

## **1 RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the following:

1.1.1 Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.1.2 The Class Rules and Guidelines.

1.1.3 This Notice of Race.

1.1.4 The Sailing Instructions.

1.2 In the event of conflicts among the above documents, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

1.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule means it shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1.4 The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule shall be at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 64.2.

## **2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

2.1 The Regatta is open to all Blaze and Fire boats sailed by members of the Blaze Class Association.

2.2 Entries are to be made online together with the entry fee as described in NOR 3

2.3 All helms and crew under the age of 18 during the event shall submit signed parent/guardian declarations as part of the entry process and submit details of the parent acting in charge of a child who shall be present at IOSSC at all times during the event.

2.4 Medical forms and sailor declarations included as part of the on-line entry are required to be completed for all competitors.

2.5 The regatta forms part of the Blaze Traveller Series, details of which can be found on the Blaze Class Association website: [Traveller Series | Blaze Class Sailing](#)

2.6 Temporary membership to the class for the purpose of this event is available at a cost of £15 (payable to BCA)

## **3 ENTRY**

3.1 The entry fee for racing will be as follows:

3.1.1 The entry for registration prior to 2359 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026 £50.

3.1.2 There is a £15 surcharge for registrations made on or after 0001 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

3.1.3 Entries and fees shall be paid online at [Events @ IOSSC Webpage](#)

3.1.4 Entrants who arrive on the day can pay the full amount at the club.

## **4 VENUE**



4.1 Racing is intended to take place on Thames Estuary to the North or North East of IOSSC.

## **5 SCHEDULE.**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 from 1600 Registration in the main hall.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 1100 – Briefing in the main hall.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 1200 - 3 Races back to back.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 1030 - 3 races back to back.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May As soon as possible after racing - Presentation.

## **6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

6.1 Sailing instructions will be available no later than Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May online via [Events @ IOSSC Webpage](#)

## **7 COURSES**

7.1 The courses to be sailed will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

## **8 SCORING**

8.1 The Blaze Open event will be scored as provided in RRS Appendix A4 using the Low Point System.

8.2 6 races are scheduled; Three completed races will constitute a series.

8.3 When fewer than 4 races have been completed a boat's regatta series score shall be the total of her race scores.

8.4 When 4-6 races have been completed, a boat's regatta series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.

## **9 MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

9.1 All boats, sails and equipment may be inspected for Class rules compliance prior to, or during, or after racing.

## **10 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]**

10.1 Support person vessels will be allowed and will be expected to act as part of the safety fleet if requested to do so by the Race Committee.

10.2 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel including relatives of competitors who are not official, patrol or support person vessels shall not be in the racing area, nor shall they communicate with any competitors, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first race until the last boat returns to shore. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification for all boats associated with the support personnel who do so:

a) For the purposes of this rule, the racing area shall be defined as not less than 300m from any boat that is racing, and this shall specifically include an area not less than 200m immediately to leeward of the finish line for any race.

b) For events that are held in restricted waters where the requirements in 10.2 a) are unable to be met, the Race Officer may designate a specific area for team leaders, coaches, or support boats



10.3 Competitors will not be able to place food, drink, and spares on any support vessels

## 11 PRIZES

11.1 Prizes will be awarded depending on entry numbers.

11.2 Prize giving will take place in the main hall as soon as possible after racing on the last day.

11.3 The minimum number of prizes to be awarded will be:

- BLAZE 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 1st Lady
- 1st Youth
- 1st Polyester
- FIRE Prizes will be awarded to the square root of the number of entries, rounded down, and to a maximum of 3rd place.

## 12 ADVERTISING AND MEDIA

12.1 When provided by the Organising Authority, boats shall display numbers and advertising.

12.2 Competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and the Class Association, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

12.3 Competitors may be required to participate in interviews during the event. [NP] [DP]

## 13 CANCELLATIONS

13.1 Cancellations & Refunds will be made to entrants as follows:

13.1.1 If the entrant withdraws from the event more than 7 days before the start a full refund will be issued.

13.1.2 if the entrant withdraws between 7 days and 48 hours before the event, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded.

13.1.3 If the entrant withdraws 48 hours or less before the event there will be no refund.

13.1.4 If the club and/or class cancel the event then a full refund will be issued.

13.2 Notice of any cancellations will be promulgated by all available means, including social media at least 24 hours before event start time.

13.3 For the purpose of this rule, the event start time will be considered as 4 hours before the first scheduled race in accordance with the Notice of Race.

## 14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia of other causes. 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;
- (g) it is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held for the event.

## 15 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## 16 FURTHER INFORMATION

16.1 The Club is card only (No Cash).

16.2 Entry Fee covers all associated costs for running the event. Food is not covered by the entry fee and will be sold separately.

16.3 Boats will be stored within the IOSSC Compound unless directed by the sailing committee.

16.4 For further information please contact IOSSC. (email: [iosscenquiries@outlook.com](mailto:iosscenquiries@outlook.com))

