

2013
Navigators and General
Mirror Nationals Championships

Sat 10th August to Tue 13th August 2013
Organising Authority: Pembrokeshire Yacht Club

Notice of Race

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016 and the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) prescriptions (1 January 2013)
- 1.2 The following documents shall also apply:
- the Sailing Instruction
 - the UK Mirror Class Association Rules, except that boats which generally comply with the Mirror Class rules but do not have a valid measurement certificate may enter, but will be allocated to the Bronze fleet.
- The following Racing Rules will be changed:
- RRS 61.3 and 62.2: The time limit for protests and requests for redress is 90 minutes after the last boat has come ashore from racing, but 60 minutes on Tuesday 13th August.
- RRS 28.1 and Appendix A: When the first boat finishes a race that has been shortened all remaining boats will be finished when they go through the finish line irrespective of the number of laps completed, and will be given finishing positions depending on the number of laps completed.
- RRS 35 and Appendix A: A back sweep of any boats not finished at the time limit will take place.
- 1.3 The Exoneration Penalty (with the minimum penalty increased from two to three places) and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. This procedure can be obtained on the RYA web site. (www.rya.org.uk/general/rulesdisputes)
- 1.4 The Sailing Instructions may change other racing rules.

2. PERSONAL FLOTATION

Adequate personal flotation shall be worn at all times when afloat by all competitors. Neither a wetsuit nor dry-suit constitutes adequate personal flotation. This amends the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS.

3. ADVERTISING

Advertising – The Regatta is classified as a Category C event in accordance with RRS rule 80. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Mirror class which will sail in one of the following fleets. The fleets will sail concurrently.

4.1.1 Gold fleet, Silver and Bronze fleets

After entry the fleet will be allocated by the Race Committee into Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets which will be on the Official Notice Board at Pembrokeshire Yacht Club before the first race.

Gold fleet – Adults helms and RYA National Junior Squad sailors.

Silver fleet – Mirror National Youth development squad sailors.

Gold fleet - Boats without measurement certificates

The Race Committee will consider requests from competitors to move fleets. The Race Committee will review the fleet allocation after the first day racing. Changes will be made where necessary. The Bronze fleet is defined in 1.2 above. They may only win Bronze Fleet prizes.

4.2 The following definitions apply:

Masters: Helmsman is over 40 years of age on 9 August 2013

Youth: Helm and crew both under 19 years of age on the 9 August 2013

Junior: Helm and crew both under 15 years of age on the 9 August 2013

4.3 Single Handed Fleet, boats with valid measurement certificates sailed by helm, only.

4.4 Entries shall be made using the entry form on the event website which can be accessed via www.ukmirrorsailing.com on SailRacer.

4.5 **Parent/Guardian Declarations:**

All helms and crews who are under 18 years of age must submit declarations signed by their Parent or Guardian, who shall be present for the Regatta. The declaration form will be email to you via SailRacer this is to be signed and brought to the event registration.

5. **ENTRY FEE**

5.1 The Entry Fee is £100 per boat for any entries received by 3rd August 2013. Entries will be accepted after the 3rd August 2013 and by the 10th August 2013 but an additional £30 will be charged.

6. **PROGRAMME AND SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1 Ten races are scheduled. Four races shall be completed to constitute a valid Championship. Additional races may be sailed on any day at the discretion of the Race Committee to achieve the schedule. No warning signal will be made after 14:00 on Tuesday 13th August.

REGATTA PROGRAMME

Date	Programme	Times
Friday 9th August	Arrival Registration Measurement	0900 to 1800 0900 to 1800
Saturday 10th August	Competitor's briefing Races 1 & 2	10:00 First Warning signal 12:25
Sunday 11th August	Races 3, 4 and 5	First Warning Signal 10:55
Monday 12th August	Races 6, 7 and 8	First Warning Signal 10:55
Tuesday 13th August	Races 9 and 10 Prizegiving after racing	First Warning Signal 10:55 Circa 16:00

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Each boat in gold, silver and single-handed fleets shall produce a valid Measurement Certificate. Before racing commences all sails will be inspected and their certification mark checked. Boats will be measured or tested at the discretion of the Measurer. Following each day's racing one or more boats may be inspected for compliance with the Class Rules.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be issued at Registraiton. A draft version will be available for download from the event website which can be accessed via www.ukmirrorsailing.com and www.pembsyachtclub.org.uk by 10th July 2013. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be displayed on the Official Notice Board which will prevail and published on the event website for information only.

9. VENUE

- 9.1 The location of the Championship is Pembrokeshire Yacht Club, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire. SA73 3RS. Tel. 01646 692799. Website www.pembsyachtclub.org.uk

10. RACING AREA

- 10.1 The racing area will be in Milford Haven Waterway. It is intended that racing will take place within, but not necessarily limited to, the areas shown on Appendix 1 attached.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 Courses will be Triangle/Sausage or trapezoid.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A 4.1 of the RRS will apply.
- 12.2 If 8 races or more are completed there will be 2 discards. If between 5 and 7 races are completed there will be one discard. If four races are completed there will be no discard.
- 12.3 Overall results will be published including details of fleet positions.
- 12.4 Fleet prizes will be awarded on the basis of 12.2 and 12.3 above.

13. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 13.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board which is located in the Bar area of Pembrokeshire Yacht Club.

14. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 14.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the PYC flagstaff.

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1 If competitors wish to protest they shall inform the committee boat on the water after completing that race, that they intend to lodge a protest.
- 15.2 The RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.
- 15.3 A boat taking an exoneration penalty shall sign a declaration at the Race Office which is the Club Office.
- 15.4 Protests forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.5 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The location of and time of the hearings will be also posted on the Notice Board at the same time.

- 15.6 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b) within the time limit for protests.
- 16.0 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**
- 16.1 Replacement of helm, crew or any part of the boat shall require the written approval of the Race Committee.
- 17.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 17.1 Tally System – PYC operates a tally system which will be compulsory for the Championship. A Tally number will be assigned at registration. All competitors must tally-out before going afloat and tally-in as soon as they return ashore. Penalties for failure to tally-out and/or tally-in will be set out in the Sailing Instructions.
- 17.3 The Race Committee may at their sole discretion hold the Bronze, the Bronze and Silver and/or Single-handed fleets ashore depending on conditions which may result in the postponement or abandonment of a race or races for those fleets.
- 18. SUPPORT BOATS**
- 18.1 Support and coach boats shall register at the Race Office during the registration periods to record the sail number of the boat they are supporting. The registration number provided shall be prominently displayed on support and coach boats at all times.
- 19 RADIO COMMUNICATION**
- 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.
- 20. PRIZES**
- 20.1 Prizes for the Championship and individual races will be presented at the prize giving which will take place as soon as possible after the last race at Pembrokeshire Yacht Club on Tuesday 13th August 2013.
- 21. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK**
- 21.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in this notice of race or the sailing instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for these conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 21.3 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat having taken part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, support boats and beachmasters.
- 21.4 The provision of support boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.
- 19.5 The fact that a Race Committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities set out in this paragraph.
- 22. INSURANCE**
- 22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.
- 23. TELEVISION AND MEDIA**
- 23.1 In entering for this event, competitors automatically grant the Organising Authority and Class Association(s) the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and any other reproduction of them taken during the event, for the said Championship as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, in which he/she participates, without compensation.

Appendix 1

Milford Haven Waterway

