



# EXE Sails and Covers

## STARCROSS STEAMER 2022

Hosted by Starcross Yacht Club

### NOTICE OF RACE

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March - First Start at 14:00

Tide: HW Starcross, 15:30 GMT, height 2.7m

#### 1. Rules

The Starcross Steamer race will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024; the prescriptions of the RYA, the appropriate Class rules, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions.

#### 2. Advertising

Advertising on boats, sails and clothing is permitted in accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Code [Regulation 20].

#### 3. Eligibility and Entry

Entries are invited from all non-foiling monohull dinghies with a Great Lakes 2022 handicap number less than or equal to that of a Laser 4.7 and greater than or equal to a RS800. The Race Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry that does not comply. [Note: launching at SYC is only possible with a beam of less than 2.5m]

The Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by RRS Appendix G, in which case this must be recorded and accepted at registration. No two boats of the same class may have the same number.

#### 4. Entry

Entries can only be made online at <http://www.starcrossyc.org.uk/opens> . The online entry system will open at least 21 days before the event and close at midnight on the Thursday before the event. No entries are permitted on the day of the race.

Entries will be limited to 100 boats. Entries above this limit will automatically be placed on a waiting list and will be offered an entry via email if one of the accepted entries is cancelled.

All Junior entries (age 17 or under on day of event), including members of Starcross YC, must be accompanied by a completed Junior Consent Form for each junior member of a boat's crew. Consent forms are available from the club website and will also be available on the day of the event at Starcross YC.

Entries will only be accepted upon completion of the online entry process, payment of the appropriate entry fee and providing a signature at registration to confirm that appropriate insurance cover (see Section 13) is in place whilst competing in the Starcross Steamer.

Registration will close 1 hour before the first start.

Starcross YC retains the rights to use images or video taken before, during or after the race.

## **5. Fees**

The entry fee is £20 for double handers, £15 for single handers and £5 for junior (helms), payable by card on the day.

## **6. Schedule**

The Starcross Steamer 2022 will take place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March. It is a 150 minute pursuit race. The schedule for the event is as follows

09:30	Club Open
11:30 - 13:00	Registration Open
13:00	Briefing
13:54	Warning Signal for First Start
14:00	First Start
16:30	Race Finish
17:30	Prize Giving

If you intend to arrive on the evening before the event, arrangements can be made to provide access to the club for parking boats. Send a request using the event entry website.

## **7. Sailing Instructions**

The Sailing Instructions will be available for download from the event entry website at least 14 days before the event.

## **8. Venue and Courses**

The Starcross Steamer will be held on the Exe Estuary in the vicinity of Starcross YC. The courses will use a combination of fixed channel navigation marks and laid orange cylindrical marks.

## **9. Penalties**

Penalty turns for infringement of one or more rules in part 2 of RRS, will be a "two turns" penalty as defined in RRS 44.1.

## **10. Scoring**

The race will be scored as a pursuit race with the winning boat the boat that has sailed farthest around the course, within the 150 minute time limit following staggered starts, with slowest class starting first and the remaining classes starting at intervals based on their Great Lakes (SailJuice) handicap number. If your class does not have a Great Lakes number please contact the PRO via the online contact form.

## **11. Prizes & Results**

The crew of the winning boat will be awarded the 'Steamer' trophy. Additional prizes will be awarded to:

- Boats finishing in 2nd to 5th
- First Lady helm
- First single hander
- First junior helm

Full results may not be available on the day and will be published on the Starcross Yacht Club website within 48 hours of the race finish.

## **12. Disclaimer of Responsibility**

Competitors participate in the Starcross Steamer entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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 Starcross Steamer.

## **13. Insurance**

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

## **14. Invasive Species**

Starcross YC is committed to the prevention of the spread of invasive species. We are following the Environment Agency and RYA guidelines. Before bringing a boat to Starcross YC all competitors should take reasonable measures to check for plant material and animal species (e.g. shrimp, zebra mussel); wash boats / launching trolleys / kit; and dry your boat for as long as possible, at least 2 days.

## **15. Further Information**

For more information please submit an enquiry using the event entry website (Contact form). The Starcross Steamer is part of the Sailing SW Series - see [www.sailingsw.co.uk/sw-series](http://www.sailingsw.co.uk/sw-series) for more details.