

**CHIPSTEAD SAILING CLUB**  
**(Chevening Road, Chipstead, Sevenoaks. Sat Nav TN13 2SD**  
**OPPOSITE THE 'BRICKLAYER'S ARMS'**

**Graduate Open & Heron National Open Meeting**  
**Sunday 4 and Monday 5 May 2025**

**NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)**

The Organising Authority is Chipstead Sailing Club.

**1. Rules**

1.1. Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, and the prescriptions of the RYA, this NOR, and the Sailing Instructions (SIs). Competitors are expected to sail in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter.

1.2. In the event of any conflict between this NOR and the SIs, the SIs shall prevail.

1.3. The exoneration penalty (and the advisory and RYA Arbitration) of the RYA Rules disputes procedures may be available.

**2. Eligibility and Entry**

2.1. Any member of Chipstead Sailing Club who owns or is borrowing a Graduate/Heron, and visitors with a Graduate/Heron are to sign in at the clubhouse between 09.00 hrs and 10.00 hrs. Herons may be sailed crewed or single handed and a different PYN will apply.

2.2. All Helms (or parents or guardians in the case of helms under 18) must sign a declaration prior to going afloat accepting the Safety and Disclaimer clauses 13 and 14 and declaring that they have insurance cover as stipulated in clause 15 and declaring that their boats are in good condition, properly equipped and that they and their crews if applicable are fit to participate.

2.3. The replacement of a helm or crew will only be permitted by approval of the Race Committee.

2.4 An entrance fee of £25.00 per boat applies.

### **3. Notice to Competitors**

3.1. Notices to competitors (including any changes to this NOR and Sailing Instructions see 6.1) will be posted outside the clubhouse.

3.2. The Sailing Instructions are available to download from the Chipstead SC website as per 6.1

3.3. A briefing will be held at 10.00 hrs on each day near the course board at the entrance to the clubhouse.

### **4. Schedule of Races**

4.1. 5 races are planned;

- First day (4 May 25): one 1 hour race in the morning and two 45 minute races in the afternoon.
- Second day (5 May 25): two 45 minute races in the morning. All times and durations are approximate

and may change subject to conditions.

4.2. The earliest start time will be 10.30hrs. Start times may be varied and extra briefings called at the Race Officers discretion.

4.3. No warning signals will be given after 16.00hrs.

### **5 Scoring System**

5.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A will apply. Average lap times will be used.

5.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series. If five races are sailed, four races are required to qualify for the series.

5.3 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. If only three races are sailed there will be no discard.

5.4 A boat not starting within 3 minutes of her start signal will be scored DNS

### **6 Sailing Instructions**

6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and may also be downloaded at <https://chipsteadsc.org.uk/csc-sailing-instructions-january-2025-edition/>

## **7 The Racing Area and Courses**

7.1 The racing area and courses will be shown on the course board at the entrance to the club house and will be explained at the Briefing - para 3.3

7.2 The start and finish line will be wither via a transit line formed by the mast displaying the Chipstead SC flag on the race hut and a red warning triangle, or via a committee boat with an outer distance marker. All flags will be displayed on the race hut or committee boat. Start and finish line arrangements will be confirmed at the briefing.

## **8 Protests and Requests for Redress**

8.1. Protests or requests for Redress must be lodged with the Race Officer within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing. Protest forms will be available from the Race Officer.

## **9 Measurements**

10.1 At the discretion of the Race Committee boats may be subject to scrutiny and/or measurement at any time, before, during or after the event. All boats must measure as per the Heron and Graduate Association rules.

## **10 Radio Communications**

10.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **11 Trophies and Prizes**

12.1 There are trophies for the winning top three boats.

## **12 Safety**

13.1 Personal Flotation Devices must be worn at all times while afloat and on the pontoons except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet or dry suits do not constitute personal flotation devices.

## **13. Disclaimer of Liability**

13.1 Competitors participate in the open meeting entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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.

13.2 Helms are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore. No valuables should be left in the changing rooms or club house.

13.3 The provision of a Race Management Team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve helms and crews of their own responsibilities. Patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

#### **14. Insurance**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance a minimum cover of £3,000,000.

#### **15. CANCELLATION**

In the event of any adverse weather conditions or other reasons causing the event to be cancelled, the CSC Heron or Graduate Class Captain & the Heron Dinghy Class Association will notify all members by email by Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 1100.

#### **16. CAMPING**

Camping is available on request. Please contact the Heron or Graduate Class Captains via [Heron@chipsteadsc.org.uk](mailto:Heron@chipsteadsc.org.uk) or [graduate@chipsteadsc.org.uk](mailto:graduate@chipsteadsc.org.uk) to make arrangements.

#### **17. CAFETERIA and BAR**

The club caterer will be on site and offering a range of breakfast and lunch options which will be available for purchase. The club bar will be open (subject to volunteer availability) both at lunchtime and after racing.

#### **Other**

15. Membership All visiting entrants will become temporary members of Chipstead Sailing Club for the duration of the Regatta, after signing the disclaimer in par. 2.11, and payment of a fee.

16. There is ample parking through the barriers into the Club car park. Any cars left in the car park at the end of the day when the Club is closed are likely to be locked in.

17. Foreshore. No cars are to be parked on the foreshore.

18. Dogs are not allowed in the clubhouse, and owners are expected to keep them under control and clean up after them.