



Byte National Championship Saturday 18th July & Sunday 19th July 2015

Organising Authority: Weston Sailing Club & UK Byte Class Association
Event Location: Weston SC, Southampton, Hampshire

Notice of Race

1 Rules

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016. Boats participating in this Open event shall conform to ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2013-16 and the Byte class rules. Competitors should note that WSC implements the RYA Racing Charter and expects competitors to sail in compliance with the charter.

2 Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority in accordance with ISAF regulation 20.

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The helm must be a current member of the UK Byte Class Association.
- 3.2 Each boat shall be sailed by the same helm throughout the series. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 3.4 During the event the parents or guardians of young competitors (under 18) shall either be in or around Weston SC or will inform the event organisers in writing who is acting in loco parentis on their behalf. During the event any persons acting in loco parentis shall either be in or around Weston SC.
- 3.5 Competitors may enter at the race office in Weston SC on the day of the event. A parent, guardian or person acting in loco parentis of all young competitors shall sign the entry form and the "Parent / Guardian declaration" form.

4 Entry Fees

Entry fee per boat: £20.00. Payment by cash or cheque only.
Entry fees will not be refunded after entry.

5 Schedule:

18 th June 2015	Registration from: 10:30 Briefing: 12:00	1st High Water: 13:41 2nd High Water: 15:18
	First start not before : 12:45	3 races
19 th June 2015		1st High Water: 14:16 2nd High Water: 15:45
	First start not before: 13:15	3 races

Subsequent races shall follow immediately after the preceding race. However a suitable break may be taken between races at the organisers discretion.

The Byte Class Association Annual General Meeting will take place in the clubhouse as soon as possible after racing on Saturday 18th July.

6 Camping

Camping (small rents only) will be available within the WSC boat park, free of charge.

7 Catering

The club galley will be open all day on both days. A Hot meal will be available on Saturday night- please book and pay for this at Registration.

8 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available electronically on the WSC website from 1 week before the event and from the race office at registration.

9 Race area

Races will be held on Southampton Water within a 2 mile radius of WSC. Courses will be advised at the briefing.

10 Scoring:

10.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.3 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.4 Scoring shall be in accordance with the low point scoring system as defined RRS A4.

11 Prizes:

11.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first 3 boats. Additional prizes may be presented at the discretion of the organisers.

11.2 The prize giving will take place at the clubhouse as soon as possible after completion of the last race.

12 Disclaimer of Liability:

Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for competitors to decide whether their boat and those that will sail it during the event are fit to sail in conditions they may find. Each competitor is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or continue racing and is also responsible for wearing adequate clothing for the conditions. By launching, competitors confirm that their boat and those sailing it are competent to sail in the event and are adequately clothed for the conditions.

The event organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the competitors or accompanying persons as a result of attending or taking part in this event and those participating hereby indemnify the event organisers against all and any costs, claims, demands and liabilities in respect of the same. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve persons in charge, competitors and those accompanying competitors of their responsibilities.

The event organisers encompass the organising authority, the race committee and the event support team. The race committee encompasses the principal race officer, the committee boat crew, the patrol boat personnel and beach master, while the event support team encompasses all others that help run this event.

13 Insurance:

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 that is valid for this event and those sailing the boat.

14 Media use:

In entering this event, competitors automatically grant the organising authority and Class Association the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and any other reproduction of them taken during the event, without compensation.

15 Contact Details:

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