

LARK UK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

12th – 15th August 2017

The Organising Authority is Brixham Yacht Club in accordance with the Lark Class Association

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Equipment Rules of Sailing to the extent that they apply. Competitors should note that Brixham Yacht Club has implemented the RYA Racing Charter and that when entering competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter which can be found in the yellow pages at the front of the RYA rule book after 'Definitions'
- 1.2 The following Racing Rules will be changed:
- Preamble to part 4, Rules 27.1 and 40 No display of flag Y, boats are required to wear adequate personal buoyancy except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing at all times while afloat
 - RRS 29.1 31, 36, 44.2, 63.1 and A5 relating to disqualification without a hearing for Gate start infringements
 - RRS28, 32.1, 32.2, 35, 62.1 and Appendix A additional definition for a shortened course and sweep back finish system
 - RRS 35 additional time limits for races,
 - RRS60.1(a), 62.1 and 62.2 limitations on grounds for redress
 - RRS 63.1, appendix A4 and A5, scores determined by the Race Committee
 - RRS 63.2 notice to protest and redress hearings
 - RRS 64.1 discretionary penalties less than disqualification
 - RRS 66 Time limits for requesting redress on last day of regatta
 - RRS Appendix A2, number of discards in a series
- Full details of these changes to RRS will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. This procedure can be obtained on the RYA website www.rya.org.uk/general/rulesdisputes

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising and / or bow numbers chosen and supplied by the organising authority in accordance with World Sailing advertising code 20.4.

3 ELIGIBILITY & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all members of the Lark Class Owners Association (LCOA) sailing Lark dinghies that have a valid measurement certificate issued by the LCOA.
- 3.2 The helm of the entered boat must be a member of the LCOA. If the helm is the owner of the entered boat he/she must be a full member of the Association. If the helm is not the owner, he/she must be a full member of the LCOA if the owner is not a full member. If the owner is a full member, the helm must be at least an associate member. All crews must be at least associate members of the LCOA for championship events

- 3.3 To complete registration competitors shall:
- Ensure that any boat launched since the last championship has been measured before the first day of the championship.
 - Present, (if not already entered online) a completed entry form including a declaration that the boat is covered by appropriate third party insurance as required by NOR 3.4.
 - Pay any outstanding fees
 - Become (if not already) a full member of the LCOA
- 3.4 Competitors who are under 18 before and including the last date of the regatta must have a declaration form completed by their parent or guardian before they will be allowed to compete. This applies to helms and crews. The parental declaration form will be signed and presented at registration.
- 3.5 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

4 ENTRY & FEES

- 4.1 The entry price is as follows:
 Early Bird Entry £160 (Entered and paid before Jan 31 2017)
 Normal Entry £175 (Entered and paid before 11th August)
 Entry on the Day £210
 Youth Entry £150 (helm under 21 – crew can be any age)
 Club Discount Entry £150 per boat (4 or more boats from the same club entered and paid before June 30th 2017)*
 *If three boats from a club have already entered and paid full price discount will be applied retrospectively. Entries do not have to be made at the same time to get club discount.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry
http://www.larkclass.org/nationals/nationals_entry.php?competition_id=27
- 4.3 Entry fees will not be refunded for entries cancelled after 12th July 2017. If cancellation occurs prior to this date 75% of the fee will be refunded.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration and Measurement: Will be at Brixham Yacht Club between 17:00 and 19:45 on Friday 11th August and between 08:30 and 10:00 on Saturday 12th August.
- 5.2 Competitor Briefing: There will be a briefing for competitors at 20.00hrs on Friday 11th August in Brixham Yacht Club. The briefing may be recorded on video and replayed on the class website on a loop on Saturday 12th August.
- 5.3 Dates of Racing from Saturday 12th to Tuesday 15th August 2017 inclusive, it is intended to schedule 2-3 races per day with a combination of shorter, medium and longer races. See NOR 9.1
 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the races are as shown below; this schedule is a guide only with regard to when long, medium or short races are to be sailed. The Race Committee reserve the right to change the format of race duration at its discretion. Failure to adhere to the intended race duration for a particular race is not grounds for redress under RRS 62.

Date	Race	Warning Signal	Tide Times in Brixham
Saturday 12 th August	Points Races 1(long) and 2 (short)	Points Race 1: 13:55 and asap after Race 1	HW – 10:00 (4.5m) LW – 15:36 (0.9m)
Sunday 13 th August	Points Races 3 (medium), 4 (medium) & 5 (short)	11.55 and asap after Race 3 (and 4)	HW – 10:36 (4.4m) LW – 16:12 (1.1m)
Monday 14 th August	Points races 6 (medium) & 7 (medium) & crews race (short)	11.55 and asap after Race 6 (and 7)	HW – 11:17 (4.3m) LW – 16:56 (1.3m)
Tuesday 15 th August	Points Races 8 (long) and 9 (long)	10.55 and asap after race 8	HW – 12:08 (4.1m) LW – 17:50 (1.6m)
Tuesday 15 th August	Prize giving	16.00 or asap thereafter immediately followed by an end of championship 'Fish & Chip Supper'	

- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after 13.55 on Tuesday 15th August.
- 5.5 No more than 3 races will be sailed on any one day and no more than two races will be sailed on the last day. Any changes to the sailing program will be posted by 20.00hrs on the preceding day.

6 MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 All boats will be subject to pre-event measurement checks at the times prescribed in NOR 5 'Schedule of Events'. There will be no first-time measurement of hulls, sails, or equipment.
- 6.2 Additional measurement checks may be carried out at any time during the event.
- 6.3 The measuring authority referred to in RRS 64.3(b) will be the LCOA.
- 6.4 All boats will be scrutinised which consists of but not limited to:
Boat weighing at the discretion of the chief measurer
Buoyancy check
Checking of any correctors
Checking of measurers signatures / stamps on sails
All sails shall have been measured by a class approved measurer prior to being used during the championship
Measurement Black bands on spars

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions will be issued at Registration and may be posted on the event website beforehand

8 VENUE AND RACING AREA

- 8.1 The venue will be Brixham Yacht Club, Overgang Road, Brixham, Devon TQ5 8AR.
- 8.2 The Race Area will be in Torbay. Reference Admiralty Chart 26.and will usually be in but not limited to the area as shown in Appendix 1

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The courses will be shown in the Sailing Instructions and include triangle/sausage & sausage/triangle type courses, with a mixture of line and gate starts at the discretion of the race officer. It is intended to offer a combination of longer races (target length approximately 70 minutes), medium races (target length approximately 50 minutes) and shorter races (target length approximately 30 minutes).

10 SCORING

- 10.1 Nine races are scheduled. Two races shall be completed to constitute a valid Championship.
- 10.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3 When 4 to 8 races have been completed; a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10.4 When 9 races have been completed; a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

11 SUBSTITUTION OF CREW AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1 Permission to substitute a registered crew member will only be granted for reasons of injury, illness, serious unforeseen personal circumstances or prearranged crew substitutions approved by the OA at or before registration. Only one substitution per boat will be permitted.
- 11.2 Substitution or damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed without the approval of the RC. Requests shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

12 BERTHING / BOAT STORAGE

- 12.1 A Dinghy park will be established at the bottom of Brixham yacht Club adjacent to the slipway accessed via Oxen Cove Car Park. Boats shall stay within the assigned dinghy park area and road

trailers either removed or the boat must be kept on the road trailer. Only one space is available per boat, see NOR 12.2.

- 12.2 Double stacking or large trailers will be required to be moved off site. Details of trailer storage will be issued before July 12th. There will be a nominal charge of £15 for a week's off-site storage for road trailers.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 13.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

14 COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1 All coach and support boats shall register at the Race Office and shall be conspicuously identified by displaying a numbered flag which will be issued by the Race Committee. See SI 25

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 The number of prizes to be presented will be dependent on the number of entries. As a minimum, prizes will be awarded to individual race winners.
- 15.2 Prizes will also be given for overall positions, as follows:
- First position overall
 - Helm with greatest improvement in overall position from the last Lark National championship
 - Club with the best performing 2 boats overall
 - First helmswoman
 - First boat outside the main prizes that has competed in at least 4 previous Lark championships
 - Highest placed helm competing in his/her first Lark National championship
 - Winner of the crews' race
 - Highest placed married couple
 - First helm aged 40 or over [on first day of championships]
- 15.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.
- 15.4 Competitors are responsible for the suitable engraving and return of perpetual trophies [as listed under NOR 15.1/15.2] in time for the championship the following year.

16 RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 16.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other 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 is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or at this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information provided for the venue or event and to attend the competitors briefing held for this event
 - (h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face conditions that they may incur, that their crew is sufficient in experience and fitness to withstand such weather

INSPECTIONS

The fact the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor in this Notice of Race

17 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 17.1 By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant to the OA, the Lark Class Association and event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and any other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

Brixham Yacht Club, Overgang, Brixham, Devon. TQ5 8AR
Tel: +44 (0)1803 853332. Fax:

Email Event Director – Ian Scott email - i.c.scott@btinternet.com

Club website: www.brixhamyachtclub.com

Lark Class Association. www.larkclass.org or email nationals@larkclass.org

End of Notice of Race

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

EVENT INFORMATION

- 1 The Regatta Office will be the 'Holman Room' an outside office on the harbour side of the club, near the top of the steps from the main clubhouse to the dinghy compound.
- 2 The Regatta Office will be open from 17.00 until 19.45 on Friday 11th August and from 08:30 until the expiry of Protest Time Limit (unless extended by the race committee) on Saturday 12th and Tuesday 15th August and from 10.00 until the expiry of Protest Time Limit (unless extended by the race committee) on Sunday 13th and Monday 14th August.
- 3 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board which is located in the window area of the Regatta Office.
- 4 While every effort will be made to ensure the Brixham Yacht Club and Lark class web sites have current and accurate information this cannot be guaranteed. Official information and amendments to the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions as well as results and protest information will be posted on this Notice Board.
- 5 All times will be in BST taken from GPS time.

BRIXHAM HARBOUR

All competitors should be aware that Brixham is a commercial working port and regard should be given to commercial craft including ferries and fishing vessels

MEMBERSHIP AND LIABILITY

All competitors will be deemed to be temporary members of Brixham Yacht Club (BYC) during the event and as such shall abide by all the Club's rules and bye-laws. Members of the Class, their guests and visitors are entirely welcome to use the club premises and any other facilities of the club but do so entirely at their own risk.

PARKING AND CAMPER VANS AT BYC

Brixham Yacht Club regrets that the members' car parks' on Overgang Road are not available for competitors' car parking. Daily car parking is available in the Council Oxen Cove pay and display car park adjacent to the BYC dinghy compound. Weekly Parking permits are available for this car park and any other Brixham and Torbay off road Car Park through the Tourist Information Office in Brixham which is in 'Hobnobs' gift shop on the Quay. Tel 0844 474223

Mobile homes/camper vans may not be used for sleeping overnight on the BYC premises, or the immediate vicinity which includes the adjacent council car park (unless permission for parking Camper vans in Council Car parks has been granted by Torbay Parking).

DOGS AT BYC

Well behaved dogs are welcome at BYC but are not permitted in the main club house (except guide dogs). Owners are responsible for the behaviour (and any clearing up after) of dogs while on the premises or vicinity of BYC

SOCIAL PROGRAM

A full social program is being arranged and details will be available on the Brixham Yacht Club and Class Championship websites.

It is intended that lite bites will be provided immediately upon returning ashore after sailing each day. Snacks and drinks to be taken afloat are available daily in the club house. Evening meals will be available in the main clubhouse.

ACTIVITIES

There are plenty of external activities to entertain both adults and children in the area with plenty of beaches as well as an extensive range of attractions in the Torbay area. Details of some of these activities will be available on the Brixham Yacht Club and class championship websites.

ACCOMMODATION

There is plenty of accommodation in and around Brixham including camping ranging from tent, caravan and motor home pitches, static caravans, bed and breakfast, small hotels and holiday lets.

The link below is not the only source of accommodation but it may be useful.

<http://www.brixhamyachtclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Accommodation-information-near-BYC-4.pdf>