

Regatta Weekend

9-10 July 2005

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THE MAIN SAILING EVENT in the Club's programme, our annual Regatta, is almost here again. The racing format for dinghies, cruisers and classic boats will again be an all-in Pursuit Race on the Saturday, and handicap racing for individual classes on Sunday. Punts and under-16s will have their own races on both days.

Regatta Pursuit Races have proved to be popular in recent years, and have almost now become a tradition. The idea of a Pursuit Race is that start times are based on boats' handicaps and the race lasts for a set period. The slowest boats start first and the fastest boats start last and try to overtake the slower ones. If everyone sailed an ideal race, all boats would finish at the same time, but obviously conditions rarely remain the same for a whole race and so a Pursuit Race is always exciting as it can't be anticipated who will win until the end. I encourage everyone to take part, particularly if you've never sailed in this type of race before; it's fun for everyone!

You will be able to register for the racing from 10.30 am on Saturday, and a time signal will be sounded at noon, with the first start being at 1.00 pm; the other start times are at 5 minute intervals from then until 2.00 pm. You will be given a start time for the Pursuit

Race based on your boat's handicap; don't worry if you don't know what yours is, you will be given one! At 3.00 pm the finish gun will be sounded, at which each boat's crew should note the name (or sail number etc.) of each of the boats immediately in front and following them.

The separate Punt Race will start at 2.15 pm and an Under-16s Race starts at 3.30 pm. Prize giving should commence at around 4.30 pm.

Pursuit Race - Saturday 9 July

12.00 Time signal
12.50 10 minute signal for first start
12.55 5 minute signal for first start

POSSIBLE CLASSES / BOATS

1.00 pm First start
Mirrors, King Oliver,
Island Maid
1.05 2nd
Lysander,
Classic dinghies less than 12'
1.10 3rd
Cavalier, JayCee, Skipper 17,
Classics 12-16'
1.15 4th
Centaur, Jaguar 22, Foxcub,
Vivacity, Sailfish
1.20 5th
Sheba, Deva, Jaguar 23, Mayfly
1.25 6th
Laranda, Moonlighter, GP14,
Enterprise, Jag 25
1.30 7th
Nat 12, Laser, Jag 27,
Wayfarer, Kestrel
1.35 8th
Micro, Fox Terrier
1.40 9th
Quarter Tonner
1.45 10th
505
1.50 11th
Dart, Mystere
1.55 12th
Tornado
2.00 13th
2.05 Punt 10 minute
2.10 Punt 5 minute
2.15 pm Punt start

Please abide by the following:

- *Keep clear of the start line until it is your start*
- *Note the boat ahead and behind you as you are released at the finish*
- *Keep clear of racing punts.*

The course will be indicated on the course board adjacent to the start hut.

The start line will be 'club' line.

A premature starter, ie on course side, who does not return, will be disqualified.

The Pursuit Race finish will be at 3.00 pm and the intention is for a Committee boat to note finishing positions and release boats from the race.

The race officer will allocate your start time, please note and retain.

On the Sunday registration for the racing commences at 12.00 noon, and the time signal will be sounded at 1.00 pm. The first boats to start are the Micros at 1.45, followed by dinghies at 1.50, classic boats at 1.55, cruisers at 2.00 and punts at 2.15 pm. Again there will also be an Under-16s Race, starting at 3.30 pm. Prize giving should be at 4.30 pm.

Entry forms for the racing will be available in the Clubhouse before Regatta weekend or you can enter on the day. There's also an entry form in this issue. There is a small entry fee for each race. Please note that parental consent is necessary for all under-16s racing.

As you can see there will be racing for every type of boat and there are always more boats racing during Regatta weekend than at any other time, including some visitors, so even if you don't generally race, come along and join in. However, if you are not able to race, Regatta is always a good time for spectators as the courses bring the boats round buoys near the Clubhouse. The traditional punts, which require a great deal of skill to sail, are part of the local tradition and very well worth watching.