



HELFDORD RIVER SAILING CLUB

HELFDORD - L'ABER WRAC'H PURSUIT RACE

FRIDAY 24th JUNE 2022

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NOTICE OF RACE

61st ANNUAL PURSUIT RACE TO L'ABER-WRAC'H – FRIDAY 24th JUNE 2022

The Helford River Sailing Club will hold its Annual Pursuit Race to L'Aber Wrac'h on Friday 24th June 2022.

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is Helford River Sailing Club

RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Rules

Racing will take place under the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2021 – 2024 and World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2022-23. The RYA prescriptions, Class Rules, this Notice of Race and the Safety Rules therein, and the HRSC Sailing Instructions.

Handicaps and start times

Handicaps and start times will be issued by the HRSC handicap committee, to whom any queries or complaints must be addressed in writing.

Safety

All boats shall conform to the World Sailing Offshore Racing special regulations 2022-23 for category 3 races, the full text of which can be found online at www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/offshore-special-regulations/. Every yacht must also carry a life raft capable of carrying the entire crew. Any boat found to be in breach of the specified safety regulations will be disqualified. An HM Coastguard Information Sheet (available from HRSC website) should be completed and returned with the Entry Form. Yachts may use their engine to recover a man overboard, or to render assistance in grave emergency, full details of which must be reported on the declaration card.

Entries

Entries will only be accepted from competitors who have completed and signed a valid entry form and whose boat displays sail numbers in compliance with RRS Appendix H. Under-sixteen-year olds may only enter or crew if their parents or guardians have completed and signed the parental permission form available from HRSC.

The Entry Fee is £40/€40 (or £25/€25 if paid by 10th June).

Entries close at 20:00hrs Thursday 23rd June 2022.

Postal and email entries will be accepted up to 17th June and should be sent by post at the above address or emailed to the Club Administrator (email address as above). Entries in person can be made on the Thursday evening (23rd June) 18.00 – 20.00.

If you wish to pay by BACS the bank details are Sort Code 30-94-07 Acc No 00090120 - use ref LABboatname. Or contact the club for further information.

Classes

The race will be the L'Aber Wrac'h Pursuit Race, in which every entrant shall be entered. Entrants will start at their designated pursuit time. This will entail competitors self-certifying their finish time. (Further details in the Sailing Instructions).

Trophies and Prize giving

The first yacht to finish the Pursuit Race will be awarded the Guncarriage Trophy. The yacht with the youngest crew member will be awarded the Marie Jo Trophy. The first yacht to finish the Pursuit Race, and owned by a Member of HRSC, will be awarded the Sundancer Trophy. The first yacht under 10M, and owned by a Member of HRSC, will be awarded the Bobby Martin Trophy. Additional glassware may be awarded at the discretion of the HRSC Sailing Committee. Prize giving will take place in L'Aber Wrac'h at a time and venue to be announced in the Sailing Instructions.

Conditions

The safety of the boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor who must ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience that are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is used. Neither the establishment of these conditions nor any inspection of the boat shall in any way limit or reduce the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor. The crew is nonetheless advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements. Any litigation arising from any claim for loss of or damage to any vessel involved, death or personal injury to any persons involved SHALL be held in an ENGLISH Court of Law.

Customs Requirements

Entry to France by non EU yachts is currently extremely onerous. HRSC have obtained special dispensation from French Customs to allow the race to take place and for competitors to clear Customs in L'Aber Wrac'h. All non EU competitors must supply full details of everyone on board to HRSC (preferably a photocopy of the photo page of their passport) but at the very minimum their name, forenames and date and place of birth by close of entries on Thursday 23rd June. These details will be emailed to French Customs on behalf of the competitors by HRSC. On the Saturday 25th in L'Aber Wrac'h there will be a Customs van parked in the carpark at L'Aber Wrac'h between 1400hrs and 1500hrs (French time) who will clear the vessel and crew into France. All skippers and crew must carry a valid passport.

Any competitor failing to comply with these arrangements will do so at their own risk and HRSC can take no responsibility for any actions taken against such competitors by French Customs.

Tides, Access to HRSC and Moorings

Local Low Water on Thursday 23rd June 2022 is 20:15 BST. The outer end of the Club pontoon should be inaccessible to tenders between at all times

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Please note (to avoid confusion) that all mooring fees in the Helford are payable to Helford River Moorings – these are not under HRSC jurisdiction.

Social Activities

All visitors are welcome to join the Club race on Wednesday 22nd June.

There will be a Champagne Reception in the clubhouse 19.00 – 20.00 on Thursday 23rd June, followed by live music. Food will be available.

A breakfast will be available in the clubhouse on the morning of the 24th June.