

Hamble Harbour Master's Optimist Race

in support of Parkinson's UK
Saturday 16th June 2018
NOTICE OF RACE

1. **RULES:** Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, the Prescriptions of the RYA, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions issued for the event. In the event of a conflict the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.
2. **ORGANISING AUTHORITY:** The event is being organised by the River Hamble Combined Clubs in conjunction with, and sponsored by the River Hamble Harbour Master.
3. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:** The event is open Optimist dinghies. The event is being run alongside the Harbour Master's Pursuit.
4. **ENTRY FEE:** The entry fee for the event is £5 per boat. Entries should be made on the form and sent to River Hamble Harbour Office, Shore Road, Warsash, SO31 9FR
5. **START TIME:** The event will consist of a single race in the River with boats starting 1400 and will last about an hour.
7. **REGISTRATION** will take place in the Harbour Office at Warsash when competitors will receive their Sailing Instructions .
8. **COMPETITOR BRIEFING** will take place at 1215 at HRSC and at 1300 at the Harbour Office.
9. **VISITORS BOAT PARKING** will be available at Warsash and Hamble. Contact the Harbour Office for details.
10. **PRIZES & PRIZE GIVING** – The Prize Giving will be held at 16.30 on Hamble Quay. Prizes will be awarded to the helm of first three boats.
11. **RISK STATEMENT:** Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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 whilst taking part in the event;
 - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent 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;
 - (g) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.
12. **INSURANCE:** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event.
13. **FURTHER INFORMATION** is available from the Harbour Office (01489 576387)
14. **SAFETY** the wearing of buoyancy aids is mandatory