

INTERNATIONAL MIRROR CLASS BRITISH OPEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday 11th – Wednesday 14th August 2019

Organising Authority: The Poole Yacht Club
in conjunction with the
UK Mirror Class Association (UKMCA)

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- (a) RRS Appendix T "Arbitration" will apply. The Post-Race Penalty stated in rule T1(b) may be changed by the sailing instructions.
 - (b) Rule 63.7 will be changed to permit a rule in the sailing instructions to take precedence over a rule in the notice of race.
 - (c) The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
 - (d) PYC Mirror Championship (Event)Sailing Instructions.
 - (e) International Mirror Class Rules. <http://mirrorsailing.org/>
 - (f) Poole Harbour By Laws. <https://www.phc.co.uk>
 - (g) Poole Harbour Yacht Racing Criteria. https://www.phc.co.uk/leisure_yacht.html
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between languages then the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display event advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. Such advertising, if any, shall be displayed in accordance with the sailing instructions.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The event is open to all boats that comply with the rules of the International Mirror Class.
- 3.2 The event is also open to boats which generally comply with the rules of the International Mirror Class but do not have a valid measurement certificate. These boats will race concurrently with other boats but will be scored separately as the "Bronze Fleet".
- 3.3 All sailors shall be paid-up members of a club or other organisation affiliated with a World Sailing Member National Association and which is a National Class Association member of the International Mirror Class Association (IMCA) or, where none exists, direct members of IMCA.
- 3.4 Boats competing shall complete on-site registration prior to 1700 on Sunday 11th August, unless the OA extends this time.
- 3.5 The closing date for entries to be received by the OA is Sunday 28th July. Entries submitted after this date may be accepted at the discretion of the OA, and will be subject to payment of an additional late entry premium. The final date after which no entry will be accepted is 1600 on Sunday 11th August
- 3.6 All entries shall be submitted on-line at <https://webcollect.org.uk/pycracing>
- 3.7 An entry is not complete until:
- (a) entry fees have been paid in full;
 - (b) the crew list and declaration form, available at registration, has been signed by each sailor;
 - (c) all sailors have provided proof of membership required by regulation 3.3 above;
 - (d) a valid measurement certificate issued by the boat's World Sailing MNA has been submitted prior to the close of registration (except that boats entering the Bronze

Fleet under regulation 3.2 above will not be required to present a valid measurement certificate);

- (e) all boats have completed sail certification inspection;
- (f) a parental (or guardian) consent form and declaration has been submitted for sailors age 18 and under. The form will be available for download at <http://www.ukmirrorsailing.com>.

4. FEES

4.1 The entry fees are as follows:

	Nationals
Normal entry	UK£100
Late entry	+UK£20

4.2 The entry fees cover berthing and trailer storage, but not car parking, this is available at the public car park close to the club, vouchers are available from the OA.

4.3 Boats requiring berthing outside of the period Sunday 11th to 1700 on Wednesday 14th August are responsible for making private arrangements through the OA.

4.4 Competitors requiring berthing/launching for support boats are responsible for making private arrangements through the OA for which the charge is UK£17.20/day. The PYC event safety officer must be consulted prior to launching.

4.5 Refund Policy. Refunds (less an administrative charge of UK£10) will only be given if cancellation is received before Sunday 28th July.

4.6 There are a maximum of 20 spaces for camper vans on site (some with electric hook ups),.All motorhomes must be pre-booked and pre-paid.

4.7 To pre book motorhomes contact The PYC office 01202672687

4.8 Fees for visitor motorhomes are as follows,

Motorhome(less than 6.2mtr) / Campervan on Bund wall, Harbour views to Brownsea island. No Hook-up	£19.00 per night
Motor Home / Camper Van with Hook-up in club yard	£30.00 per night
Other spaces available through PHC 01202 440220	

4.9 There will be a BBQ & social following the AGM. This will cost £7.00 per person.

5. COMPETITION FORMAT

5.1 The British Open National Championship will consist of a series of eight scheduled races.

6. SCHEDULE

The schedule is shown in Appendix A.

7. MEASUREMENT

7.1 Before the close of registration each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate issued by the boat's MNA, except boats in the Nationals Bronze Fleet.

7.2 Scheduled equipment inspection will take place during the periods stated in Appendix A. In addition, random spot checks of boats and equipment may be carried out at any time during the regatta including on the water.

7.3 As provided in RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for the event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available online at <http://www.ukmirrorsailing.com> from Sunday 14th July. A preliminary version may be posted on the event website before this date. Entrants will be informed by email if a preliminary version has been posted.

9. VENUE AND COURSES

9.1 The race office will be situated at The Poole Yacht Club. Racing will take place on Poole Harbour.

9.2 Courses will be Triangle, Windward/Leeward as described in the sailing instructions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 A voluntary Post-Race Penalty will be available when appropriate. Full details will be given in the sailing instructions.

11. SCORING

11.1 A minimum of 3 races shall be completed to constitute a championship.

11.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, no score shall be excluded.

11.3 When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst excludable score.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

All support boats shall be registered with the OA and shall comply with event regulations that will be published in an addendum to the sailing instructions.

13. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places when they are ashore, unless the OA has given permission in writing for a boat to be elsewhere.

14. PRIZES

14.1 Perpetual trophies will be awarded by the UK Mirror Class Association as stated in Attachment B

14.2 The OA, class association and sponsors may also award other prizes.

15. RISK STATEMENT

15.1 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".

15.2 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 and omissions;
- (d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) 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) 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 safety briefing held for the event.

15.3 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.

16. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of UK£3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors will be required to sign a declaration to this effect at registration.

17. DATA PROTECTION

- 17.1** The UKMCA has a Data Privacy Policy which can be found at www.ukmirrorsailing.com. Your data will be stored and used in accordance with that policy.
- 17.2** The information you provide in your entry will be used to facilitate your participation in the Event and to contact you. The UKMCA would also like to include your contact details on a mailing list in order to make you aware of Mirror dinghy related news, information and future events. You will be asked if you agree to being included in the mailing list on the entry form.

18. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 18.1** The UKMCA may arrange for images or videos to be taken at the Event and published on the UKMCA's website or social media channels to record the Event or to promote future events or Mirror sailing. You will be asked if you agree to images of you being used for this purpose on the entry form.
- 18.2** Competitors and/or their Guardians who allow their images to be used, automatically grant to the UKMCA and any party to which they may delegate this right, without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show (including via the internet), any motion pictures, still pictures, live, taped or filmed television or any other form of media, of or relating to the event.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about the event and venue please visit <http://www.ukmirrorsailing.com>, or contact The Poole Yacht Club office: Tel: +44 (0)1202 672687, email: stevebland4@viginmedia.com

For further information on Poole and its environs, including accommodation, please visit <https://www.pooletourism.com/>, accommodation near the Poole yacht club can be found on the event page of the Poole yacht club. <https://www.pooleyc.co.uk/>

Appendix A

Schedule

A1. Registration and Equipment Inspection

Date	Activity	Time	Location
Sunday 11 th August	Registration and Equipment Inspection	1000 – 1300, then 1400-1700	PYC
Sunday 11 th August	RNLI Visit	Provisional	RNLI

A2. British Open National Championship

Date	Activity	Time	Location
Monday 12 th August	Race briefing	0900	PYC
	Three races back-to-back	First warning signal 1055	Poole Harbour
	MCA AGM and Waterwars	1600-1700 1500-1700	PYC PYC Beach
	BBQ and social	1700-	PYC
Tuesday 13 th August	Three races back-to-back	First warning signal 1055	Poole Harbour
	Island Cruise	1500	
Wednesday 14 th August	Up to three races back-to-back	First warning signal 1055	Poole Harbour
	Prize-giving	After racing	PYC

Appendix B

Prizes

B.1 British Open Championship

Trophies will be awarded as follows:

The British Open National Champion
Second place overall
Third place overall
Highest ranked lady helm
Highest ranked helm & crew under 19* excluding overall winners
Highest ranked helm & crew under 15* excluding overall winners
Highest ranked local helm under 19*
Highest ranked helm over 39**
Highest ranked helm over 49**
Highest ranked Scottish boat
Highest ranked Welsh boat
Best team (lowest aggregate score of the three highest ranked boats entered from the same club)
Highest ranked parent & offspring
Highest ranked Devon or Cornwall helm & crew under 18*
Twenty-fifth place overall
Lowest place overall having completed every race
Youngest crew** to have completed all races
Highest ranked wooden boat
Highest ranked single-hander
Winner of the Bronze fleet
Winner of practice race
Winner of race 1
Winner of race 2
Winner of race 3
Winner of race 4
Winner of race 5
Winner of race 6
Winner of race 7
Winner of race 8

*at 14th August 2019

**at 12th August 2019

Daily Mirror Trophy
Pioneer Cup
America Cup
Proops Pot
Arthur Vine Trophy

Harry Yule Smith Plate

Arthur Birt Trophy
Lucas Trophy
1963 Trophy
Aberdeen Trophy
Gulf Cup
Fleet Shield

Topaz Trophy
Dyno-Rod Cup

Silver Jubilee Trophy
Shavian Mug
Super Crew Cup
Ptwootle Trophy
Bass Charrington Trophy
Jan Grieg-Gran Plate
International Paints Trophy
Marlow Rope Trophy
Turbo Service International Plate
Jeckells Mirror Trophy
Peter Wilson Trophy
City of Plymouth Trophy
National Westminster Trophy
Abersoch Trophy
40th Anniversary Trophy