



**European Sharpie Championship  
26th–31st July 2015  
Brancaster Staithe Sailing Club  
NOTICE OF RACE**

**The Championship**

The British Sharpie Owners Association (BSOA) is pleased to invite all Sharpie sailors to compete in the European Sharpie Championship to be held at the Brancaster Staithe Sailing Club.

The event will be organized by the British Sharpie Owners Association in association with Brancaster Staithe SC, Overy Staithe SC and Wells SC. We are delighted to invite you back to the North Norfolk coast.

**Entries/Fees**

The entry fee is £150.

This includes tickets to the prize giving for helm and crew.

Entries should be on the attached form.

Online entry is also available at [www.sharpies.org.uk](http://www.sharpies.org.uk).

**Venue**

The racing will take place on the tidal waters off Brancaster Staithe.

**Provisional Schedule**

<b>Saturday 18th July</b>	<b>Campsite opens</b> (limited facilities until 23rd July)
<b>Saturday 25th July</b>	<b>Championship office opens</b> <b>Registration at the Championship Office 12:00–17:00</b> <b>Race Briefing – 17:00 in BSSC Clubhouse</b>
<b>Sunday 26th July</b>	<b>Registration at the Championship Office 09:30–11:00</b> <b>Race 1 and 2</b>
<b>Monday 27th to Friday 31st</b>	<b>Races 3 to 10</b>
<b>Friday 31st July</b>	<b>Prizegiving</b>
<b>Sunday 2nd August</b>	<b>Campsite closes</b>

**Championship Office**

The Championship Office will open on Saturday 25th July and be open throughout the Championship. Exact timings will be notified nearer the date.

## **Scoring**

The Championship shall consist of 10 races.

If 9 or 10 races are sailed 2 discards will be allowed from the series. However, if between 5 and 8 races are sailed only 1 discard shall be allowed.

There must be a minimum of 5 races sailed for the Championship to be awarded.

Scoring will be according to RRS Appendix A (low points system).

## **Prizes**

Daily prizes will be awarded.

The overall winner of the series shall be awarded the European Sharpie Championship Trophy.

## **Special Prize**

A special prize of a magnum of champagne will be awarded to the best presented Sharpie regardless of age or equipment entered in the Championship. The judges will be independent and their decision will be final!

## **Sailing Instructions**

Sailing instructions will be issued on registration at the Championship Office.

Helms must be fully paid up members of their National Sharpie Association and helm and crew must be members of a Club affiliated to their National Sailing Organisation.

All competing boats must provide insurance for third party claims to a minimum of £2,000,000 or the equivalent. **This will be checked and any boat without valid third party insurance will not be permitted to race in the Championship.**

## **Measurement**

Competitors will be expected to submit their boat and equipment for measurement, which may include weighing, prior to the commencement of racing and also at any other time at the discretion of the Race Committee. All boats must produce a valid weighing certificate. Any boat adjudged not to conform to class rules will be excluded from the Championship. The decision of the BSOA measurer to exclude a boat will be final. Protests in respect of measurement will be judged by the BSOA Measurer.

## **Helmsman & Crew**

For a boat to qualify for Championship points the helm and crew of a boat must be those named on the entry form. Any changes must be for *bona fide* reasons and agreed by the Race Committee prior to racing. Changes may result in qualification for daily prizes only.

## **Social Programme**

There will be a full social programme. Details will be issued at Registration.

## **Accommodation and Camping**

We are fortunate that we have secured an excellent campsite for our exclusive use very close to the sailing club. Facilities on the campsite will include flushing toilets, hot showers, electricity, on-site freezer and a party tent. (limited facilities on-site before 23<sup>rd</sup> July but clubhouse will be available until then). We hope to make full use of this campsite and will base many of our social events at the party tent and so we encourage all competitors to join us there. Tents, caravans and campervans are all welcome.

Camping will be charged at a flat rate of £25 per head, £10 for children aged 16 or under.

A list of nearby hotels, hostels and B&Bs is available on request.

## **General Disclaimer**

The organising committee and persons involved in the organisation of the races are not responsible for the suitability of boats and crews. By signing the entry form participants agree that no person or organisation involved in the carrying out of this Championship will be liable for any accident, injury or fatality, or damage or loss of boat or personal property arising out of a participant's preparation or participation in any on-the-water or on-shore activities (whether social, recreational, launching, hauling out, boat storage or otherwise) associated with the Championship or on the campsite. Compensation for damages or accidents caused by towing by safety and rescue boats will not be accepted.

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**ENTRY FORM**

Sail Number ..... Name of boat .....

Home Club ..... Hull Colour.....

Helmsman (Full name) .....

Address for reply .....

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Tel No ..... Email address .....

Crew (Full Name).....

1. I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the RYA prescriptions, the rules of the Sharpie Association, the Sailing Instructions and local Sailing Instructions.
2. I accept that the safety of the boat and her crew are my full and total responsibility.
3. I declare that the boat has a valid certificate of measurement and weight report.
4. I declare that the boat has third party insurance for a minimum of £2,000,000 or equivalent for any one incident.
5. I confirm that the helmsman is a fully paid up member of his or her National Sharpie Association.
6. I accept the conditions stated in the general disclaimer in the Notice of Race 2015

Signed ..... Date .....

**Entrance Fee is £150**

I enclose a cheque payable to BSOA Championships

I have transferred my fee direct to the bank:  
(Account name BSOA Championships, Number 00411019, sort code 52-41-29)

I will pay on arrival

The entry form (this page only), and the entrance fee should be sent to:

**Chris Gibbs (BSOA Championship)**  
**83 Cecil Road**  
**Norwich**  
**Norfolk**  
**NR1 2PJ**

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