club's 'Cock of the River' trophy will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

The prize-giving ceremony FOR DINGHIES will be held at Warsash Sailing Club on Saturday 7th September at 1900. The prize-giving ceremony FOR YACHTS will be at Hamble River Sailing Club soon after the racing has completed and will be announced on VHF.

8 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

9 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

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10 RACING IN THE RIVER HAMBLE

- (a) The Racing Rules of Sailing only apply between competing vessels. At all other times the International Rules for the Prevention of Collision at Sea (COLREGS) shall apply. Specific reference is drawn to COLREGS rule 9b - competitors shall not impede the passage of other vessels (power or sail) which can only safely navigate in the main channel;
- (b) Competitors must notify the Harbour Master of any contact with moored vessels.

11 RISK STATEMENT

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor (together with their parent/guardian in the case of those under 18) 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 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, if any, and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover if any is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;
- (g) The nature of the river and its moorings means it is not possible for all competitors to be in constant view of either the Committee Boat (at Crableck Beacon), or the accompanying patrol boats;
- (h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a 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
- (i) For dinghy racing, personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors whilst afloat

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