

The East Coast Piers Race Notice of Race 2017

The Colne Point Race Notice of Race 2017

The East Coast Piers Race and the Colne Point Race will be held at Marconi Sailing Club (the Organising Authority) on the River Blackwater in Essex on 2nd July 2017.

Notice of Race

1.0 Waiver of Liability

1.1 Marconi Sailing Club is providing this race only on the understanding that nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the skippers and crew for their safety and welfare 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 taking part in the racing. The term organisers includes everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters.

1.2 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be entirely the responsibility of the skipper racing the boat. Nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. In particular, skippers shall:

- (a) accept full responsibility for their crews and for the seaworthiness and safe navigation of their boats and shall use their own judgement whether to start, continue or retire from a race in the existing or forecast conditions (RRS 4);
- (b) draw the attention of their crews to the risks of racing and to this Waiver of Liability before the start of any race.

1.3 The provision of patrol/safety boats does not relieve the skipper of his/her responsibilities.

1.4 Boats shall be insured for a minimum of £2,000,000 Third Party Liability.

1.5 The fact that the race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibility of the boat as set out in this Waiver of Liability.

2.0 The Rules

Racing will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020 (RRS), the Prescriptions of the RYA, this Notice of Race except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions and by the relevant class rules. Any amendment to this Notice of Race will be published only on the website (address: www.eastcoastpiersrace.com) and will not be mailed.

3.0 Conditions of Entry and Eligibility

3.1 The East Coast Piers Race is open to small catamarans of classes that have a handicap rating of 1.055 or faster in the International Small Catamaran Handicap Rating System (SCHRS - www.schrs.com) and to such other boats as the race committee may, in its absolute discretion, accept.

3.2 The Colne Point Race is open both to small catamarans of classes that have a handicap rating in the International Small Catamaran Rating System (SCHRS) and to fast dinghies with a PY rating of 980 or faster.

3.3 All competitors shall be at least 16 years old on the day of the race. At least one person on each boat shall be at least 18 years old on the day of the race. Any competitor under the age of 18 shall have written parental consent by means of a parent or guardian's signature on the Entry Form.

4.0 Advertising

The event will rank as a category C event. A boat and her crew shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20.

All boats shall carry a Zhik sticker, these will be supplied at race reception.

5.0 Safety

5.1 Adequate personal buoyancy for all crew members shall be worn at all times whilst afloat and be centered above the waist. This changes RRS 40

5.2 All crew members shall wear wetsuits or drysuits with appropriate thermal undergarments.

5.3 A minimum level of safety equipment is a condition of entry and this will be enforced. All boats shall carry: a 10 metre towline; a compass; one or more distress flares per crew member (including the helm) to be carried on the person; adequate personal buoyancy (a wet suit is not adequate) and at least one paddle.

5.4 The patrol boats will give priority to the safety of competitors over preventing damage to boats or equipment.

5.5 All competitors shall sign on before going afloat, and shall sign off immediately after finishing or on retiring from the race before finishing.

5.6 All competitors will need to collect a GPS tracking device and attach it to their boat before going afloat.

5.7 Failure to comply with paragraphs 5.1 to 5.6 shall be grounds for disqualification from the race without a hearing. This alters RRS 63.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with safety requirements.

6.0 Registration and Briefing

6.1 Registration will be open from 10.00 hrs on Saturday in the Race Reception of Marconi Sailing Club.

6.2 Sailing Instructions will be available from the Race Reception

6.3 All competitors are strongly recommended to attend the briefing which will take place in the Marconi Sailing Club clubhouse at approximately 18.00 hrs on Saturday of the race weekend.

6.4 Entry for both the East Coast Piers Race and the Colne Point Race may be made in advance or on arrival at Marconi Sailing Club.

6.5 To enter either race, competitors must submit a completed official entry form together with the boat entry fee of £60 for two handed catamarans & dinghies and £45 for single handed catamarans & dinghies. The entry fee includes dinner for each crew member on Saturday evening and free camping on the Club site from Friday through to Monday.

6.6 The Organising Authority may in their absolute discretion reject any entry.

7.0 The East Coast Piers and Colne Point Race Courses

7.1 Subject to conditions on the day, the course for the East Coast Piers Race is from Marconi Sailing Club, on the River Blackwater to Walton Pier and return. Subject to conditions on the day the course for the Colne Point Race is from Marconi Sailing Club to Colne Point and return.

8.0 The Start

The warning signals for the East Coast Piers Race and for the Colne Point Race shall not be before 09.25 hrs on Sunday of the race weekend. The expected start time for the East Coast Piers race is 09.30 hrs on Sunday of the race weekend.

The expected start time for the Colne Point race is 09.45 hrs on Sunday of the race weekend.

9.0 Time Limit

Boats not completing the course or retiring by 18:00 hrs will be scored DNF.

10.0 Declaration

10.1 All competitors shall make their declaration by correctly returning the allocated tally band as instructed in the sailing instruction within 20 minutes of finishing or within 20 minutes of coming ashore after retiring from a race before finishing.

10.2 Competitors who go ashore other than at Marconi Sailing Club shall immediately telephone the race committee to report that fact. Competitors may wish to take a mobile phone with them to facilitate this - please ensure it is safely waterproofed - the phone number has been printed on the ECPR entry stickers which shall be stuck onto the bow of your boat.

11.0 Scoring

11.1 International Small Catamaran Handicap Rating System (SCHRS-www.schrs.com) will be used.

11.2 The Portsmouth Yardstick handicap scoring system will be used for Dinghies taking part in the Colne Point Race.

11.3 The Race Committee may in their absolute discretion vary any handicap rating and/or allocate a rating to any class.

11.4 Scoring will be to RRS Appendix A except as modified by the Sailing Instructions

12.0 Prizes

The Prize Giving will take place at Marconi Sailing Club on Sunday as soon as possible after the races have finished.

13.0 More information

All Competitors are welcome to participate in Inshore Race(s) which will be held at Marconi Sailing Club on Saturday of the race weekend. A separate Notice of Race is available on the East Coast Piers Race website for the Saturday races.

All Competitors may camp on the site from 8am on Friday until noon on Monday of the race weekend.

For more information please contact us using the following details.

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