



**2023 October Regatta
Tata Steel Sailing Club (Margam)
Eglwys Nunydd Reservoir, Margam, Port Talbot
28th/29th October 2023**



Organising Authority: Tata Steel Sailing Club (Margam)

Notice of Race

1. Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the 'Rules' defined in the *2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing*, the National Class Associations rules, and the Sailing Instructions;
- 1.2 The Racing Rules of Sailing 32, A2, A3 and *Race Signal* AP will be changed, see the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 This Notice of Race may be amended by a Notice to competitors from the Organising Authority. If there is any conflict with a Sailing Instruction, the Sailing Instruction shall prevail.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 Handicap racing will be open to mono hull dinghies with a recognised Portsmouth Yardstick rating. If seven or more boats from the same class enter before the first day of the regatta, this will entitle them to their own fleet start at the discretion of the race officer.

3. Entries and fees

- 3.1 Entries should be submitted on the official entry form for this event available from the Club on the day along with the entry fee of £20 Single handed and £25 double hander.
Cheques must be made payable to **Tata Steel Sailing Club, Margam.**
- 3.2 There will be a reduction of 50% if both helm and crew are juniors. A junior must be less than 18 years old on the 1st day of the regatta.

4. Schedule

- 4.1 Registration: Competitors should register at the Clubhouse on the first day from 10.00 a.m.
- 4.2 Briefing: A competitors' briefing will be held at the Race Control Office at 11.00.
- 4.3 Race schedule: Five races are scheduled:
Race 1 start: Saturday 12.00pm, subsequent races will be announced at the event.
Sunday's first Race Start will be at 11.00am, subsequent races will be announced at the event.
- 4.4 No Warning signal will be made after 3.30pm on the last day of sailing

5. Measurement

Each boat must have a valid measurement certificate and buoyancy endorsement, and must sail under the original sail number unless otherwise authorized by the race officer.

6. Sailing Instructions and Notices to competitors

- 6.1 Sailing instructions will be available at registration.
- 6.2 Notices to competitors will be posted at the Race Control Office.

7. Course and Racing Area

The racing area and course will be announced at the briefing and described on the course board.

8. Scoring

- 8.1 The event will be scored using *RRS* Appendix A, except that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score excluded if 4 or more races have been completed.
- 8.2 Two scored races are required for the results to be counted.

9. Prizes

- 9.1 Prizes will be given as follows:
First, Second and Third Place for each fleet raced.

10. Support boats

- 10.1 Only patrol boats appointed by the race officer may enter the race area or communicate with competitors afloat

11. Risk Statement and Disclaimer of Liability

- 11.1 The responsibility for a boat's decision to race is hers alone (*RRS* Rule 4). By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that :
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved and accept responsibility for themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk;
 - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and 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, including helm and crew, is fit for the conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them;
 - e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 11.2 Each sailor under the age of 18 at the time of registration will be required to submit a consent form signed by a parent or guardian confirming acceptance of the terms above. The parent or guardian or a nominated alternate will be asked to be in or around the club while their dependent is racing.

12. Insurance

- 12.1 Boats are required to be adequately insured including insurance against third party claims of at least £5,000,000.

13. Safety

- 13.1 Rule 40.1 applies - each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. Flag 'Y' will not be displayed.

14. Rights to use names and likenesses

- 14.1 Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

Further information

For further information, visit the website www.tatasteelsailing.org.uk.

Note Eglwys Nynydd Reservoir has become infected with a type of freshwater shrimp - *Dikerogammarus villosus*. This is harmless to humans but has an adverse effect on other life in fresh or brackish water. To prevent transfer to other bodies of water, it will be necessary for all boats and equipment to be hosed before leaving the site.