THE PLATINUM FIREFLY

70th Anniversary

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

Saturday 6th August to Friday 12th August 2016

Organising Authority

Tenby Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

Tenby Sailing Club looks forward to welcoming participants to the 2016 Firefly National Championships.

Tenby SC has a long and successful tradition in hosting the Firefly Nationals and in recent years has done so in 1998, 2004, 2010 and now again for the 2016 70th anniversary event.

A lively social programme is being planned in keeping with the “traditions” of the Firefly fleet including a 70th anniversary party.

*Please note: All times are British Summer Time (BST)*

1. RULES

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

1.2 Rule 26 (starting) is changed to include gate starts for some races.

2.ADVERTISING

Competitors will be required to display Sponsors boom stickers.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1   - The championship is open to all boats of the National Firefly Class.

3.2   - Helm or crew or must be fully paid-up members of the National Firefly Association.

3.3 - Eligible boats may enter by:

a, Posting the completed entry form & a cheque made out to ‘NFA’ for the entry fee, to: Jim Bramley,NFA, 51 Hilbre Court, West Kirby ,Wirral, Merseyside, CH48 3JU by 10th July.

b, E-mailing a completed entry form to jim@jimbramley.co.uk as well as completing a bank transfer for the entry fee to the NFA Account: Sortcode: 20-32-06 Account number: 10069906 and Reference your ‘Name & Sail Number’- e.g. - Smith1745

3.4 - Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee together with payment of £230 entry fee (no discounts available after 11th July).

4. FEES

* 1. The required entry fees are as follows:
	2. Received on/by 30th April 2016:-

4.1 Helms 22 years and over £199

4.2 Helms under 22 years £99 (U22 01/01/16)

Received 1st May to 10th July:-

4.3 Helms 22 years and over £215

4.4 Helms under 22yrs on 1/1/16 £110

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration and scrutineering will take place on Saturday 6th August from 1000 to 1800 (closed for duration of practice race) and Sunday 7th July from 0900 to 1045.

5.2 Dates of racing and number of races:

* Saturday 6th August Practice Race
* Sunday 7th August Race 1 and Race 2
* Monday 8th August Race 3 and Race 4
* Tuesday 9th August Race 5 and Crews Race
* Wednesday 10th August Race 6-Sir Ralph Gore Challenge Cup/Marlow Cup
* Thursday 11th August Race 7 and Race 8
* Friday 12th August Race 9

5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the practice race is 1525.

5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for race 1 is 1225.

6. MEASUREMENT

6.1 Each boat shall hold a valid measurement certificate.

6.2 Boats and equipment must be presented for measurement and scrutineering to the official National Firefly Committee or their nominated representative.

6.3 Random measurement and safety equipment checks may be carried out at any time during the championship at the discretion of the official National Firefly Committee or their nominated representative or the Race Committee.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available after 1000 on Saturday 6th August at the Race Office.

8. VENUE & COURSES

8.1 Directions to Tenby Sailing Club can be found on the Firefly Class website at <http://www.fireflyclass.co.uk>

8.2 The registration desk will be located in the Tenby SC Clubhouse.

8.3 Trapezoid, Triangle or Windward-Leeward-Triangle courses will be laid in Carmarthen Bay as specified in the sailing instructions.

9. SCORING

9.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

9.2 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.

9.2 (b) When four or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10. PRIZES

Prizes will be given for the series and individual races at the discretion of the N.F.A. as follows:

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| Sir Richard Fairey Points Cup | The winner of the point’s series during the Nationals. *This does not include the practice race and includes a discard if enough races have been sailed.* |
| Colin Whittle Trophy | Winning Crew in Sir Richard Fairey Points Cup |
| Rothmans Trophy | The boat with the best position overall for the week counting all races. *This includes the practice race, crews’ race and allows for no discard.* |
| Sir Ralph Gore Challenge Cup | The winner of the Gore Race. *Sailed for by the top half of the fleet.* |
| Marlow Cup | The winner of the Marlow. *Sailed for by those not qualifying for The Gore.* |
| International Paints Trophy | The helmsperson from the Marlow Cup Fleet with the best position overall for the week counting all races. *This includes the practice race and allows for no discard even if enough races have been sailed* |
| City of Plymouth Trophy | Winner of the first points race. |
| Sussex Silver Firefly Trophy  | Winner of the second points race |
| Felixstowe Ferry Trophy | Winner of the third points race. |
| RAFSA Trophy | Winner of the fourth points race |
| Tomato Boats Trophy | Winner of the fifth points race. |
| Avon Bailer Trophy | Winner of the sixth points race. |
| Stern Light Trophy | Winner of the seventh points race. |
| The Olympic Trophy | Winner of the eighth points race. |
| Mike Nye Memorial Trophy | Winner of the ninth points race. |
| Deben Ladies Trophy | The helmswoman with the best position in the Sir Richard Fairey Points Series. |
| Geriatric Trophy | The helmsperson over 50 with the best position in the Sir Richard Fairey Points Series. |
| Veterans Trophy | The helmsperson over 50 with the best position in the Gore Race. |
| The Ultimate Trophy | The most senior crew with the best position in the Sir Richard Fairey Points Cup. *This is raced for by the 5 oldest boats, calculated on the combined crew and helm ages.* |
| Tolly Cobbold Cup | The club which has the lowest aggregate points in the Sir Richard Fairey Points Series from their 4 best placed helms. |
| Restronguet Ovaloid Trophy  | Best helm under 18 in the Sir Richard Fairey Points Series. |
| The Chris Lynham Trophy | Best helmsperson under 21 in the Sir Richard Fairey Points Series. |
| Eden Trophy | The best improver from their position in the Sir Richard Fairey Points Series at the previous year’s national to their current position in this years series. |
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11. RISK STATEMENT

11.1 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”.

11.2 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:

(a)  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 the event;

(b)  They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

(c)  They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

(d)  Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

(e)  The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

(f)  The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

12. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 or the equivalent.

13. INSPECTIONS

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

14. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

The media rights belong exclusively to Restronguet Sailing Club and National Firefly Association. By participating in this event a competitor automatically grants to the organising authority and any sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and or any other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation. The participants also undertake not to allow any act of reproduction, public communication or any distribution of images of the races without the previous authorisation from Restronguet Sailing Club.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information or any queries please contact:-

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