**British Sharpie Championship**

**24th – 26th September 2021**

**Brancaster Staithe 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 2021 to be held at Brancaster Staithe Sailing Club “BSSC”. 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.

The Championship will be contested over 5 races and be preceded by a stand-alone race for the Les Dye Cup which will not count towards the overall championship. This will enable boats which can only sail Saturday and Sunday to complete enough races for the British Championship.

**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:

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| **Friday 24th Sept** | **06:45** | **Briefing** |  |
|  | **First Start** | **High Tide** | **Height** |
| **Friday 24th Sept** | 08:00 | 09:03 | 8.8m |
| **Saturday 25th Sept** | 08:30 | 09:25 | 8.6m |
| **Sunday 26th Sept** | 09:30 | 10:27 | 8.2m |

It is intended to sail two races per day with the second start immediately following the first race. Courses will be sailed at sea 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 26th September.

**Provisional sequence of Races**

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|  | **Race 1** | **Race 2** |
| **Friday** | Les Dye Cup (stand-alone race) | Brancaster Staithe Challenge Cup |
| **Saturday** | Duke of Connaught Trophy | Wells Whelk Pot |
| **Sunday** | Langstone Mill | RLYC Ocean Cup |

**Championship Office**

The Championship Office will be open between 19:00 and 20:00 on the evening of Thursday 23rd September and again from 06:30 to 07:30 on Friday 24th September. The Office will be open throughout the weekend 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.

**British Sharpie Championship (Continued)**

**Scoring**

The Championship shall consist of five races. One discard will be allowed and if four or fewer races are sailed there shall be no discards from the series. There must be a minimum of three races sailed for the Championship to be awarded.

The Les Dye Trophy will be sailed as the first race on Friday 24th.

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

**Prizes**

The Spring-Rice Cup will be presented to the overall series winner.

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

The Oliver Atkins Plate will be presented to the second placed British boat.

**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 throughout the day of the championship. The bar will be selling drinks, snacks and food.

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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**ENTRY FORM**

Sail Number . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Name of boat . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

Home Club . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Hull Colour . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

Helmsman (Full name) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

Address for reply . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

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Tel No. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . email address. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .. . .

Crew (Full Name) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

1. I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the RYA prescriptions, the rules of the Sharpie Association, the Sailing Instructions and local Sailing Instructions.
2. I accept that the safety of the boat and her crew are my full and total responsibility.
3. I declare that the boat has a valid certificate of measurement and weight report.
4. I declare that the boat has third party insurance for a minimum of £2,000,000 or equivalent for any one incident.
5. I confirm that the helmsman is a fully paid up member of his or her National Sharpie Association.
6. I accept the conditions stated in the general disclaimer in the Notice of Race 2019

Signed……………………………….......................................... Date . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

**Fees / Payment:**

Entrance Fee £55.00

BSOA Subs (if not previously paid) Full Member £20.00 £

Associate Member £10.00 £

**TOTAL DUE £**