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## *Illusion Class*

### **2023 - 2024 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS at BEMBRIDGE HARBOUR - NOTICE OF RACE**

1. The 2023 2024 National Championship Races will be held in or near Bembridge Harbour, Isle of Wight on Saturday & Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024. The Organising Authority will be the Bembridge Sailing Club (BSC) jointly with the Bembridge Illusion Class Association (BICA).

2. The races will be governed by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024, the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules and constitution of the National Illusion Class (Bembridge) except as changed by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. The constitution, which contains applicable class rules and measurement regulations, is included on the Illusion National Class website <http://www.illusionclass.org/rules.htm>

3. These championships are open to Illusion National One Design class yachts complying with these rules.

4. The Championships series will comprise of a maximum of six races, the first warning signal to be at 09:55 on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February with subsequent races to follow and at 10:25 on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Registration for the event is required not later than 09:15 on the Saturday. The RRS Appendix A Low Point scoring system will be used. One discard will be allowed if there have been four or more races sailed in the series.

5. Registration and administration will take place in the area of the Illusion Hut of BSC. Visiting boats may be parked in the BSC boat park and either launched down the club slipway or using the Illusion cranes on the new Dinghy Park extension. Loan boats can be made available to visiting entrants, for which a £20 voluntary contribution to BICA funds payable at registration is suggested.

6. The entry form which is on the Illusion pages of the BSC website & Bembridge Illusion website, shall be signed at registration by any helmsman not previously having signed this form for the 2023/24 season of racing at Bembridge. It includes appropriate disclaimers. The entry fee for any helm who has paid the fee for the 2023/24 season of racing at Bembridge will be £10, and otherwise **£20**, payable when you register.

7. Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing are set out in the Illusion National Championships 2023/24 Sailing Instructions which can be downloaded from either the Illusion page of the BSC website or the Bembridge Illusion website and will be available at registration. These include provision that Rule 31 is modified: boats may touch laid marks but must round them in the correct order and direction. Rule 44 is modified that a boat may exonerate an infringement by immediately completing a 270 degree turn (this penalty consists of completing a Tack while on a downwind leg of the course or a Gybe while on an upwind leg of the course).

Advertising (World Sailing Regulation 20 code) will be in accordance with Class Rules.

8. The Organising Authority reserves the right at any time to conduct such measurement of boats and sails and weight checks on boats and helms as may be deemed appropriate to confirm compliance with the rules.

9. The Sailing Instructions include the course to be sailed, the penalty for breaking a rule in part 2 and the denial of a right of appeal, subject to rule 70.4.

10. The prize for first place will be the Illusion Half Model National Perpetual Trophy, this trophy to be retained for display at the BSC after presentation. Other prizes include 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall, the Most Improved, the first Visitor, the first Lady competitor (Half Model), the first helm aged over 65 & the first helm aged over 75. Prize giving will be held at the BSC after the last race.

11. Dinner will be available on Saturday evening. If not already booked in, please e-mail the BSC Office [sec@bembridgesailingclub.org](mailto:sec@bembridgesailingclub.org) as soon as possible.

12. Some accommodation may be found at local members' homes for those making early application.

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