



# Parkstone Yacht Club

## Poole Week 2018



Invitation and Notice of Race

Sunday 26th August to Friday 31st August

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# Invitation

## Poole Week is in its 71<sup>st</sup> Year!

In 2018 we will again be offering great sailing and a chance for the family to enjoy one of the UK's premier resorts.

Poole Week is an open event with racing over six days supporting a wide variety of classes, a mixture of racing formats in our beautiful harbour.

In short, our aim is to ensure that everyone gets a memorable week's racing in magnificent Poole!

In addition, the fun continues off the water with extensive social and family activity programmes.

# Notice of Race

## 1. Invitation

Parkstone Yacht Club invites competitors of all dinghy classes and the XOD, Flying Fifteen, Cornish Shrimper classes to Poole Week 2018.

## 2. Organising Authority

The Organising Authority will be Parkstone Yacht Club.

## 3. Rules

Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the RYA, the appropriate class association rules, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of any conflict, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. The Sailing Instructions will be on the Poole Week website from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August.

## 4. Classes

- a. A class start will be provided for fleets with more than 12 entries.
- b. Fleets that have between 6-12 entrants may be started on a shared start or, if more appropriate, a handicap fleet start.
- c. Where there are less than 6 boats of the same class entered as at 13<sup>th</sup> August then racing shall be provided in an appropriate handicap class.
- d. The deadline for the start allocation is 13<sup>th</sup> August.
- e. Laser 4.7s and Radials will be included in the Laser class start and Classic Flying Fifteens will be included in the Flying Fifteen class start.
- f. Results will be produced for all fleets including those starting with other classes or a handicap class start.
- g. It is anticipated, based upon previous years attendances, that the following classes will have class starts: Dart 18, Wayfarer, Laser, Flying Fifteen, Cornish Shrimper, X One Design, Poole Dolphin, combined RS100, RS200, RS400.

## 5. Entries

- a. The full entry fee (see available discounts in b.) for the adult series is £112.50 or £82.50 for single handed dinghies. For junior competitors (i.e. the helm and crew must be aged under 18 on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018) the full entry fee is £60.00, or £45.00 for single handed juniors.
- b. Discounted fees for early entry and payment are available as below:

	Discounted fee for entries received by 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Discounted fee for entries received by 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Full Fee (payable after 13 <sup>th</sup> August)
Adult Two Hander	£73.50	£93.00	£112.50
Adult Single Hander	£53.50	£68.00	£82.50
Youth Double Hander	£45.00	£50.00	£60.00
Youth Single Hander	£35.00	£40.00	£45.00

- c. All entry fees include the Poole Week Launch Supper on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August and a free drink voucher for each day.
- d. Registration for competitors is at Parkstone Yacht Club from 0900hrs – 1300hrs on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August and from 0800hrs to 1000hrs on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August.
- e. There will be a briefing for competitors at 1100hrs in the Clubhouse on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August.

## 6. Racing

- a. Racing will take place in Poole Harbour and in Poole Bay.
- b. It is planned to hold up to two races per day for all classes.
- c. Races will be a mixture of Poole Harbour Tours, Triangle-Sausage and Windward-Leeward courses depending on individual class preferences and the prevailing conditions.
- d. The First Warning Signal on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August and subsequent days will be no earlier than 1355hrs. Course details, with a description of marks, will be set out in the Sailing Instructions.

## 7. Penalty System and Protests

The exoneration penalty and the Advisory Hearing and Arbitration of the RYA Rules Dispute Procedures will be available.

## 8. Scoring

One discard will be applied when four races have been sailed, two discards when seven races have been sailed and three when ten have been sailed.

## 9. Prizes

- a. The main prize giving will take place after racing on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August.
- b. Prizes will be awarded for each class according to the declared number of entries

- i. Three Entries – 1 Prize
  - ii. Four Entries – 2 Prizes
  - iii. Nine Entries – 3 Prizes
  - iv. Each additional seven entries – + 1 Prize.
- c. Additional special prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- d. There will be prizes for Classic Flying Fifteen (numbers below 3000) and Wayfarers (number below 10500) as well as Laser 4.7 and Radials.
- e. There will also be a daily prize giving after racing.

### *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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in any event at PYC, each participant agrees and acknowledges that:

1. 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 such events.
2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
3. They accept responsibility for any injury, loss or damage to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
4. They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extreme weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather and that their safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.
5. The provision of race management teams, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the organisers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance as can be practically provided in the circumstances, particularly in extreme weather conditions. Further, in the event that any assistance is rendered to a competitor, no liability for any loss, damage or injury to the competitor, and/or the boat and its equipment is accepted either by the club or the crew of such patrol craft.
7. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks, regulations and/or bye-laws specific to sailing or racing in Poole Harbour and Poole Bay including:
  - a. Tidal conditions in Poole Harbour, which are complex with areas of shallow water common as well as very fast tidal flows in parts of the harbour.
  - b. The area is used by a wide variety of craft, including large commercial vessels restricted in their ability to manoeuvre, a chain ferry in the harbour entrance and, at times, high volumes of leisure boat traffic. The Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREG) 1972, applies to all these craft including racing yachts.

- c. The Yacht Racing Criteria issued by Poole Harbour Commissioners. These can be found on their website ([www.phc.co.uk](http://www.phc.co.uk)). These place requirements on all those involved in yacht racing in Poole.
8. Parkstone Yacht Club strongly recommends that all sailors wear personal buoyancy whilst on the water, as failure to do so significantly increases the risks inherent in sailing. Personal buoyancy should comply with RYA Prescription to RRS 40.

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