



BRIGHTLINGSEA SAILING CLUB

OPEN MEETING

International Fireball Class, National Merlin Rocket Class

and for the GP14 Class - Eastern Championships

3rd & 4th June 2017

Organised by Brightlingsea Sailing Club in conjunction with the Class Associations

BSC, Oyster Tank Road, Brightlingsea, Essex CO7 0BA

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES.

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Part 5, Section B of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, as well as rules 44.1 and 63.1 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions to permit Protest Arbitration.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display identification numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the classes that meet with the obligations of their Class Rules and their National Authority.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form available from the BSC website or at registration on Saturday and Sunday of the event.

4. FEES

- 4.1 The Entry Fee will be £35 per boat.
- 4.2 Entry fees should be made by cash, cheque or Bank transfer payable to Brightlingsea Sailing Club.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1

Day	Date	Event	Time
Saturday	3rd	Registration Competitor Briefing 2 Races	09.00 – 17.00 approx. 11.00 First start 12.30
Sunday	4 th	Registration 3 Races Prize giving	09.00 – 11.00 First start 10.30 Asap after racing

5.2 Races will be sailed back to back. 5 Races are scheduled.

5.3 No race will started after 15.30 on Sunday 4th June.

5.4 The O.A. and/or the R.C. reserve the right to modify the programme due to weather conditions or other causes.

6. MEASUREMENTS

6.1 Each boat may be asked produce a valid measurement certificate at registration.

6.2 The Organisers may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races.

6.3 If required by class rules, sails shall be measured by an approved measurer before arrival at the regatta.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available during registration.

8. VENUE

8.1 All races will be held in the Colne Estuary. Competitors should ensure they allow sufficient time to reach the race area which may be some distance from the launch area.

9. THE COURSES

9.1 The course to be sailed will be a combination of reaching and windward/leeward legs

9.2 Spreader/offset marks and leeward gates may be used.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 Rule 'Appendix P' (Special Procedures for Rule 42) shall apply.

11. SCORING

11.1 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.3 When from 3 to 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11.4 Both days count towards the Merlin Rocket Silver Tiller series

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 The prizes will be a combination of class trophies if applicable and prizes for at least the first 3 places in each fleet.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 13.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority 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.

14. RISK ASSESMENT

- 14.1 Rule 4 of the RRS states “the responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone”.

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 while taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss 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;

N.B When applicable, parents or guardians of competitors under 16 years old will be required to take full responsibility for their dependents throughout the event and to sign the parental permission form provided at registration.

15. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

16. TELEVISION & PHOTOGRAPHERS' RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION and KEY CONTACTS

- 17.1 Club Contacts:
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Web: www.sailbrightlingsea.com – full information on how to find the club, where to stay and where to park your boat is available on the site.