

British Sharpie Championship 7th-9th June 2019 Wells Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

The Championship

The British Sharpie Owners Association (BSOA) is pleased to invite all sharpie sailors to compete in the British Sharpie Championship 2019 to be held at Wells Sailing Club. The event is open to all boats of the 12 square metre sharpie class. Helms must be fully paid up members of their National Sharpie Association and helm and crew must be members of a club affiliated to their National Sailing Organisation

Entry Fees

The entry fee is £55 per boat. Entry fees must be paid before racing for a boat to be eligible for the Championship.

Provisional Schedule

The provisional racing programme for the Championship is as follows:

Friday 7th June	07:15	Briefing	
	First Start	High Tide	Height
Friday 7th June	08:30	10:05	3.2m
Saturday 8th June	09:30	10:49	3.0m
Sunday 9th June	10:00	11:38	2.8m

We intend to hold a briefing at 07:15 on Friday.

It is intended to sail two races per day with the second start immediately following the first race. Courses will be sailed in Holkham Bay whenever possible. However, to ensure a complete series is sailed courses may be sailed within the harbour at the Race Officer's discretion.

The prize giving will be held as soon as is practicable following racing on 9th June.

Provisional sequence of Races

Friday: Brancaster Staithe Challenge Cup & Langstone Mill
Saturday: Duke of Connaught Trophy & Wells Whelk Pot
Sunday: Royal Lymington Ocean Cup & Chairman's Trophy

Championship Office

The Championship Office will be open between 1900 and 2030 on the evening of Thursday 8th June and again from 0700 to 0800 on Friday 9th June. The Office will be open throughout the week-end as required - exact timings will be notified from day to day and displayed at the Championship Office.

Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be issued on registration at the Championship Office.

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Scoring

The Championship shall consist of 6 races.

If 6 races are sailed 2 discards will be allowed, if 5 races are sailed 1 discard will be allowed and if 4 or fewer races are sailed there shall be no discards from the series. There must be a minimum of 3 races sailed for the Championship to be awarded.

Scoring will be according to RRS Appendix A (low points system).

Prizes

Six of the usual British Championship prizes will be presented to the winners of the daily races for which all entries will be eligible.

The British Sharpie Championship Trophy will be presented to the overall highest placed British boat.

The Spring Rice Cup will be presented to the overall series winners, for which all entries will be eligible.

Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000. This may be checked and **any boat found to be without valid third party insurance will not be permitted to race in the Championship.**

Measurement

Competitors will be expected to submit their boat and equipment for measurement, which may include weighing at any time during the championship at the discretion of the Race Committee. All boats must produce a valid weighing certificate on request by the BSOA measurer. Any boat adjudged not to conform to class rules will be excluded from the Championship. The decision of the BSOA measurer to exclude a boat will be final. Protests in respect of measurement will be judged by the BSOA Measurer.

Helmsman & Crew

For a boat to qualify for Championship points the helm and crew of a boat must be those named on the entry form. Any changes must be for *bona fide* reasons and agreed by the Race Committee prior to racing. Changes may result in qualification for daily prizes only.

Social Programme

The sailing club will be open from 1800 on Thursday 6th June and the bar will follow normal opening hours during the Championship.

Coffee and snacks will be available from the club kitchen before and after racing.

There will be a WSC reception (drinks & canapes) on Friday evening.

There will be a Championship Supper on Saturday evening, tickets will be available to buy from the Championship Office at Registration.

General Disclaimer

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organising committee and persons involved in the organisation of the races will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. Compensation for damages or accidents caused by towing by safety and rescue boats will not be accepted.

Further Information

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