

INTERNATIONAL SHRIMPER WEEK

EVENT DISCLAIMER FALMOUTH 2012

1. **COMMITTEE.** The Committee of the Shrimper Owners Association South West Area (Falmouth) has, in accordance with best practice, carried out Risk Assessments for all events that will be organised by the Committee for 2012. A copy of these Risk Assessments may be obtained on request. However the Committee consists of volunteers who may not be any more experienced at sea or on shore than any member.
2. **SAILING.** It is solely the responsibility of each owner or person in charge of a boat to assess whether any event or activity on the water is too difficult for him/her and whether or not his/her personal safety, or that of the crew, could be endangered. The safety of each boat and her entire management is the sole responsibility of the owner or person in charge. Each owner or person in charge must accept full responsibility for the use of the boat and the final decision whether or not to take part in any event or activity must always be the sole responsibility of each owner or person in charge of the boat.
3. **INSURANCE.** Each boat must have appropriate insurance cover for coastal and inland cruising and racing. Such insurance must include Third Party Liability cover of not less than £2m and be arranged with a first class insurance company.
4. **RACING.** All racing will be governed by separate Notices of Race or Sailing Instructions, copies of which will be issued before the racing.
5. **SAFETY.** No rescue boat will be provided for any event or activity. The boat nearest to any boat in difficulty and requiring assistance is expected to stand by and assist where possible.
6. **SAFETY EQUIPMENT.** Based on RYA recommendations, each boat is recommended, but not required, to carry, as a minimum, the following items of Safety Equipment:
 - a) A large **Bucket**.
 - b) **Flares** (two red and two orange), which should be in date.
 - c) A **Fire Extinguisher**
 - d) A **Fire Blanket**
 - e) **Life Jackets** and **Safety Harnesses** for each member of the crew.
 - f) A **Rescue Quoit** and/or **Lifebuoy**.
 - g) A **Hand Pump**.

- h) An **Anchor** weighing at least 7kg/15lbs with a minimum of 2 metres of chain and 20 metres of warp.
- i) A **Towing Line** at least 20 metres long of suitable weight for towing a Shrimper.
- j) A **VHF Radio** which must have a current licence. (One of the crew must have a licence to use a VHF Radio).
- k) A **Mobile Phone**.
- l) A **Steering Compass**.
- m) A **First Aid Pack**.
- n) A powerful **Torch** with spare batteries.
- o) A **Fog Horn**.
- p) A **GPS** (in particular for cruises).
- q) **Charts** for the area.
- r) **Tide Tables**.

IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE BOAT TO ENSURE THAT THE BOAT IS SAFE AND CARRIES THE APPROPRIATE SAFETY EQUIPMENT, see Class Rules Paragraph 10.

7. **BOATS ON LOAN.** If a boat is to be used by someone other than the Owner who has signed this Disclaimer then it is the sole responsibility of the Owner to make sure that the person to be in charge of the boat is aware of the contents of this Disclaimer.

WHEN YOU ENTER FOR THE WEEK ONLINE THE ONLINE ENTRY FORM WILL ASK YOU TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ THE ABOVE DISCLAIMER AND THAT NEITHER THE COMMITTEE OF THE SHRIMPER OWNERS ASSOCIATION SW AREA (FALMOUTH), NOR ITS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS, NOR ANY HOST FOR ANY EVENT OR ACTIVITY, SHALL BE LIABLE FOR ANY ACCIDENTS, LOSSES, COSTS, OR EXPENSES INCURRED BY YOUR BOAT OR CREW HOWSOEVER OCCURRED.

Before you enter ONLINE please check your Insurance Policy covers racing. We really hope that all owners will take part on Race Day. The whole day is intended to be an introduction into Shrimper Racing. If you are not covered, just one telephone call to your insurer will usually get you covered to race for just one day at no extra cost.

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