



## 2017 Blind National Sailing Championship

### In memory of Charley Findlay (Steel)

13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017

#### Notice of Race

#### 1. Organising Authority

- 1.1. Organised by the Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club in association with the Blind Sailing UK.

#### 2. Rules

- 2.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020.
- 2.2. The rules of the Sonar Class.

#### 3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. Any visually impaired person in categories B1, B2, B3 and B4 who must be 16 years old or over on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017. The age limit may be waived at the discretion of Blind Sailing UK.
- 3.2. Entry is via the attached entry form.

#### 4. Fees

- 4.1. The entry fee for the event is £155.00 per boat.
- 4.2. A reduced entry fee of £110 applies to students who are in full time education.
- 4.3. A late entry fee of £20 shall be charged for all entries received after the closing date of 2 October 2017.

#### 5. Venue

- 5.1. The Regatta Venue and Regatta Office will be at Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club.

#### 6. Crew Divisions

- 6.1. Class 1 crews shall comprise of B1 VI Helmsperson; B1 or B2 VI crew, and a sighted tactician and crew.
- 6.2. Class 2 crews shall comprise of B2/B3 VI Helmsperson and VI crew may of any combination of VI, (B1, B2, B3 or B4), plus a sighted tactician and where the Blind Sailing UK are able to, a sighted crew.
- 6.3. The VI Helmsperson may handle the helm, mainsheet and mainsheet traveller.
- 6.4. The VI Crew may handle the mainsheet and mainsheet traveller, headsail sheet and all sail controls.
- 6.5. The sighted tactician in a four man format shall touch no controls or helm during racing unless to avoid incident. When in a three man format sighted tactician may handle the mainsheet traveller, headsail sheet and all sail controls. Boat controls and gear not mentioned above may be handled by any member of the crew. The organisers will look to allocate roles based on training and experience and at all times consider safety.

#### 7. Schedule

	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October
HW Portsmouth	0613 4.2m	0730 4.1m	0847 4.2m
Race Office Opens at CCYC	1030	-	-
Free Practice			

	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October
Registration in the CCYC Club House	1500 – 1800		
First Warning Signal	-	1025	1025
Coaches Briefing	1130	0900	-
Prizegiving at CCYC			As soon as possible after racing.

7.2 The event will consist of eight races.

7.3 The intention is that there will be no more than 4 races a day, but there could be more. Additional races may be sailed either in advance or arrears in order to complete the programme because of weather or other reason.

7.4 On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 14.00 except after a general recall.

## 8. Sailing Instructions

8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration at Cowes Corinthian YC from Friday and also emailed electronically.

## 9. Courses

9.1 Racing will be in the Central Solent from a Committee Boat.

9.2 Courses using laid or fixed or navigation marks will be broadcast on VHF and displayed on the signal boat. The format will be predominantly windward/leeward.

9.3 A list of marks to be used will be issued with the Sailing Instructions.

## 10. Penalties

10.1. The penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements occurring within the Zone when the penalty shall be a Two Turns. Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction).

## 11. Scoring

11.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

11.2 Three races shall be completed to constitute a series.

11.3 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.4 When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.

## 10 Haul-Out Restrictions

10.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

## 11 Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

11.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

## 12 Radio Communication

12.1 All boats shall carry a working marine band VHF receiver with channels 16, 67, 72, 77, 80, MI (37a).

12.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to all communication devices except to any tracker which might be supplied.

### 13 Prizes

- 13.1 The event prizegiving will be held at Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club as soon as possible after the final day's racing and any subsequent protests on Sunday 15 October.

### 12. Risk Statement

#### Liability Waiver Declaration by Owner/ Skipper

I understand that Yacht Racing can be dangerous and accept my responsibilities as set out in the Risk Statement in the Notice of Race. Before racing I will effect adequate and suitable insurance and ensure that my crew is aware of:

- The undertaking of this Declaration
- The importance of effecting appropriate personal insurance
- Their responsibility in rules observance, and in particular RRS 1.2 (wearing personal floatation devices adequate for the conditions).

I agree to be bound by RRS, RYA Prescriptions, the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and other applicable rules. The boat and sails will be available for inspection. If any alteration likely to affect the boat is made, e.g. to sails, rig, mast ballast or trim, I will notify the Race Committee immediately. I will ensure that no crew member races contrary to the terms of any ban imposed by World Sailing, a National Authority or the OA.

In participating in the event any competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority permission to make, use and show, from time to time, any motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event without compensation, in perpetuity.

I understand and agree that the information given in this race entry and also the Race entry lists and results will be maintained on the Class's or OA's computer to be used for all aspects of race organization including publicity.

### 16. Insurance

- 16.1 Each participating boat is required to hold insurance cover and in particular to hold adequate insurance against third party claims of at least £2 million. Each participating sailor is required to have insurance cover against third party claims of at least £2 million. The charter of the boats will be covered by the entry fees managed by Blind Sailing UK. This includes accident cover with an excess of £800 per incident per boat. Each incident will be reviewed by the organising committee and a contribution to costs incurred may be requested.

### 17 Further Information

- 17.1 For further information, please contact:  
Blind Sailing on mobile 07796 687314, email [blind.sailing@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:blind.sailing@yahoo.co.uk). [www.gbrblindsailing.co.uk](http://www.gbrblindsailing.co.uk)
- 17.2 Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club, 39 Birmingham Road, Cowes PO31 7BH 01983 29633, email: [racing@ccyc.org.uk](mailto:racing@ccyc.org.uk)

**All participants in the Blind Sailing National Championship are invited by the Flag Officers to be temporary members of the Cowes Corinthian for the duration of the Regatta.**

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#### Notes to Competitors

This regatta is being held in memory of Charley Findlay (Steel) who was a great supporter of this event.

During the afternoon on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October a committee RIB from CCYC maybe afloat to run some practice starts.

#### Social arrangements

Friday evening	Arrival at UKSA
Saturday	Meal and Drinks at CCYC, price £9.00 a head.

**Race Entry Form**

Surname –  
Forenames –  
Full Address –

Mobile Number -  
Evening Telephone No.–  
Email Address -  
Date of Birth –  
Sight Classification (under BBS) – B  
Any other Disability’s –

Any dietary requirements –

T- Shirt size –  
Next of Kin –  
Contact Number for Next of Kin –  
Will you be accompanied by a carer or partner? –  
Will they require evening meals on the Friday and Saturday Evening? (this will be at a small cost) –  
Will you be bringing a Guide Dog?  
If so, will you require it to be looked after during your sailing time?

Blind Sailing and CCYC are looking to provide water, walks and shelter for all guide dogs. This service will be provided by volunteers, we will confirm at a later stage if we are able to provide this assistance. Blind Sailing and CCYC will not accept any responsibility for your Guide Dogs before, during or after the event.

Sailing Club –  
Sailing Experience and Recent Regattas –

If you have any questions or concerns about this event or completing this form, please contact Blind Sailing on 07796 687914 or email [blind.sailing@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:blind.sailing@yahoo.co.uk)

Please return completed form either by email to the above address or by post to 158 Parklands, Rochford, Essex, SS4 1SY.

Please enclose payment (as per section 4 of the NOR).  
Cheques to be made payable to Blind Sailing.  
Electronic payment to: Account No. 01828001                      Sort Code 30.92.94                      Bank Lloyds Bank

There is a limit to available boats. Please submit entries early to avoid disappointment as per NOR.

**Liability:** I have read and will comply with the Liability Conditions on this Entry Form. I confirm that I understand that all incidents on the water will be reviewed and that I to act in a sea like manor at all times. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Signed .....                      Date .....

Printed Name.....

If under 18 years of age on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017, a signature of your parent or guardian is required.

Parent or Guardian signature: .....