

## Notice of Race

### Graduate National Championships at Bolton Sailing Club

Sponsored by SailPics and Tim Harper Boats & Sails

**26, 27, 28 August 2017**

The event will be governed by the "Rules" as defined in "The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020", the prescriptions of the RYA Racing Charter, the appropriate class rules and the 2017 Graduate National Championships Sailing Instructions.

Entry fee for helm & crew: £75.00 (entries received by end 18 August)

£85.00 (entries received after 18 August)

Entries will be allowed until Wednesday 23 August. Entries after 23 August may be accepted for an additional £10 handling surcharge at the discretion of Bolton Sailing Club in conjunction with the Graduate Dinghy Association.

The entry fee includes an evening meal for helm and crew at Bolton Sailing Club on the Saturday evening. Additional Saturday evening meals must be pre-booked via the entry form at £10 per person per meal.

The 2017 Graduate Association AGM is scheduled for 18:00 on Saturday 26 August at Bolton Sailing Club.

A meal/barbecue will also be provided on the Sunday evening at £10 per person per meal. This must also be booked via the entry form.

Entry forms are available on the Graduate Dinghy Association website at [www.graduatedinghy.com](http://www.graduatedinghy.com). All persons attending the event must be listed on the entry form, along with any special dietary requirements. By signing the entry form, the participant confirms that their craft is insured for third party liability to a minimum of £2,000,000.

There will be a briefing for competitors in front of the Club house at 12:00 on Saturday 26th August.

The first warning signal for the races are scheduled as follows:

- Practice race 12:25 Sat 26 Aug
- Championships 1<sup>st</sup> race 14:25 Sat 26 Aug
- Championships 2<sup>nd</sup> race 15:55 Sat 26 Aug
- Championships 3<sup>rd</sup> race 10:55 Sun 27 Aug
- Championships 4<sup>th</sup> race 12:25 Sun 27 Aug
- Crews race 14:25 Sun 27 Aug
- Ladies race 15:55 Sun 27 Aug
- Championships 5<sup>th</sup> race 09:25 Mon 28 Aug
- Championships 6<sup>th</sup> race 10:55 Mon 28 Aug

The timings of the races will be at the discretion of the Race Officer. In case of adverse weather conditions or postponements, the Race Officer, where possible in consultation with the GDA committee, may adjust race times. Any changes will be posted on the event board near the door to the OD box.

If 1 to 4 championship races are completed, all races shall count. If more than 4 championship races are completed, there will be one discard.

The prize giving is scheduled for 13:00 on Monday 28 August and will start no later than 14:00.

There will be prizes for the top three positioned boats. In addition, Graduate Dinghy Association trophies will be awarded as follows:

<b>Light Craft Cup</b>	To the Helm of 1st boat overall in the Championship
<b>Lumley Bowl</b>	To the Crew of 1st boat overall in the Championship
<b>Pennington Pot</b>	To the Helm of 2nd boat overall in the Championship
<b>Pennington Plate</b>	To the Crew of 2nd boat overall in the Championship
<b>Ruislip Trophy</b>	To the Helm of 3rd boat overall in the Championship
<b>Dreadnought Trophy</b>	To the Crew of 3rd boat overall in the Championship
<b>Lowton Trophy</b>	Lowest points, no discard over all races Helm:
<b>Rex Barker Trophy</b>	Lowest points, no discard over all races Crew:
<b>Capstan Trophy</b>	Winners of Race 1
<b>Argo Trophy</b>	Winners of Race 2
<b>Hollick trophy</b>	Winners of Race 3
<b>Elton Trophy</b>	Winners of Race 4
<b>Saundersfoot Cup</b>	Winners of Race 5
<b>Plymouth Cup</b>	Winners of Race 6
<b>Essex Cup</b>	Best placed Junior Helm
<b>Light Craft Trophy</b>	Best placed Junior Crew
<b>Undergraduate Trophies</b>	Best placed Junior Helm and Crew
<b>Saundersfoot Trophy</b>	Best placed Lady Helm
<b>St. Tudwalls Cup</b>	Best placed Veteran (Helm over 65)
<b>Ton-Up Trophy</b>	Best placed Helm and Crew aged 120 or over
<b>Bucket Cup</b>	Oldest Helm
<b>Half Way Up Cup</b>	Mid-fleet finisher
<b>Ruislip Paddle</b>	Highest Points, no discard
<b>Molyneux Trophy</b>	Top 3 boats from the same Club (lowest aggregate scores in the Championship)

The Sailing Instructions for the event, a map of the reservoir with approximate mark positions and location of BSC can be viewed on the club website at [www.sail.org.uk](http://www.sail.org.uk).

Attention is drawn to Rule 4 (Decision to Race). The decision as to the suitability of the conditions and whether to launch and sail is the responsibility of each competitor if over the age of 18 or of the parent/guardian if the competitor is under the age of 18. Bolton Sailing Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the National Championships.

Competitors are welcome to camp at the sailing club on 24, 25, 26 and 27 August. Anyone wishing to do so should contact Andy Flitcroft ([andyflitcroft@supanet.com](mailto:andyflitcroft@supanet.com)) before 24 August and confirm estimated arrival times to ensure access to the site and facilities.