

Enterprise Open  
Tideway Pursuit Race  
South Bank Sailing Club  
19<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
Putney, London



## Notice of Race

The Organising Authority is South Bank Sailing Club, Putney Embankment, London, SW15 1LB.

### Introduction

*The Thames Tideway is dominated by the strong interacting tidal and river currents, providing an unusual sailing challenge. This event, modelled after the club's own Ruby Bell trophy race introduced in 1992, takes advantage of the uniquely challenging conditions to provide a race downriver to a single mark and back again, but with a twist: boats decide on their own time to start and the winner is the boat that completes the course in the shortest time.*

*The optimum strategy aims to leave on the outgoing tide and arrive at the mark just as the current changes and return on the incoming tide. Leave too early and you'll arrive at the turning point only to find yourself fighting the current on the way back and your lead evaporating. Leave too late and you risk the tidal gate closing on you before you round the mark. The river flow competing with the tidal flow means that the current changes some time after predicted low water. Local wisdom says around 30 to 45 minutes after but often more and often less and this same wisdom suggests Battersea Bridge is around 2.5 to 3 nautical miles downriver from the clubhouse. However you do your calculations you'll never factor in all the variables and, as soon as you see your rivals set sail, doubts about your own plan will start immediately and tactics will come into play. This is the challenge – a pursuit race but with tide as the variable.*

*The starting time range and the finishing time limit may be altered on the day in view of the prevailing conditions and competitors are asked to be alert for any such changes as well as to attend the compulsory race briefing.*

### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The provisions of: The Port of London Act 1986; Port of London Thames Byelaws 2012; PLA general directions for navigation 2011 and Notices to Mariners will apply, and may be found at [www.pla.co.uk](http://www.pla.co.uk).

### 2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available from registration at the registration desk on the day.

### 3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The event is open to all boats of the Enterprise class.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form online at [www.southbanksailingclub.co.uk](http://www.southbanksailingclub.co.uk) or presenting a hard copy, together with the required fee, at the registration desk.
- 3.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees before registration closes. Late registrations may be accepted at the race committee's discretion.

### 4. Fees

- 4.1. The entry fee shall be £15 per Boat to include event and catering.

### 5. Courses

- 5.1. The event will be a single race from the club's start line to a mark downriver expected to be at Battersea/Chelsea Reach, and back.

## 6. Scoring

- 6.1. A boat's finishing place will be determined using her time from the moment she crosses the line to start to the moment she finishes. This changes RRS A3.

## 7. Schedule

- 7.1. The club will open at 09:00 and registration (with collection of payment) will begin at 10:00 and close at 11:30.
- 7.2. The race briefing will be at 11:40 and will include important safety information. This is compulsory; a representative of each boat is required to attend the briefing.
- 7.3. The race warning signal is scheduled at 12:40 and the Sailing Instructions will limit boats to cross the line to start no later than 60 minutes after the starting signal and finish no later than 15:45. These times may be altered in accordance with the prevailing conditions and will be communicated in full in the race briefing and (amendments to) the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.4. Low water predictions are 13:24 at Chelsea Bridge and 14:07 at Putney Bridge.
- 7.5. These timings are summarised as follows:

<b>09:00</b>	Club opens
<b>10:00 – 11:30</b>	Registration and fees
<b>11:40</b>	Briefing (compulsory)
<b>12:40</b>	Warning signal (5, 4, 1, Start)
<b>Start signal + 60 mins</b>	End of start window
<b>15:45</b>	Finishing time limit
<b>After racing</b>	Refreshments

## 8. Clothing and Equipment

- 8.1. Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors whilst on the launching slipways and pontoons, and whilst afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.
- 8.2. All boats shall carry a paddle.

## 9. Prizes

- 9.1. Prizes will be awarded to the three best placed boats overall and the best placed veteran helm (helm aged over 60).

## 10. Risk Statement

Rule 3 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."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 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;
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 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.

## 11. Privacy Statement

The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the events. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

## 12. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £5 million per incident or the equivalent.

## 13. Further Information

For further information, please email [contactus@southbanksailingclub.co.uk](mailto:contactus@southbanksailingclub.co.uk)