



VINTAGE MERLIN REGATTA

Hosted by Thames Sailing Club

20th June 2009.

NOTICE OF RACE

PROGRAMME

A 3 race series, weather and conditions permitting

RACE TIMES:	Saturday 20th June 2009	Race: 1	11:00
		Race: 2	13.00
		Clear water	
		Race: 3	15.00

REGISTRATION: All boats must register by before competing.

BRIEFING: 10:45 on Saturday 20th June outside the Race Box.

ENTRY

The Entry Fees for each day will be £10.00 per boat. There will be a maximum entry of 30 boats.

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is the Thames Sailing Club.

RULES

Racing will take place under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2009 – 20012), the Rules of the Class and the prescriptions of the RYA, except as any of these are changed by the TSC Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race.

ELIGIBILITY

Vintage Merlin Entrants

Racing is open to any Merlin Rocket over 30 years old. Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate and a valid insurance certificate (including third party cover for not less than £2,000,000), both of which may be required at registration.

BOAT TRAILERS

There will be space allocated for road trailers in the car park at Thames Sailing Club.

RACE AREA

The race area is between Hampton Bridge and Kingston Bridge.

OTHER EVENTS IN THE RACING AREA (for information)

As always due care, attention and courtesy should be given to other river users. Please be aware of the passenger ferries that frequently travel up and down the river as well as the privately owned launches and be especially cautious of the hired boats. On Saturday there are two other events taking place:-

Tudor River Pageant – Saturday 20 June 2009

The Pageant flotilla which will comprise of up to 50 man-powered vessels plus safety boats will pass TSC on the Middlesex side of the river, the race box aims to have the water clear for this event

Refreshments will be available in the TSC clubhouse during the 'clear water' period

Variety Club Event – Saturday 20 June 2009

TMYC motor boats will be carrying around 250 people including disabled children and their families. It will leave TMYC at around 13:00 bound for Teddington Lock and will return to TMYC at around 14:00. The flotilla will adhere to the 'normal rules of navigation' and will therefore pass TSC on the Surrey side of the River when travelling towards Kingston Bridge (downstream) and on the Middlesex side when travelling towards Hampton Court (upstream). The racing will continue as the Variety Club flotilla passes on its down and upstream voyages and the TMYC organisers have been asked to inform their members that this will be the case. In the spirit of the Variety Club event, TSC will make every effort not to impede the progress of the Variety Club flotilla.

Please also be aware of the Navigation byelaws for the River Thames; copies are available in the clubhouse.

PRIZES

Prizes for the Vintage Merlin Regatta will be awarded to the leading helms and crews and to helms and crews of boats in 2nd and 3rd Place. The prize giving will take place on Saturday afternoon following the last race at Thames Sailing Club. Expected time of 18.00

CLUBHOUSE

All competitors are invited to use the facilities of the Club during their stay. Competitors will be deemed to be temporary members for the duration of the event, and as such, shall abide by all the Club's rules and requirements.

DRESS

Members and visitors to the Club are asked to change from their sailing clothes in the evenings and dress appropriately for the time of day.

VALUABLES

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN THE CHANGING ROOMS. Competitors do so at their own risk.

CATERING

Tea and coffee is available free of charge in the club house. There is also a licensed bar where you may purchase other drinks.

Lunch 12:00 – 13:00

Light refreshment available during the afternoon

Buffet Supper 18.00

CLUB DETAILS

Thames Sailing Club

Address: Portsmouth Road, Surbiton, Surrey. KT6 4HH

Tel 0208 399 2164

Email info@thamessailingclub.co.uk

Website www.thamessailingclub.co.uk

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board next to the race box.

CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the SI's will be posted by 10:30 on 20th June- with the flag L flown from the club mast.

SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff on the race box.

PROTESTS

Protests shall be written on forms available from the Office.

Completed forms shall be returned to the office within the protest time limit.

The protest time limit is 1 hour after the last boat finishes the last race of the day.

The Exoneration Penalty [and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration] of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

SCORING SYSTEM

The event will be scored using the De May Series Handicap system.

RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority 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. They also allow their names, age, category, club and boat details to be displayed in competitors lists prior to the event and in results, both on the TSC website and in publications.

THAMES SAILING CLUB

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

LIMITATION OF THE CLUB'S GENERAL LIABILITY

Members of the Club, their guests and visitors use the Club premises and any other facilities of the Club entirely at their own risk and impliedly accept that:

- (1) The Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the Club.
- (2) The Club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of the use of the club premises, and any other facilities of the club, or out of participation in any races organised by the club, whether sustained by members, their guests or visitors, or caused by the said members, guests or visitors whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed or contributed to or was occasioned by neglect, default or negligence of any of them, the officers, committee or servants of the Club.
- (3) Before inviting any guests or visitors onto the premises or to participate in events organised by the club, members are required to draw their attention to this rule.

RACING DISCLAIMER

A boat and the owner and the person in charge (the boat) are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore and nothing whether in this notice of race or the sailing instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions for which it will find itself. By launching or going onto the river, the boat confirms that it is fit for these conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000.

Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of a boat; nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat having taken part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, its officers and staff, the race committee, the race officer and assistants, the patrol or rescue boats and beach masters. The provision of patrol or rescue boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities. The fact that a race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities set out in this paragraph.

INSURANCE

In addition to third party liability for not less £2,000,000 referred to above, competitors are advised to effect their own personal accident insurance.

PERSONAL BUOYANCY

All competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy when afloat. All children under 12 shall wear adequate personal buoyancy when next to the river. Wetsuits and drysuits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

VINTAGE MERLIN REGATTA
At Thames SC

OPEN EVENT ENTRY FORM

Class.....	Age of Boat.....
Sail Number	Boat Name
De May Series details.....	
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Helm Name.....	Crew Name.....
Helm Club	Crew Club
Address	
.....	PostCode:.....
Telephone No:	
Email Address:	
DoB if under 18.....	Signature of Guardian.....

Entry Fee for Saturday (£10 per boat)	<input type="text"/>
Buffet Supper	<input type="text"/>
TOTAL ENCLOSED £.....	<input type="text"/>
Amount received Y/N	<input type="text"/>

Entry Declaration

I wish to enter the Thames SC VINTAGE MERLIN REGATTA. I understand that I/we will be deemed to be Temporary Members of Thames SC, and as such, shall abide by all the Club's rules and requirements.

I agree to be bound by the rules as defined in this Notice of Race, Thames Sailing Club Sailing Instructions and Racing Rules of Sailing. I confirm that I hold a valid registration certificate and that I have Third Party Insurance for at least £2,000,000. I confirm that I have read and accept for myself, my crew and our guests the limitation of the Club's General Liability and Racing Disclaimer.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Return to: Susie Scotcher, Thames Sailing Club, Portsmouth Rd, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 4HH