

NATIONAL TWELVE CHAMPIONSHIPS

BURTON WEEK 2015



22nd Aug - 25th Aug

UNDER THE BURGEE OF

HERNE BAY SAILING CLUB



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NOTICE OF RACE

1. **Organising Authority.** The organising authority for the Championship is Herne Bay Sailing Club.
2. **Rules.**
 - 2.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the National Twelve Owners' Association, and the equipment rules of sailing (ERS) where they apply.
 - 2.2 The Exoneration Penalty RYA Arbitration of the RYA Disputes procedures will be available.
3. **Advertising.** The event is subject to ISAF Regulation 20. The event is part of the 2015 Gul series. Event sponsors advertising may be supplied and required to be displayed in a position to be specified at registration.
4. **Eligibility, Entry and Fees.**
 - 4.1 The event is open to boats which comply with the 'National 12 Class Rules' and that hold a valid measurement certificate.
 - 4.2 An entry form (attached) must be completed, the entry fee paid and registration completed. **Please refer to 2.2.4 for the definitions of the categories of boats for subsidiary trophies, particularly with reference to Admirals Cup, Vintage and Double Bottom boats.**
 - 4.3 All entries must be sent, with the appropriate fees to the Secretary, Mrs. Janet Bloor, Woodman's Lodge, 52d Shaw Lane, Holbrook, Derbys. DE56 OTG to arrive before 19th August 2015. (Contact: Tel. 01332 882620; e-mail ntoa@national12.org)
 - 4.4 After that date entries may be accepted at Herne Bay Sailing Club at the Race Committee's discretion.
 - 4.5 **Entry fees for the Burton Event are as follows:**

	<u>Junior*</u>	<u>**Early Entry Fee**</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>
Whole Event	£65.00	£100.00	£125.00
Individual Days	£18.00	£30.00	£38.00

****EARLY ENTRY FEES APPLY TO ALL ENTRIES RECEIVED BEFORE THE 3RD JULY 2015**

Please note: *Qualification for junior helms is that they must be born on or after 23rd August 1994.

5. **Classification.** The event is a group 3 event.
6. **Schedule.**
 - 6.1 The programme of races is set out below.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER	1 st START TIME	2 nd START TIME	RACE
Saturday 22 nd August 2015	18.25	11.25	14.00	ASA	1 st and 2 nd points races
Sunday 23 rd August 2015	06.55	12.15	11.00	ASA	Sir William Burton Cup
Monday 24 th August 2015	07.55	13.25	11.00		3 rd and 4 th points races
Tuesday 25 th August 2015	09.10	14.45	11.00	ASA	6 th and 7 th points races

ASA = second race to commence as soon as possible after completion of the first race.

 - 6.2 The Race Committee reserve the right to modify the race schedule and times in response to advance weather forecasts. This could include races being sailed earlier than scheduled.
 - 6.3 No Warning signal will be made after 14.00 on the last day of the championship
7. **Event Information**
 - 7.1 The Race Office will be in Herne Bay Sailing Club.
 - 7.2 The Official Notice Boards will be located in the foyer or Club room of Herne Bay Sailing Club.
 - 7.3 While every effort will be made to ensure the Burton Week 2015 web sites have current and accurate information this can not be guaranteed. Official information and amendments to the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions as well as results and protest information will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
 - 7.4 All event timings will be taken from the Principal Race Officer's clock

8 Registration and Briefing

- 8.1 All boats must register before participating in the event. Registration will be at the Race Office on Saturday 22nd August 2015 from 09.00 hours and thereafter from two hours before race start times. Also until two hours after racing ends (or is abandoned) for the day up to and including Tuesday 25th August 2015. Sailing Instructions will be issued at registration. Registration may also be available on Friday pm 21st August 2015. Details of Friday registration will be posted on the notice board.
- 8.2 The competitors briefing will be held in club house at 12.00 hrs on Saturday 22nd August, 2015.

9 Measurement and Buoyancy Certificates.

- 9.1 Each boat must have a valid certificate of measurement with a current signed buoyancy endorsement. This must be produced to the Race Office at registration prior to the first race in which she participates. The Hon Secretary of the National Twelve Owners Association will retain the certificate for the duration of the Championship.
- 9.2 No boat shall be allowed to compete until this certificate is produced, except that, if the certificate exists and is not available for some bona fide reason, the NTOA Certification Officer shall issue a duplicate for a fee of £15 to validate the boat for the event. This changes rule 78.2.
- 9.3 No changes to rig measurements and/or weights recorded on the certificate will be permitted during the Championship, except at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 9.4 The Race Committee may measure any boat and/or her sails during the course of the Championship.
- 9.5 All boats must display on their mainsails their own registered number with which they were entered, except by prior permission of the Race Committee. This changes rule 77 and RRS Appendix G.

10 Sailing Instructions.

The final version of the sailing instructions will be available upon registration at the Race Office. Provisional Sailing Instructions may be available on the Burton Week 2015 website prior to the event.

11 Racing Area.

Racing will be conducted in the open waters off Herne Bay Sailing Club. The pier head and Dolphin hazards should be noted.

12 Courses.

The courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions. Each race in the event will be sailed on one of the published courses. The courses are triangle/sausage/triangle; triangle only; trapezoid; sausage/triangle/sausage. The Burton Cup race will be sailed on the triangle only course.

13. Scoring.

- 13.1 The races comprising the Championship will be scored using RRS Appendix A. (Low points).
- 13.2 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. After four races have been completed each boat's worst score will be discarded. This changes RRS Appendix A2.
- 13.3 7 points races are scheduled; three must be completed to make the series valid.

14 Personal Buoyancy.

All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times whilst afloat. Amends Rule 27.1 and 40. (RRS)

15. Tally system.

- 15.1 A tally safety system will be used and failure to comply with the procedure may result in disqualification. (Rule 64.1). (RRS).
- 15.2 As an alternative to disqualification and at the sole discretion of the Protest Committee a competitor may be re-instated on payment of the sum of £10.00 per race to the Race Office which will be paid to the local RNLI.

16. Insurance

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

17. RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1 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:

- 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;
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their responsibilities;
- The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as it can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face the extremes of weather; that the crew is sufficient in experience and fitness to withstand such weather.

17.2 INSPECTIONS

The fact that the race committee conducts inspections does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

18. Membership and Liability

All competitors will be deemed to be temporary members of Herne Bay Sailing Club (HBSC) during the event and as such shall abide by all the Club's rules and bye-laws. Members of the Class, their guests and visitors are entirely welcome to use the club premises and any other facilities of the club but do so entirely at their own risk.

19 Car Parking and Camper Vans at HBSC

- 19.1 Parking. Unrestricted street parking is available on Beacon Hill to rear of the Club and other adjacent streets. Cars must not be left on the promenade after unloading.
- 19.2 Camping for tents is available to the rear and side of the clubhouse, and the facilities of the club will be available. This camping is quite limited and some areas have a slight slope; tents need to be pitched close together. Advance booking is required on the entry form so that available space can be monitored. You will be given confirmation of the booking, however as space becomes limited, there may be a short time delay to try and ensure there is no overbooking. Tents which cannot be accommodated can contact local camp sites and pay the appropriate fee.

Camper vans can park in the designated area on the promenade in front of the club site, (no electric hook up available). Camping and parking of Camper vans is free, but please follow the Club's instructions about where to pitch or park.

20 Parental Consent

For all entrants (helm & crew) who are under 18 years of age at any time during the event, a parental consent form must be completed and submitted to NTOA prior to the event or, in any event, on arrival at Herne Bay Sailing Club.

21 Photography and Video

All competitors should be aware that photography and video filming may take place which may be placed in the public domain, including use for future advertising material.

22. Prizes.

22.1 The Yachting World Silver National Points Trophy: awarded to the helm with the lowest series points score during the event.

22.2 The Sir William Burton Cup: awarded to the winning helm of the Burton Cup Race.

22.3 The following individual race trophies will be awarded to the winner of the other six point's races:

Marlow Ropes Salver	Port of Plymouth Cup	Borough of Weymouth Cup
Borough of Scarborough Cup	Scarborough Yacht Club Salver	Alverbank Trophy

22.4 The following subsidiary trophies will be awarded to qualifying helms/crews with the lowest score in the Yachting World Silver National Points series or where stated as being for the Sir William Burton Cup Race only:

Double Floor without foil* Open to the helm of any double floored (i.e. self draining) boat that does not use a wing foiled rudder during the whole of the event.

The Admiral's Cup* Open to the helm of any boat conforming to the decking and buoyancy rules pre 1st January 1996 (i.e. not a self draining boat) and not using a wing foiled rudder during the whole of the event.

The Beeston Goblet Awarded to the helm of the highest placed Admiral's Cup boat in the Sir William Burton Cup Race.

The Shotgun Trophy* Open to the helm of any wooden boat of clinker construction, built prior to 1975 (Vintage boats) and wooden clinker boats subsequently built to designs issued before that year and not using a wing foiled rudder during the whole of the event.

The Centenary Trophy Awarded to the helm of the highest placed Vintage boat in the Sir William Burton Cup Race.

The Money Cup* Open to lady helms.

The Corrigan Cup* Open to helms born on or after the 23rd August 1994.

The Dick Wyche Trophy Awarded to the highest placed Corrigan Cup entry in the Sir William Burton Cup Race.

The Arrows Trophy* Open to helms that have never helmed at a Burton Week before.

The Canter Trophy* Open to helms born on or before the 23rd August 1975.

The Grand Masters Trophy* Open to helms born on or before the 23rd August 1960.

The Clinker Trophy* Open to helms who have built their boats throughout for their own use.

The Coronation Cup* Open to married couples and awarded to the leading finisher in the Sir William Burton Cup Race.

The Gill Super Crew Cup* Awarded to the first crew new to Burton Week.

The Arthur Oxborough Salver Awarded to the crew of the winner of the Sir William Burton Cup.

The Royal Thames Y C Trophy Awarded to the crew of the winner of the Yachting World Silver National Points Trophy.

The Joe Yorke Trophy* Open to those helms that have helmed in the two previous Burton Weeks, who have (as helms) never received a Silver National points prize, nor finished in the first six in any Burton Week points race, and have not won the Joe Yorke Trophy before.

The Tubs Trophy* Open to helms where the weight of helm and crew together is not less than 21 stone. Weighing for this trophy will be undertaken by an official appointed for the purpose who shall be the sole arbiter of eligibility. Competitors shall be weighed in swimwear with no shoes.

The Gipsy Trophy Awarded to the highest placed "Buddy Team".

The Cross Wins Trophy Awarded to the helm who shows the greatest improvement in finishing position, from his position achieved in the first race actually sailed during the event to that achieved in the last race actually sailed during the event.

22.5 Competitors wishing to enter for any of the trophies listed above which are marked (*), must do so on the accompanying entry form.

22.6 All the trophies to be held by the winner until the Championships 2016.

23 Social Program and Meals

23.1 Details of the social program will be available on the Burton Week 2015 website.

23.2 Snacks and drinks to take afloat will be available daily in the club house. Breakfast, Lunch and evening meals will be available in the clubhouse along with snacks and drinks

24. RYA Racing Charter and Behavior

Competitors should note that Herne Bay Sailing Club has implemented the RYA Racing Charter and that when entering competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter.

25 Accommodation

Camping is available as described in 19. There are no very close camp sites, but some are noted on the UK Camping web site. Additional accommodation may be found on local tourist sites, and by internet searches around Herne and Herne Bay.

26 Further Information contact either:

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