



**the
Larks**

**National Lark Class
Open Regatta counting towards
'Belle Isle and West Country Wheel'**

Notice of Race

19th & 20th May 2012

www.brixhamyachtclub.com

1. Organising Authority

1.1 The National Lark open meeting counting towards the 'Belle Isle and West Country Wheel' will be organised by Brixham Yacht Club, Overgang Road, Brixham TQ5 8AR

2. Rules

2.1 The series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (2009 – 2012) and the rules of the International OK class

3. Advertising

3.1 The regatta is subject to ISAF Regulation 20.

4. Eligibility and Entry

4.1 The regatta is open to any Lark dinghy that complies with the rules of the National Lark Class, but only to fully paid up members of the 'Lark class association' and a member of an RYA affiliated club shall be eligible for prizes.

4.2 Each participating boat shall be adequately insured including insurance against third party claims of at least £2,000,000.

4.3 Completed entry forms should be sent together with a cheque for the appropriate fee made payable to 'Lark Class Association'

send to:

Racing Manager
Brixham Yacht Club
Overgang
Brixham
TQ5 8AR

5. Fees

5.1 The following fees are applicable.

<i>Full Regatta 2-days</i>	£35.00
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6. Event Information

6.1 The event will be shared with the 'International OK class open'.

6.2 The race office will be in the Holman Room (an outside office on the harbour side of the club, near the top of the steps from the compound).

6.3 The official notice board will be located in the lower corridor of Brixham Yacht Club

6.4 All event timings will be taken from the Principal Race Officer's clock

7. Registration and Briefing

7.1 Registration will take place in the race office at the following times:

19.00hrs to 20.00hrs, Friday 18th May

09.30hrs to 11.15hrs, Saturday 19th May

There will be a competitors briefing in the main clubhouse at 11.30hrs on Saturday 19th May

8. Measurement

8.1 Boats shall be made available at any time to be scrutinised throughout the event. Spot checks may be made at any time to establish conformity with the Class Rules, at the discretion of the class association or the race committee

9. Schedule of Races

9.1 Regatta Schedule:

Day & Date		(Warning signals times)
Sat 19 th May 2012	Briefing in clubhouse	11.30
	Race 1	12.55
	Race 2	ASAP after Race 1
	Race 3	ASAP after Race 2
Sun 20 th May 2012	<i>Race 4</i>	09.55
	Race 5	ASAP after Race 4
	Race 6	ASAP after Race 5

9.2 No warning signal will be made after 1430 hours on the last day of racing.

10. Sailing Instructions

10.1 A printed copy of the Sailing Instructions will be available upon completion of registration at Brixham Yacht Club, having satisfied the Eligibility and Entry Requirements (see Section 4)

11. Race Area

11.1 Racing will take place in Torbay (British Admiralty chart 26)

12. Courses

12.1 The courses will be Triangle-Sausage courses as defined in the Sailing Instructions

13. Scoring

13.1 The low points scoring system in Appendix A will be used.

13.2 Each boat's series score shall be the total of all her race scores, except that discards shall be applied as follows:

Races	Discards
1– 3 races completed	No discard
4 to 6 races completed	1 discard

13.3 A minimum of three Championship Races must be completed to constitute a regatta

14. Replacement of Crew

14.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee

15. Prizes

15.1 There will be prizes awarded to the top 4 competitors overall.

15.2 The overall prize-giving will take place at the earliest opportunity after racing on Sunday in the club house.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS4, Decision to race. The Organising 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.
- 16.2 It is the responsibility of the Owner/Skipper/Competitor to ensure that the boat complies with all the clauses contained in this disclaimer.
- 16.3 The Organising Authority shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.
- 16.4 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 16.5 It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 16.6 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the 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 taking part in the racing. The 'organisers' encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the Race Officer, Patrol Boats and Beach Masters.
- 16.7 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.
- 16.8 The Organising Authority, its' Officers, Helpers and Employees shall not be held responsible for any cancellation or change to the Racing Programme caused by inclement weather. The Sole Arbitrator of such conditions shall be the Race Committee.
- 16.9 Neither the Organising Authority, nor Brixham Yacht Club, will accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the Club.
- 16.10 Neither the Organising Authority, nor Brixham Yacht Club, will accept any liability for personal injury arising out of the use of the Club premises, and any other facilities of the Club, whether sustained by members, their guests or visitors, whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to, or was occasioned by neglect, default or negligence of any of the Officers, Committee or Employees of the Club.

17. Accommodation

- 17.1 There is plenty of accommodation in and around Brixham including Camping, bed and breakfast and small hotels. The links below are not the only sources of accommodation but may be useful.
<http://www.ukcampsite.co.uk/sites/townlisting.asp?town=Brixham>
<http://www.brixham.com/>

18. Social Programme & Meals

- 18.1 A full social programme is being arranged and details will be available on the Brixham Yacht Club web site.
- 18.2 Breakfast, lunch and evening meals will be available in the main clubhouse along with snacks and drinks.

19. Rights to Use Names and Likenesses

- 19.1 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

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Sean Semmens (Brixham Yacht Club) 01803-854181 or email sean728@btinternet.com