

GJW DIRECT SAILJUICE WINTER SERIES 2017/2018

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Every winter, UK dinghy sailors brave the elements to compete in handicap sailing events against their fellow sailors and also against the worst of the British weather.

So SailJuice.com and SailRacer.co.uk have organised a series consisting of seven winter handicap events. The competitor with the lowest aggregate score from their **four** best events will be crowned the winner of the GJW Direct SailJuice Winter Series 2017/2018.

NOTICE OF SERIES

Queen Mary Sailing Club, in conjunction with SailJuice.com, is the Organising Authority for the Series.

1. The Rules

- a. The Series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the RYA prescriptions and the rules of the individual competitor's Class Association.
- b. If any conflict arises between the GJW Direct SailJuice Winter Series 2017/2018 Notice of Series and the Notice of Race of an individual regatta, the Notice of Race of the individual regatta shall prevail.
- c. Disclaimer of Liability: Competitors participate in the regattas comprising the series entirely at their own risk. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, during, or after any of the regattas.

2. The Events

The following regattas constitute the GJW Direct SailJuice Winter Series 2017/18:

Fernhurst Books Draycote Dash, Draycote Water Sailing Club
18 & 19 November 2017

Datchet Flyer, Datchet Water Sailing Club
9 & 10 December 2017

Brass Monkey, Yorkshire Dales Sailing Club
27 December 2017

Grafham Grand Prix, Grafham Water Sailing Club
30 December 2017

Bloody Mary, Queen Mary Sailing Club
6 January 2018

John Merricks Tiger Trophy, Rutland Sailing Club
3 & 4 February 2018

Oxford Blue, Oxford Sailing Club
17 February 2018

3. Eligibility & Entry

- a. To enter the Series, competitors must enter at least one event via the official Series website here: www.SailjuiceSeries.com. This will list you as a participant in the Series, and makes you eligible for prizes related to the Series.
- b. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that they have entered and paid for each of the Series events in which they intend to participate. Please note that some events are limited to a maximum number of entries, so early entry is advisable. Failure to secure entry in an event is no grounds for redress in this series.
- c. Entry to the Series is free of charge.
- d. Entries must comprise the same helm and boat throughout the Series. A different combination of helm and boat will be scored as a separate entry. However, for double-handed and multi-crewed boats, it is permitted for a helm to race with different crews throughout the Series.
- e. The criteria for entry to the seven events vary. It is the competitor's responsibility to ascertain whether the kind of boat in which he/she intends to compete is eligible for all the events in the Series.
- f. If an event has to be postponed to a later date, due to poor weather conditions or low water levels for example, it shall still be counted as part of the Series

provided the event has been re-run by the end of Sunday, 18 February 2018.

4. Scoring

- a. Scoring is based on a 'low points' scoring system (1 point for finishing 1st, 15 points for finishing 15th etc), combined with other criteria explained below.
- b. Some events divide participants into different fleets (eg. Grafham Grand Prix), while others race all participants together as a single fleet (eg. Bloody Mary). In order to be able to score different types of event with some measure of consistency, a formula will be applied according to Paragraph 4c below.
- c. Scoring of each fleet will be weighted against the fleet that has the most number of competitors across the whole Series. For example if the Bloody Mary (which counts as one massed fleet) proves to be the largest fleet of the Series with, say, 230 competitors, and the Fast Handicap of the Grafham Grand Prix has 48 competitors, the score from your finishing position at Grafham would be: Your Finishing Position x 230/48. So if you finished 1st in Fast Handicap at Grafham, your score would be 4.79. If you finish 20th, it would be 95.83.
- d. The number of competitors for each fleet will be as recorded by the host club for each event.
- e. Where a fleet races around exactly the same course as a larger fleet, but is scored separately by an event, wherever possible the smaller fleet's results will be amalgamated into the larger fleet's results for the purpose of scoring the Series. For example, if the Foilers are racing around the same course as the Fast Handicap fleet, the Foiler results will be merged with the Fast Handicap. This applies where it's feasible for the club to provide consolidated results for separate fleets.
- f. Boats scored DNC, DNF, DNE, DGM, DNS, DSQ, BFD, OCS or RET in an event will be given a score equal to the number of boats in the largest event fleet of the whole series + 1. Boats scored DNE or DGM in an event will not be able to discard those scores in the series scoring.
- g. Competitors count their **four** best event scores to determine their final overall Series score.
- h. If any of the events is cancelled due to bad weather or other unforeseen circumstances, and if the event is not re-arranged to be run before the end of Sunday, 18 February 2018, a competitor's score shall still be based on their best four scores from the remaining events.
- i. Tie breaks will be determined as per Appendix A of ISAF's Racing Rules of Sailing.

5. Winter Cat Series

a. Because not all clubs and events in the Series have the space to accept multihull entries, there will be a separate Winter Cat Series within the GJW Direct SailJuice Winter Series. This will comprise the following events:

Datchet Flyer, Datchet Water Sailing Club
9 & 10 December 2017

Grafham Grand Prix, Grafham Water Sailing Club
30 December 2017

John Merricks Tiger Trophy, Rutland Sailing Club
3 & 4 February 2018

b. Competitors' count their **two** best event scores to determine their final overall Multihull Series score.

c. Multihulls will be scored separately from the overall Series for the purposes of scoring the Multihull Series. However, a multihull's scores will also be counted in the overall GJW Direct SailJuice Winter Series, as per section 4 of the Notice of Series.

d. While multihull results will be extrapolated from the overall results, the principles of section 4c will still apply, ie. Scoring of each fleet will be weighted against the fleet that has the most number of competitors across the whole Multihull Series.

6. Prizes

Annual subscriptions to SailJuice.com are available as prizes at each event. It is up to the judgement of each organising event to decide how to allocate these prizes.

Winners of the GJW Direct SailJuice Winter Series will be presented at the 2018 RYA Suzuki Dinghy Show in London. Prizes will be awarded to the top three in the Overall Series. Spot prizes will be awarded randomly to other competitors who participated in the Series.

Special Category Prizes: A number of specific criteria awards will be made, subject to a minimum of ten competitors meeting the criteria and at the

discretion of the organisers. A list of Categories will be published by the start of the series.

In the event of a dispute over the allocation of prizes, the decision of the Organising Authority shall be final.

7. Rights to use names and likeness

Competitors automatically grant to the Series Organisers 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 Series.

8. Enter!

Enter here: www.SailjuiceSeries.com. Tell your friends, wrap up warm, and go racing!