



Expression of Interest Request

Team Race, Saturday 20 November 2021

It is proposed to hold a team race event on Saturday 20 November 2021. The format would be based on 2 boat teams using the 'last boat loses' scoring convention.

This is a popular format of team racing in keelboats in other parts of the world - Europe and North America - and is known as '2K Team Racing'. More details of this type of racing can be found at:

<https://2kteamracing.com/>

In order to plan the logistics, we need to know how many association members would be interested in taking part. As this is an inaugural event, it is proposed that we rank those boats interested and then pair them into teams of 2 with the intent of having 'equal ability' teams.

An example would be:

Say 8 boats enter the event. The 8 boats would be ranked by the Organising Authority (officers of the association) from #1 through to #8. Then the pairs would be made up as follows;

#1 & #8 together as a team, then #2 & #7 together as a team, and so on (#3 & #6, and #4 & #5). This would create 4 teams, which would be designated as A, B, C and D.

These 4 teams would all race against each other in a Round Robin competition, which would take 6 races. The races are on a windward/leeward course, of about 10 minutes duration, with **starboard** mark roundings, and a '3 – 2 – 1' minute start sequence. After completing the Round Robin stage there would be a knock-out stage; top two teams in a Final and bottom two teams in a Petit Final, both 'first to 2 wins' format.

In preparation for the event, we would schedule a 2K Team Race Introduction online seminar, drawing on resources from the 2K Team Racing Association. There would also be an extended event Competitors' Briefing to allow for full explanation of the format, rules and procedures.

There are some changes to the 'normal' fleet rules, though these are minor as compared to match racing. If you want to learn more about these have a look at RRS Appendix D – Team Racing Rules in the rule book.

Please can you express your interest in taking part in such a competition by adding your boat name to the list – thank you.