

**NOTICE OF RACE FOR AVON AND SOMERSET CONSTABULARY'S FORCE CLUB
SAILING SECTION DINGHY SAILING OPEN**

THURSDAY 7th JUNE 2018

1. Organising Authority

- 1.1 Avon & Somerset Constabulary Force Club Sailing Section and Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club.

2. Venue

- 2.1 Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club, Walley Court Road, Chew Stoke, Bristol BS40 8XN
- 2.2 The Avon and Somerset Constabulary Force Club Sailing Section Dinghy Force Championships and Open Dinghy Championships will be held on THURSDAY 7th JUNE 2018.
- 2.3 CVLSC and Bristol Water are committed to the prevention of the spread of invasive species. We are following the Environment Agency and RYA guidelines - 'CHECK CLEAN DRY'. Please make sure your boat has been clean and dry for at least two days prior to your arrival. The entry form will require you to self-certify that this is the case. You may be required to check and wash your boat before leaving Chew.
- 2.4 No dogs are allowed on the premises due to Bristol Water bylaws.

3. Rules

- 3.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the rules of the respective Class Associations and the Bristol Water bylaws. Competitors will also behave in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter.

4. Eligibility and Conditions of Entry

- 4.1 All helms must be either a serving or retired member of the Police Service either as a Police Officer, Police Staff, Police Cadet or Special Constable.

For the Open championships only, crew members may be any person. For the Avon and Somerset Force Championships the crew must also fit the same criteria as the helm.

- 4.2 All craft entered in the PSUK National Dinghy Sailing Championships shall be mono-hull dinghies and have a recognised Portsmouth Yardstick. Fixed keel dinghies having an overall length not exceeding 22 feet and have a recognised Portsmouth Yardstick are eligible to take part.
- 4.3 If alternative rigs are available for a dinghy, competitors must declare which rig they will use for the Championship at registration. The same rig must be used for all races.
- 4.4 All competitors must have completed an entry form for the event and paid the required fee before the preparatory signal for the first race of the series.
- 4.5 Entry forms should be completed online at:

<https://sailingsection.wufoo.co.uk/forms/m1sveot31dvuiyr/>

Payment can be made via bank transfer to account number 00988080, sort code 30-18-88. Ensure your reference is Sailing followed by your surname. Alternatively cheques/cash will be accepted on the day. The entry fee is £20 for Double-handers and £15 for Single Handers.

5. Responsibility

- 5.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of a race. Neither the Sailing Instructions, nor any inspection of the boat, limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge, for the crew, the boat and her management
- 5.2 The provision of safety equipment and boats by Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club (CVLSC) and Avon and Somerset Constabulary Sailing Section (A&SCSS) is neither a guarantee that assistance can be rendered to any competitors in need, nor acceptance of any responsibility for rescue for competitors. Further, in the event that assistance is rendered to any competitor, the CVLSC or A&SCSS or crew of such safety craft accepts no liability for any loss, damage or injury to the competitor and or boat and her management.
- 5.3 The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races.
- 5.4 It shall be the sole responsibility of those sailing each boat to decide whether or not to start or to continue the race.

6. **Registration**

- 6.1 If competitors wish to register prior to the event, please see 4.5 above. Alternatively, competitors can enter on the day of the Championship at the registration desk at Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club.
- 6.2 Registration for the Championships will commence at 08:00 on **THURSDAY 7th JUNE 2018** at Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club.
- 6.3 Every competing boat shall have a valid measurement certificate. The race committee may request production of this certificate for inspection upon registration or at any reasonable time during the Championships.

7. **Entry Fees**

- 7.1 The entry fee is £20 for Double-handers and £15 for Single Handers

8. **Racing Area and Sailing Programme**

- 8.1 Racing will be conducted at Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club
- 8.2 The Avon and Somerset Force Championships and Open Championships will consist of 3 races.
 - 8.2.1 **THURSDAY 7th JUNE 2018** Briefing 10:30.
 - 8.2.2 Race 1: Start 11:00, races 2 and 3 to follow as directed by the Race Officer

9. **Scoring System**

- 9.1 The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 9.2 Avon and Somerset Force Championships and Open Championships: If three races are completed one discard will be allowed. If less than three races are completed no discard will be allowed.
- 9.3 Chew Valley Sailing Club local Portsmouth Yardstick will be used.

10. **Sailing Instructions**

- 10.1 Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available at registration. A version of the SI's may be available to download from the Police Sailing Website www.policesailing.org prior to the Championships.

11. Insurance

- 11.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum of £2,000,000 Third Party liability

12. Accommodation and Catering

- 12.1 Competitors wishing to research local accommodation may find the Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club website at www.chewvalleysailing.org.uk a useful source of information:
- 12.2 Bacon 'butties' will be available to purchase from the Galley from about 08:30 hrs and food will be available to purchase from the Galley at lunch time. Please support this facility.

13. Directions

- 13.1 Access to Chew Valley Lake is easy as it is not far from the two major motorways in the west. Sat Nav systems will direct you to a position on Walley Court Rd just to the west of the club entrance.

14. Advertising

- 14.1. The Championship is a Category A event as defined under ISAF Regulations 20

15. Further information

- 15.1 Can be obtained from: mike.buck@avonandsomerset.police.uk