



ERITH YACHT CLUB



GREENWICH YACHT CLUB



THURROCK YACHT CLUB

# 20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FROSTBITE

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2009

## NOTICE OF RACE

**An open race for sailing Cruisers, in two parts:**

- 1. Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February**  
From Greenwich Yacht Club to Thurrock Yacht Club.  
Start time 1200.  
Overnight at Erith.
- 2. Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February**  
From Erith Yacht Club to Greenwich Yacht club.  
Start time 1000.

The Races to be governed by the Racing rules of Sailing 2009-2012 and subject to the Port of London Authority Bylaws.

The races to be scored under the Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap, with the aggregate scores for each leg to count.

### **Prizes will be awarded as follows:**

The Brass Monkey Trophy.

*To the club with the best three scoring boats.*

First Place, Second Place, Third Place.

*Overall on Handicap.*

The Denis Trophy.

*The boat with the longest elapsed time, finishing in the top 4/5ths of the fleet.*

The Tower Cups

*Leg 1 line honours*

*Leg 2 line honours*

**Closing date for entries 1<sup>st</sup> February 2009**

**Entry Fee £5.00**



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## RACE INSTRUCTIONS

### General

The race is being organised jointly by Greenwich Yacht Club, Erith Yacht Club and Thurrock Yacht Club, who will jointly appoint a Principal Race Officer and a Race Committee.

The traditional spirit of this race is friendly competition with a strong social element, aggressive boat on boat tactics are discouraged.

All boats must be self-righting and carry a working engine which must not be removed from its working position, except that outboard engines may be tilted up to remove the propeller from the water.

### Race Briefing

The Race briefing will take place at Greenwich Yacht Club at 1030 on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Each boat must send a representative or face disqualification.

A Full English Breakfast will be available from 0900. Please book on race entry form

### Changes to these Sailing Instructions

Any amendments to these sailing instructions will be posted on the noticeboard next to the briefing area in advance of the briefing.

### Courses

#### Leg 1

#### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2009

From Greenwich Yacht Club Line to Thurrock Yacht Club Line.

Start 1200. (HW North Woolwich 1113)

Time limit 1530

Overnight mooring at Erith Yacht Club, where there will be a meal available ashore. Please book on race entry form.

#### Leg 2

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2009

From Erith Yacht Club Line to Greenwich Yacht Club Line.

Start 1000. (HW North Woolwich 1222)

Time limit 1300

### Radio communication

Radio Communication between the Race Committee (callsign Frostbite Race Committee) and competitors will be on VHF channel 37 (M1)

Yachts should monitor communications from London VTS on VHF Channel 14 upstream of Crayfordness and on VHF channel 68 downstream.

A boat that retires shall inform the Race Committee as soon as practical.

### Prize giving

To be held in the Greenwich Yacht Club Bar on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 1600

*Berthing at Limehouse Basin may be booked for the week before and after the race for visiting yachts; contact Robyn Nielsen at Limehouse Marina 020 7308 9930 / Robyn.Nielsen@bwml.co.uk Overnight mooring at Greenwich Yacht Club is also available; contact the GYC Harbourmaster on 084 4736 5846x31.*

### Rules

The Races to be governed by the Racing rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS) and subject to the Port of London Authority Bylaws, and subject to the modifications below.

Where there is conflict between the above the RRS shall take precedence between competitors.

#### *Modifications to RRS:*

The Racing Rules of Sailing Rule 44.1 is modified to one penalty turn only.

The Racing Rules of Sailing Rule 29.1 is modified so that boats are not required to return to the pre-start side of the line, but will be given a penalty of 5 minutes for each minute or part of that the boat crossed the line in advance of the start signal.

### **Handicaps**

The scoring system will use the Portsmouth yardstick system, based on declarations made by each boat on the entry forms.

Any changes to a boats equipment from those described on the entry form must be communicated to the Race Committee in advance of or at the briefing

Any boat found to be using undeclared equipment, such as a spinnaker, will be disqualified or penalised at the discretion of the Race Committee.

### **Special Instructions**

#### *Thames Barrier:*

In line with London VTS requirements, all participating yachts must have their engines on and motor through the Thames Barrier from the red grain silo on the South bank upstream, to the end of Barrier pier downstream. No vessel may overtake another during this transit, and as powered vessels may not cross to the northern side of the river. Race Control will secure group clearance for the barrier on the outward leg, but channel 14 should be monitored. On the return leg, yachts must secure individual clearance from London VTS.

#### *Erith Yacht Club moorings:*

Yachts may not sail between the EYC outer moorings and the south shore while racing.

### **Starting procedures**

Starting sequences will be according to RRS rule 26, warning at 5 minutes before the start, preparatory at 4 minutes before, signal at 1 minute before, then start.

Details of the start lines, lights and signals for each start will be explained at the briefing.

### **Finishing procedures**

Details of the finishing lines will be explained at the briefing.

Yachts crossing the finish lines must identify themselves to Race Control on channel 37(M1), and should record the time of finishing.

Lead boats on each leg should communicate with the race Committee at least five minutes in advance of arrival.

### **Shortening Course**

In the event of this becoming necessary, instructions will be communicated by radio.

### **Protests**

Within the spirit of this race, see above, no protests should be envisaged. Competitors in the wrong are expected to take their one-turn penalty. Any protest made must be submitted to the Race Officer within one hour of the time limit on the appropriate form and be accompanied by a cheque for £100 made payable to the RNLI.

### **Safety**

It is the responsibility of each skipper to ensure the safety of their boat and crew, and to ensure that adequate safety equipment is aboard and used as appropriate.

### **Disclaimer Of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.

### **Insurance**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.



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# FROSTBITE 2009 Registration Form

To be submitted by 1st February 2009.

This form may be completed and submitted online (downloadable at: [www.gyc.uk.net/frostbite09.pdf](http://www.gyc.uk.net/frostbite09.pdf)) or you may print it out and post it. Entrance fee of £5 per vessel must also be received by 1st February.

Late registrations will not be accepted.

**Fields outlined in red MUST be completed.**

BOAT NAME

NAME OF SKIPPER

YACHT CLUB

LANDLINE TELEPHONE NUMBER

BOAT CLASS OR MAKE

MOBILE TELEPHONE NUMBER

SAIL NUMBER

L.O.A.

L.W.L.

EMAIL ADDRESS

Please state 'm' or 'ft'

RIG TYPE

P.Y. HANDICAP

Is that your **CLUB** PY?

or your **OFFICIAL** PY?

Please enter 0 above if your PY is unknown

Does your PYH include your spinnaker? YES

NO

DON'T KNOW

KEELTYPE:

DROP

FIN

BILGE

TRIPLE

LONG

SPINNAKER:

CRUISING CHUTE:

SQUARE SAIL:

PROP:

FIXED

FOLDING

OUTBOARD?

NUMBER OF MEALS REQUIRED:

Breakfast at G.Y.C.

Dinner at E.Y.C.

Lunch at G.Y.C.

0900 7th Feb £3.50

1800 7th Feb £10.00

1400 8th Feb £5.50

**If submitting a printed form by post, please mail with your entrance fee to:**

**The Principal Race Officer**

**Greenwich Yacht Club**

**Peartree Way**

**London**

**SE10 0BW**

If submitting online (which we prefer) please click the SUBMIT button below\*, and separately mail your entrance fee to the above address. Meals must be paid for on site.

N.B. Once the form is closed, it's GONE, and cannot be saved, so if you want a copy, *print it first*.

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