



## The 78<sup>th</sup> Firefly National Championship

# Notice of Race

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024

The organising authority is Restronguet Sailing Club

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a)*

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The championship will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*.
- 1.2 [DP & NP] Boats will be required to carry a tow rope separate to the other rigging on the boat of a minimum 10m length and 6mm diameter cordage.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and prior to the event on the Restronguet Sailing Club website (<http://www.restronguetsc.org/index.php/events>).
- 2.2 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least half an hour before the advertised starting time of the race concerned. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the clubhouse front wall.
- 3.2 A WhatsApp group will be established for the Event to inform competitors when announcements have been posted on the official noticeboard. This channel may also be used for the race committee to communicate informally to competitors. The official notice board takes precedence in case of a discrepancy.
- 3.3 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The championship is open to all boats of the National Firefly class with a valid measurement certificate.
- 4.2 Helm or crew must be fully paid-up members of the National Firefly Association.

- 4.3 Entries may be submitted through the Restronguet SC web collect website (<http://www.restronguetsc.org/index.php/events>).
- 4.4 Entries received after 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority together with payment of a £470 entry fee (all entries regardless of helm's age). To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Helms and crew under 18 years of age during the event shall submit the "Under 18 Consent Form" counter-signed by a Parent/ Guardian Declarations at the time of entry. <https://webcollect.org.uk/restronguet/event/firefly-national-championships-2024>

## 5. FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

<b>Received on/by 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024:</b>	
Helms 25 years or older on 01/01/24	£369
Helms 24 years or younger on 01/01/24	£269
<b>Received 8<sup>th</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024:</b>	
Helms 25 years or older on 01/01/24	£419
Helms 24 years or younger on 01/01/24	£319
<b>Received 1<sup>st</sup> July onwards:</b>	£470

## 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 Class rules shall apply.

## 7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Boats may be required to display Sponsors stickers.

## 8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Registration will take place in Restronguet Sailing Club clubhouse, on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July from 1000 to 1700 and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July from 0930 to 1045.
- 8.2 A competitor briefing will be held in Restronguet Sailing Club clubhouse, on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 19:00.
- 8.3 Dates of racing:

Date	First Warning Signal Not before	Event
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	n/a	Registration
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	1155 Back-to-back	Practice Race Race 1
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	1155 Back-to-back	Race 2 Race 3
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	1155 Back-to-back	Race 4 Crews Race

Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	1055	Race 5 <i>Sir Ralph Gore Challenge Cup/ Marlow Cup</i>
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	1155 Back-to-back	Race 6 Race 7
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	1055	Race 8

- 8.4** On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:00 unless fewer than three races in the Sir Richard Fairey Points Cup series have been completed. The Prize giving will be scheduled as soon as practicable after sailing on Friday.

## **9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 9.1** Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.
- 9.2** Boats and equipment must be presented for measurement and scrutineering to the Technical Committee.
- 9.3** Equipment inspection and event measurement will take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July from 1000 to 1700 and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July from 0930 to 1045 on arrival at the boat parking area.
- 9.4** Boats may be inspected at any time.

## **10. VENUE**

- 10.1** The venue will be the Restronguet Sailing Club, Mylor Churchtown, Falmouth, TR11 5UF.
- 10.2** Racing will be held in the Carrick Roads and in Falmouth Bay.

## **11. COURSES**

- 11.1** Courses will be Trapezoidal, Triangle or Windward-Leeward-Triangle, as specified in the sailing instructions.
- 11.2** The starts will be either line or gate starts at the discretion of the race committee.

## **12. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 12.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole adjacent to the slipway.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1** RRS 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply.

## **14. SCORING**

- 14.1** Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2** (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**14.3** RRS A5.3 shall be applied.

## **15. DATA PROTECTION**

**15.1** The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event, and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published. This also applies to video and photography taken by Restronguet Sailing Club event officials.

See Restronguet Sailing Club Data Privacy Policy on the club website.

## **16. SAFETY**

**16.1** RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times when afloat.

**16.2** A boat retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

**16.3** The shore tallying system will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

## **17. RISK STATEMENT**

**17.1** Rule 3 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 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 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

## **18. INSURANCE**

- 18.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 (three million pounds sterling).

## 19. PRIZES

- 19.1** Prizes will be given for the series and individual races at the discretion of the N.F.A. as follows:

Sir Richard Fairey Points Cup	The winner of the point's series during the Nationals. <i>This does not include the practice or crews' races and includes a discard if enough races have been sailed.</i>
Colin Whittle Trophy	Winning Crew in Sir Richard Fairey Points Cup
Rothmans Trophy	The boat with the best position overall for the week counting all races. <i>This includes the practice and crews' races and allows for no discard even if enough races have been sailed.</i>
Sir Ralph Gore Challenge Cup	The winner of the Gore Race. <i>Sailed for by the top half of the fleet.</i>
Marlow Cup	The winner of the Marlow. <i>Sailed for by those not qualifying for The Gore.</i>
International Paints Trophy	The helmsperson from the Marlow Cup Fleet with the best position overall for the week counting all races. <i>This includes the practice and crews' races and allows for no discard even if enough races have been sailed</i>
City of Plymouth Trophy	Winner of the first points race.
Sussex Silver Firefly Trophy	Winner of the second points race
Felixstowe Ferry Trophy	Winner of the third points race
RAFSA Trophy	Winner of the fourth points race
Tomato Boats Trophy	Winner of the fifth points race
Avon Bailer Trophy	Winner of the sixth points race
The Olympic Trophy	Winner of the seventh points race
Mike Nye Memorial Trophy	Winner of the eighth points race
Deben Ladies Trophy	The helmswoman with the best position in the Sir Richard Fairey Points Series.
Geriatric Trophy	The helmsperson over 50 with the best position in the Sir Richard Fairey Points Series.
Veterans Trophy	The helmsperson over 50 with the best position in the Gore Race.
The Ultimate Trophy	The most senior crew with the best position in the Sir Richard Fairey Points Cup. <i>This is raced for by the 5 oldest crews, calculated on the combined crew and helm ages.</i>
Tolly Cobbold Cup	The club which has the lowest aggregate points in the Sir Richard Fairey Points Series from their 4 best placed helms.
Restronguet Ovaloid Trophy	Best helm under 18 in the Sir Richard Fairey Points Series.
The Chris Lynham Trophy	Best helmsperson under 21 in the Sir Richard Fairey Points Series.
The Mike Cocksedge Cup	Best helmsperson under 21 in the fifth points race
Eden Trophy	The best improver from their position in the Sir Richard Fairey Points Series at the previous national championship (Tenby 2022)

	to their current position in this year's series.
The Stern Light Trophy	The helmsperson sailing a boat owned by a University, College or School Sailing Club with the best position in the Sir Richard Fairey Points Series
The Classic Firefly Transom Trophy	The classic boat with the best position in the Sir Richard Fairey Points Cup

## 20. MEDIA RIGHTS AND COPYRIGHT

- 20.1** By entering and participating in this event, each competitor and his/her supporters grant to the OA, the National Firefly Class Association, and any sponsors the absolute right, authority and permission in perpetuity to make, use, distribute, broadcast, publish and show in any media, at their discretion any images, motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television, audio and video recordings, and reproductions and edits of them and/or their boat/s made during the championship from time to time on and off the water, and of all of his/her data, information and material related to the championship, including their name, without compensation.

## 21. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 21.1** For further information or queries, please contact:

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National Firefly Association [www.fireflyclass.co.uk](http://www.fireflyclass.co.uk)

Restronguet Sailing Club [www.restronguetsc.org](http://www.restronguetsc.org)

For further information on the Mylor Churchtown, Mylor Harbour, the Carrick Roads, Falmouth and its environs, including accommodation, please visit <https://www.visitcornwall.com/places/falmouth>

**END OF NOTICE OF RACE**

## Venue:

*DIRECTIONS:* See the Restronguet Sailing Club website ([www.restronguetsc.org](http://www.restronguetsc.org) – click on *Location*) for directions to the club. As you approach the club location from Mylor Yacht Harbour, bear left onto the beach and you can unload your boat on the beach directly in front of RSC. \*Note this is not accessible at high water – please check tide times for your arrival and if high make arrangements for unloading with Windsport (see below).

*BOAT PARKING:* Boats and trailers should be unloaded on the beach in front of the club. Boats will be parked in either the club dinghy park or the Windsport dinghy park – you will be directed to the appropriate location.

*CAR PARKING:* Please note that car parking at Windsport is not included in the entry fee but is available to purchase from Windsport directly. Car parking is also available to purchase at Mylor Yacht Harbour.

*WINDSPORT FACILITIES:* The entry fee does not include use of Windsport facilities (unless purchased separately or using the camp site).