

Barts Bash – Sunday 21st September 2014

We have registered to take part in Barts Bash, the largest sailing event in the world www.bartsbash.co.uk . We will be racing against 570 clubs in 50 different countries and against Yachts, dinghies and windsurfers.

Our club is registered on Barts Bash site here <http://www.bartsbash.co.uk/club/marconi-sailing-club> and you can now sign up to race on the day. If you do race on the day, you will be racing against Ben Ainslie in a Finn, Iain Percy in a Star, Paul Goodison in a Moth, Jimmy Spithill in a Melges E-Scow and Loick Peyron in his Trimaran.

By entering the race now, our club will get an idea as to the number of people who intend to race on the day and it will also give us a good representation on the website.

The event is a fundraiser for the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation, www.andrewsimpsonsailing.org.uk and they are asking for a £5 donation from each person over the age of 14 who intends to sail. Once you have signed up, you can create a just giving page which can then be used to spread the word and get people to sponsor you.

The team at Barts Bash have also created a Sponsorship form, which is attached to this e-mail and further copies can be downloaded from the website, as can posters and banners if you want to share the event.

It would be great if as a club, we could rally round and support this great cause whilst having our clubs largest race on the water and racing against a “whos who of sailing superstars”.

In order to complete the registration.

- 1) Click here <http://www.bartsbash.co.uk/club/marconi-sailing-club>
- 2) Click Sign me up
- 3) Enter your details, Personal, club and boat

- 4) Create a just giving page
- 5) Raise some money.

If you have any questions along the way, contact tim@bartsbash.co.uk

For the Launch video Alignment click here
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhivBnekVrk> (Preview)

For other videos of who has signed up, click here <http://www.bartsbash.co.uk/video-wall>

and for regular updates, like our facebook page,
https://www.facebook.com/bartsbash?ref_type=bookmark

The Barts Bash Team

And here are the Sailing Instructions for the Blackwater Joint Clubs Event

Bart's Bash Sailing Instructions

1. AUTHORITY

- 1.1 **Racing Rules** Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing – 2013 - 2016 [RRS].
- 1.2 **Notice of Race and Notices to Competitors** Information in the Bart's Bash Race Programme, a poster giving notice of a race, or a notice on the Club board are deemed to be part of these Sailing Instructions [SIs].
- 1.3 **Changes in Sailing Instructions** Any Change in the Sailing Instructions or Notice of Race will be posted on the board in the Clubhouse of each competing club at least forty minutes before the start of the first race of the day.

2 SAFETY

- 2.1 **General** The safety of a boat, whether afloat or ashore, is the entire responsibility of the owner or person in charge, who must decide whether the boat and crew are fit to sail in the conditions which may arise in the course of the race. By launching or going to sea they confirm that they are fit for those conditions and competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing published or done by the organisers, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility, 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. 'Organisers' encompasses everyone helping to run the race and the event, including the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats, and beachmasters. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the owner or person in charge of their responsibilities.[Alteration to RRS Appendix J, Addendum A (RYA)]
- 2.2 **Helping Those in Danger** Every boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger. [Rule 1.1]
- 2.3 **Boat Buoyancy** It is the responsibility of the owner or person in charge to ensure that a boat complies with her Class buoyancy rules.

2.4 Personal Flotation Device Personal flotation device adequate for the conditions shall be worn by all dinghy crew whilst racing. The RO will disqualify without a hearing any boat for any such infringement while racing. [Change to Rule 1.2, Rule 40, and Addition to Rule 63.1]

Cruisers shall carry adequate personal flotation devices for each of their crew. Each crew member is individually responsible for wearing personal flotation devices adequate for the conditions [Change to Rule 1.2].

2.5 Patrol Boats From the warning signal for the first race, the Coxswains of patrol boats will be under the direction of the RO, and will move to suitable positions to keep the racing area under surveillance, and to assist boats as required. The Coxswain of an official patrol boat may, in the interests of safety, order a boat to retire, or any crew member to come aboard the patrol boat. The decision to salvage a disabled boat if other crews may be in danger is at the sole discretion of the Coxswain. [Club Rule D4 and Change to RRS Rule 4]

2.6 To get clear after grounding a boat may use an engine provided the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race. [Change to RRS Rule 42.3 (g)]

3 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

3.1 Eligibility The event is open to anyone who wishes to enter and registers their entry on the Bart's Bash website.

3.2 Number of entries There is no minimum or maximum number of entries for this event.

3.3 Measurement Certificate Every boat belonging to a recognised class shall comply with her class rules. A valid measurement certificate may be demanded as proof of compliance.

3.4 Entry and Declarations Every competitor shall enter by recording his entry in the appropriate place at each competing club. By participating in a race conducted under these racing rules, each competitor and boat owner agrees to be governed by the Rules; to accept the penalties imposed and other action taken under the Rules, subject to the appeal and review procedures provided in them, as the final determination of any matter arising under the Rules; and with respect to such determination, not to resort to any court or other tribunal not provided by the Rules. [Rule 3] After the race, within thirty minutes of coming ashore, the competitor shall sign the Race Book, or any declaration sheet, to confirm compliance with the Rules. If a competitor has not so complied, or does not intend to finish, the competitor shall notify the RO or a Coxswain as soon as possible.

3.5 Insurance A competing boat must be covered by adequate insurance including in particular insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2m. By entering for the race, the owner or person in charge declares that the boat is covered by such valid and current insurance.

4 COURSE INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Courses The course for each race, unless given in the Notice of Race, will be displayed in the Clubhouse, or otherwise indicated from the Bridge or from a Committee Boat. The course for the race will be displayed at least thirty minutes before the start.

4.2 Marks of the Course Any of the yellow or orange racing buoys and navigation buoys, together with inflatable buoys, may be set as marks of the course.

4.3 Starting and Finishing Lines Unless otherwise indicated in a Notice to Competitors, the starting and finishing lines will be the Stone Sailing Club Line for the cruisers. For the general handicap dinghies between the Stone Sailing Club committee boat and the outer distance mark. For the slow handicap and youth boats, between Catoman and the outer distance mark. Each line will have an inner distance mark. Boats shall pass between the outer and inner distance marks on each lap as well as when starting and finishing

4.4 Time Limit The anticipated time for the race will be about one hour with a minimum race time of 15 minutes.

5 RACE SIGNALS

5.1 Flags Visual signals will be made by the display of flags from the race box or committee boat for each course as indicated in a Notice to Race to Competitors.

5.2 Class Warning Signals The Class Flag for each race will be as shown on the Course Chart Board in the Clubhouse, unless otherwise provided.

5.3 Starting a Race To start a race, the Class Warning Flag will be displayed ten minutes before the scheduled start time, with one sound signal. A Preparatory Flag will be displayed five minutes before the start, with one sound signal. At the start, both Warning and Preparatory Flags will be removed, with one sound signal. Times shall be taken from the visual signal, and absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded. [Change to Rule 26].

5.4 Postponement When Race Signal 'AP' is displayed, with two sound signals, all races not started are postponed. The Signal 'AP' will be lowered with one sound signal, and one minute later the Warning Signal for the race will be made.

5.5 Individual Recall When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line, a second sound signal will be made and the class warning flag will remain displayed. The flag will be displayed until all affected boats are completely on the pre-start side of the line, but not later than two minutes after the starting signal. [Change to Rule 29.1]

5.6 General Recall Race Signal 'First Substitute' will be displayed, with two sound signals. The 'First Substitute' will be removed after two minutes, but no sound signal made. [Change to Race Signal 'First Substitute' and Rule 29.2]. The Warning (and Preparatory if removed) signals will be re-displayed five minutes after the Recall, and the race start sequence will be re-started.

5.7 **Abandonment** Race Signal 'N', together with the appropriate class flag will be displayed, with three sound signals. Competitors shall then report to the RO or to a Coxswain for further instructions. [Change to Rules 27.3 and 32.1 and Race Signal 'N']

5.8 **Changing the Course after the Start** The course may be changed at any Rounding Mark [Rule 28.1]. Prior notification of the Change will be hailed to every boat affected. [Change to Rule 33. Race Signal 'C' does not apply]

5.9 **Shortening Course** A race may be shortened at the RO's discretion on any lap to ensure that as many boats as possible have the ability to finish the course. Race Signal 'S', together with the appropriate class flag will be displayed, together with two sound signals, when the leading boat is at a reasonable distance from the finishing line.

5.10 **Replacement or Additional mark** A buoy or vessel will display Code flag 'M' or 'O', or an inflatable buoy without a flag may be used. No sound signal will be made. [Change to Rule 34 and Race Signal 'M']

6 RULES AND PROTESTS

6.1 **Launching and casting-off** At her Preparatory Signal, a boat becomes subject to the Rules, and in accordance with Rules 45, 46, and 47 shall be afloat or off her moorings, together with her person in charge and all equipment at that time. The RO may disqualify without a hearing for any such infringement [Addition to Rule 63.1]

6.2 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. This sets out three types of hearing for resolving Rules disputes:

Type 1: Advisory Hearing not involving a protest.

Type 2: Arbitration: a pre-protest hearing with a mediator and an Exoneration penalty of 20% of starters (min 2 places, max 5 places)

Type 3: A full protest hearing.

The three types give a competitor or other party, who has a dispute he wishes to resolve, a choice of resolution processes. It allows him to choose the one that best suits his wishes and circumstances. Type 1 and Type 2 as above are available as additional options for all club races. The full SI text is displayed on the Notice Board and is available on line at <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter> see best practice/rules disputes.

6.3 **Protest Flag:** The requirement to display a Red Flag to inform the Protestee does not apply [Change to Rule 61.1(a)]

6.4 **Protest Time Limit** The intention to Protest shall be notified to the RO as soon as possible after finishing. Completed Protest Forms shall be lodged with the RO within forty five minutes of the finish of the protesting boat, or within such time as the Protest Committee may consider appropriate in the circumstances. [Addition to Rule 61.3].

6.5 **Disqualification without a Hearing** A boat which has been so disqualified [Rule A5 and SIs 2.4, 6.1 and 7.2] shall nevertheless be entitled to a hearing upon request. [Rule 62.1(a)].

7 RESULTS

7.1 **Handicaps** The handicaps used for this race will be based on the Bart's Bash number as published by the Bart's Bash organisation.