

# HARWICH TOWN SAILING CLUB

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## NOTICE OF RACE

### Hurricane 5.9 Open National Championship Saturday 9<sup>h</sup> August – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2014

#### 1.0 Organising Authority:

Racing will be under the burgee of Harwich Town Sailing Club in conjunction with Hurricane 5.9 Catamaran Class Association.

#### 2.0 Rules:

2.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2012-2016, the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the Hurricane Catamaran Class Association, this Notice of Race and the event specific set of sailing instructions.

2.2 Abridged extract from the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at sea, 1972:

*"A boat shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway. A boat shall not cross a narrow channel or fairway if such crossing impedes the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway. The latter vessel may use five short and rapid blasts of her sound signal if she is in doubt as to the intention of a crossing boat."*

#### 3.0 Eligibility :

3.1 Entry will be open to the three class approved sail plan options. These will be the standard Two Sail Rig, the SX Rig and the Sport Rig .

3.2 Either helm or crew must be a full and paid up member of the UK Hurricane 5.9 Catamaran Class Association.

#### 4.0 Entries:

4.1 Entries should be submitted on the event Entry Form available on the Harwich Town Sailing Club website ([www.htsc.co.uk](http://www.htsc.co.uk)), the Hurricane Catamaran Class Association website ([www.hurricane59.com](http://www.hurricane59.com)) or at registration on the Friday and Saturday of the event (point 4 below refers).

4.2 The entrance fee is £150 per boat.

4.4 The entrance fee will include meal tickets for helm and crew consisting of a meal on Saturday, Sunday and Monday evenings and light tea bar snacks après sail (additional meal tickets can be purchased for family/friends at time of entry or registration).

4.5 Cheques to be made payable to Harwich Town Sailing Club

4.6 Entries should be posted to:- Mrs S James, Hon. Treasurer, "Millbay", 9 Marine Parade, Dovercourt, Essex, CO12 3JX.

#### 5.0 Registration:

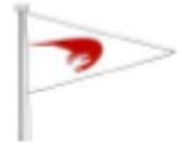
5.1 Registration will take place at Harwich Town Sailing Club as follows:-

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August from 18.00 until 19.30

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August 09.00 until 10.30

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## 6.0. Sailing Instructions:

- 6.1. Sailing instructions will be issued to each competitor upon Registration.

## 7.0 Race Programme and Courses:

- 7.1 There will be one course as per the sailing instructions for Hurricane 5.9 two sail rigged boats, SX rigged boats and Sport rigged boats.

- 7.2 All Hurricane rig variants will have two races per day over 4 days.

The racing will take place as follows: -

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	First start	12:00
Second Start	Back to Back	
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	First start	11.00
Second Start	Back to Back.	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	First start	11.00
Second Start	Back to Back	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	First start	10.30
Second Start	Back to Back - Not later than 13.30 hrs	

- 7.3 There will be 1 discard if 4 or more races are sailed. A minimum of 3 races will constitute a series. If 7 or more races are sailed there will be 2 discards.
- 7.4 All races will be held outside of Harwich Harbour in Dovercourt Bay. Competitors should ensure they allow sufficient time to reach the race area which may be some distance from the launch area.
- 7.5 A windward-leeward course will be used for the series.
- 7.6 Each day's races are scheduled to be sailed back-to-back.
- 7.7 A briefing will be held at approximately 10.30am on Saturday 9th August in the Sailing Club wet bar area.

## 8.0 Identification and Acknowledgement of Risk:

- 8.1 Each owner/competitor is entirely responsible for their boat's own safety and the safety of its crew, whether the boat is afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 8.2 It is for each owner/competitor to decide whether the boat and its crew are fit to sail in the conditions in which it might find itself. By launching or going to sea, the owner/competitor confirms that the boat is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 8.3 Under items 7.1 and 7.2, where applicable, parents or guardians of competitors under 16 years old will be required to take full responsibility for their dependants throughout the event and to sign the parental permission section of the formal event entry form on page 2.
- 8.4 Each owner/competitor is responsible for ensuring the boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather and that the crew has sufficient experience and fitness to withstand such weather.

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## 9.0 Liability:

9.1 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of each owner/competitor 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 organisers' encompasses everyone helping to run the race and the event and include the Organising Authority, The Class Association, the Race Committee, the Race Officer, safety boats and beach masters.

9.2 The provision of safety boats does not relieve each owner/competitor of their responsibilities.

## 10.0 Scoring:

10.1 The series will be scored as provided in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2012-2016, the low points scoring system will be used.

10.2 In the case of mixed rigged racing (two sail, sport, SX sailplans) individual elapsed times will be recorded by the race committee and corrected times calculated using the SCHRS system. The Hurricane Catamaran Class Association hold the right to make any modifications to the handicap ratings and will determine the format of the results structure and prize giving.

## 11.0 Alternative Penalties:

11.1 The 360 degree penalty will apply. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2

## 12.0 Social Programme

Full details of the scheduled social programme and Class AGM will be posted on the appropriate websites (listed in point 3.1) in due course.

## 13.0 Conditions of Entry:

13.1 All boats shall have adequate Third Party Insurance cover to a minimum of £2,000,000.00 (two million pounds sterling).

## 14.0 Boat and Car Parking

14.1 All competitors will be required to park their boats and road trailers in accordance with directions given by the beach master and his team.

14.2 Further advice will be published as soon as possible and guidance will be available on arrival at the club.

## 15.0 Accommodation

15.1 Details of accommodation options for competitors will be made available on the Class and Club websites in due course.

### Harwich Town Sailing Club Contacts:

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