

CONTENDER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009
BEING HELD AT HIGHCLIFFE SAILING CLUB

Sea Vixen, Mudeford Quay, Christchurch, Dorset. BH23 4AB
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ENTRY FORM

For the Contender National Championships to be held at Highcliffe Sailing Club between September 19th and September 22nd 2009.

Sail No: Home Club:

Helm Name: Date of Birth:

Age Category (please tick): Junior (under 21) Over 40 Over 50 Over 60

Address:

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County: Post Code:

Telephone No:

I agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event, and the bye-laws of Highcliffe Sailing Club. I declare that during the event I will hold a valid and current third party insurance cover of at least £2 million. I declare that I hold a valid measurement certificate for the above boat and that I am a member of the class association.

Signed: (Helm) **Date:**

Entry Fee: £95.00 payable by cheque to Highcliffe Sailing Club

Entries to be sent to Paul Walker Highcliffe Sailing Club Sea Vixen Mudeford Quay
Christchurch Dorset BH23 4AB

Notice of Race

Organising Authority

The organising Authority is the Highcliffe Sailing Club

Club Contact: Paul Walker

Email: paul.walker@waterbournecontracts.co.uk

Club Website: www.highcliffesailing.org.uk

Club Address: Highcliffe Sailing Club, Sea Vixen, Mundeford Quay, Highcliffe, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 4AB

Race Committee

Shall consist of the Principal and Deputy Race Officer

Rules

Racing will be governed by the Racing rules of Sailing, the RYA prescriptions, the relevant Class Association rules and the Sailing Instructions. Where the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

Event Classification

The event is designated as a Category C event. The organising authority may require competitors to display Event Sponsors advertising material.

Eligibility

- a) The helm of each boat shall be a full member of the Contender Association and each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate.
- b) If the event is sponsored, each boat may be required to display the Championship sponsor's stickers on each side of the bow.
- c) Each boat must have third party insurance cover of not less than £2,000,000.00 whilst competing in any race of the programme.

Measurement

A valid measurement certificate shall be held. Spot check measurements may be taken.

Proposed Sailing Schedule of Events

Sat 19 th Sept	Registration & Measurement (if applicable) 9.00 - 12.30 hrs
Sat 19 th Sept	Races 1 and 2, planned start time 13.00 hrs
Sun 20 th Sept	Races 3, 4 and 5 planned start time 11.00 hrs
Mon 21 st Sept	Races 6, 7 and 8 planned start time 11.00 hrs
Tues 22 nd Sept	Races 9 and 10 planned start time 10.30 hrs

No race will start after 14.00hrs on Tues 22nd Sept

Schedule of Evening Events

Sat 19 th Sept	Commodore Reception (Meal and Live Band) start time TBA
Sun 20 th Sept	Class AGM start time TBA
Sun 20 th Sept	BBQ – approx start time 19.00 hrs
Mon 21st Sept	Championship Dinner – approx start time 19.30 hrs
Tue 21st Sept	Prize Giving – as soon as possible after race 10

Entry

An entry form must be completed and the entry fee paid before competing in the championships. The entry fee will be £95.00

Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available on registration from the Race Office from Friday 7th September.

Racing Area and Courses

Racing will take place offshore in Christchurch Bay. Courses will be as detailed in the Sailing Instructions and on the official notice board.

Scoring

The Low Point Scoring system (RRS Appendix A) will apply. Except that:

- a) 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a Championship Series
- b) The 1st discard is applied once 6 or more races are completed
- c) The 2nd discard is applied once 9 or more races are completed

Prizes

The prize giving will take place in Highcliffe Sailing Club Clubhouse on Tues 22nd September as soon as possible after Race 10.

Safety

All competitors must wear adequate (closed cell foam) personal buoyancy at all times when afloat. Wetsuits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. This changes RRS 40. A tally system may be in operation. If a tally system is in operation all competitors will tally out before going afloat and tally in as soon as possible after coming ashore.

Responsibility

Yacht racing can be dangerous. Attention is drawn to fundamental Rule 4 (Decision to Race). For the purposes of the Responsibility clause the work 'boat' shall, where the context so admits include the owner or person in charge and all other persons concerned in the management or sailing of the boat in question in connection with the events covered by the Sailing Instructions.

- (i) A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

- (ii) It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- (iii) The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2m.
- (iv) Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the Race committee, the race officer and patrol boats.
- (v) The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.
- (vi) The boat is responsible to ensure that it is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know how to use it.
- (vii) The fact that the Race Committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph.

Membership and Liability

All competitors will be deemed to be temporary members of Highcliffe Sailing Club during the event and as such shall abide by all the club's rules and bye-laws. Members of the club, their guests and visitors may use the club premises and any other facilities of the club entirely at their own risk and accept that:

- a) The club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the club, including, but not limited to, any boats or other equipment or property left in the boat part, the surrounding areas or other areas used during the event. Competitors use these facilities entirely at their own risk; HSC does not offer or imply any guarantee with regard to security of such property.
- b) The club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of use of the club premises or any other facilities of the club, or out of participating in any race organised by the club, whether sustained by members, their guests or visitors or caused by the said members, guests or visitors, neglect, default or negligence of any of the officers, committees or servants of the club.
- c) Before inviting any guests, or visitors onto the premises or to participate in events organised by the club, members will draw attention to this rule.

Accommodation

Tourist information telephone :

01202 – 471780

Tourist website:

www.christchurchtourism.info

Tourist e-mail address:

enquiries@christchurchtourism.info