



***PYRA Spring Regatta 2009  
Incorporating the Sonata Southern Area  
Championships  
Notice of Race***

***May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> 2009***

***Briefing Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 7.00 pm  
at Poole Yacht Club***

***BBQ and band on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May at Poole Yacht Club from  
7.30 pm***

***Prize Giving at Poole Yacht Club at approx 5.00 pm on Sunday  
May 31<sup>st</sup>***

***The organizing authority is Poole Yacht Club in association  
with PYRA***

***Sponsored by:  
Morgan Carey Architects  
Seacart***

***Barbeque organized by Boatshed Poole.com International  
yacht brokers (£5pp)***

## **1.0 RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

## **2.0 ADVERTISING**

The event will be a Category C event.

## **3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

### **3.1 Classes**

**3.1** Competitors shall be members of clubs affiliated to the RYA and current members of the National Sonata Class Association.

All boats and competitors shall comply with the safety rules of the National Sonata Class Association.

The Race Committee may request a valid measurement certificate for inspection, and may appoint an official to inspect any competing boat at any time.

### **3.2 Entry**

Eligible boats may enter by completing entry form (forms are also available from Poole Yacht Club and returning it by 16:00 on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009 to:

Poole Yacht Club  
New Harbour Road West  
Hamworthy  
Poole  
BH15 4AQ

Further information available from Poole Yacht Club, telephone 01202 672687

### **3.3 Late Entries**

Late entries will be accepted at Poole Yacht Club up to 16:00 on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

**Line entries will not be accepted.**

## **4.0 FEES**

Entry fee for boats is £40.00 for the regatta. Late entry fee £55.00.

## **5.0 SCHEDULE**

### **5.1 Dates of Racing**

Racing will take place on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2009.

### **5.2 Number of Races**

There are five races scheduled for all classes, three on Saturday and two on Sunday.

### **5.3 Warning signal**

The scheduled time of the first warning signal on each day is 1025 hrs. The latest warning signal for Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May will be at 1430 hrs.

## **6.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be issued on entry (if available) otherwise will be issued at the briefing .

## **7.0 VENUE**

Racing will take place in the area of Poole Bay. In the event of heavy weather starts and/or finishes may be in Poole Harbour.

## **8.0 COURSES**

Courses will be selected from a variety of Windward Leeward, Triangular and Ad-hoc courses selected to suit time and conditions prevailing.

## **9.0 SCORING**

When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. Otherwise a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **10.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

The Race Committee will broadcast the location of starts, courses and other information on VHF channel 37. If channel 37 is blocked then channel 72 may be used. No other radio communication will normally be entered into.

## **11.0 PRIZES**

The Sonata Rose Bowl will be awarded to the winner of the Regatta. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each race of the regatta. Prizes will also be awarded for overall 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd place for the regatta.

## **12.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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

12.2 It is for a boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

12.3 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000.00.

12.4 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 races and the events and include the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the Race Office, patrol boats and Beach Masters.

12.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

12.6 The boat is responsible to ensure that she 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 that the crew know how to use it.