BRITISH SHARPIE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Brancaster Staithe Sailing Club

16th to 18th June 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

1. **Rules**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in ‘The Racing Rules of Sailing’, Sharpie Class Rules and the event sailing instructions

1. **Eligibility and entry**

The Championship is open to all boats of the 12 Square Metre Sharpie class for which the Helmsman is a member of the BSOA or the equivalent national association for his country. The entry fee is £55 per boat. Entry fees must be paid before racing for a boat to be eligible for the Championship.

The entry form is attached. In order to allow us to cater for the number of entries it would be good if you could register your intention to enter by emailing Patrick Neal on patrickneal@patrickn.plus.com .

1. **Schedule**

The planned racing programme for the Championship is as follows:

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| **Friday 15th June** | **19:00** | **Briefing** |  |
|  | **First Start** | **High Tide** | **Height** |
| **Saturday 16th June** | 07:45 | 08:56 | 8.9m |
| **Sunday 17th June** | 08:30 | 09:41 | 8.8m |
| **Monday 18th June** | 08:45 | 10:28 | 8.6m |

It is intended to sail two races per day with the second start immediately following the first race. Courses will be sailed in Brancaster Bay whenever possible. However, to ensure a complete series is sailed courses may be sailed within the harbour at the Race Officer’s discretion.

The prize giving will be held as soon as is practicable following racing on 18th June.

1. **Race Office**

The Race Office will be located within BSSC and will be open from 18.00 to 20:30 on Friday 15th June and thereafter whenever practicable.

Sailing instructions will be available from the Race Office upon payment of the entry fee and may be posted prior to the event on the BSOA Website.

1. **Prizes**

Six of the usual British Championship prizes will be presented to the winners of the daily races for which all entries will be eligible.

The British Sharpie Championship Trophy will be presented to the overall highest placed British boat. The Spring Rice Cup will be presented to the overall series winners, for which all entries will be eligible.

1. **Accommodation**

Camping and accommodation may be available locally but early booking is essential – please contact the Organiser.

1. **Social**

The sailing club will be open **from 12:00 on Friday** 15th June.

The bar and kitchen will follow normal opening hours during the championship.

There will be a BSSC Reception on Saturday evening (drinks & canapés).

There will be a Championship Supper on Sunday evening.

**Breakfast and snacks will** be available after sailing each day.

Tickets for **the Championship Supper will** be available at the Race Office from Friday 15th June.

1. **Insurance**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.

1. **Measurement**

Competitors will be expected to submit their boat and equipment for measurement, which may include weighing at any time during the championship at the request of the BSOA Committee. Any boat adjudged not to conform to class rules will be sanctioned by the Race Committee in accordance with the advice received from the BSOA Measurer

1. **Helmsman & Crew**

Any changes to Helm or Crew after the first start must be authorised by the Race Officer prior to the start of any affected race.

1. .**Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. 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. The BSSC detailed safety policy will be in force and is available on the BSSC Web Site.

1. **Further Information**

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