

Club Knockout Championship – The Mount Pleasant Trophy

This year at MPYC we are proposing to try something a little different with the racing programme and introducing a new event; the club knockout championships. The format of the racing on the day will be described later in this article.

The championships will be held on the 9 December, with a reserve day on the 10th of December – we will make a decision on the day whether the wind and weather is suitable for the championship.

Qualification Process

All members of MPYC will be eligible to enter into the championships, however, you must qualify to take part, by racing in regular club races earlier in the season¹. Two qualifications spots are open in every normal club race prior to the championships and these will be taken by the first two finishers (based on PY) that are presently not qualified. For example, say on club opening day we have three races and the results are as follows:

Dom Sutton - Q	Carl Taylor - Q	Carl Taylor
Brad Henderson - Q	Dom Sutton	Dom Sutton
Carl Taylor	Dave Mckie - Q	Anna Winheld - Q
Phil Galloway	Tony Beasley	Brad Henderson
Dave Mckie	Phil Galloway	John Buckler - Q
John Buckler	Brad Henderson	Phil Galloway
Tony Beasley	John Buckler	Dave Mckie
Anna Winheld	Dave Mckie	Tony Beasley

As shown above in the first race of the season, the first two finishers, Brad Henderson and Dom Sutton qualify for the champs by finishing first and second in the first race. In race two, Carl Taylor also qualifies by finishing first, and Dave Mckie qualifies as the next finisher because Dom already qualified in the first race. In the final race, Anna qualifies along with John as the first finishers who have not already qualified. Phil and Tony miss out this particular race day and will have to come back another day to qualify.

A list of qualified members will be updated weekly on the club website.

Format of the Championships

The championships' races will be a series of knockout style races in Lasers, on a short windward-leeward course. It is anticipated that the race will be no longer than 15 mins in duration. Everyone will get a chance to race in a minimum of two races on the day.

There will be four initial "heats" comprising up to 6-12 sailors, depending on the number of qualified sailors and entries on the day.

¹Some wildcard entries may be granted at the discretion of the Racing Secretary.

The three placegetters (total 12 sailors) from each race will qualify for the semi-finals.

The remaining non qualified sailors from the heats will be split into two “repechage” races, consisting of 6-18 sailors in each heat. The top four sailors from each repechage will qualify for the semi finals.

The semi finals will comprise two separate races comprising the 12 placegetters from the heats and the 8 qualifiers from the repechage races, two races each comprising ten sailors.

The top five finishers in each race will qualify for the final.

The ten sailors in the final will race over three races (if time and tide allow), with the final race being a “double points” medal race. Scoring will be appendix A – low point.

In total on the day there will four heats, two repechages, two semi-finals, and three finals’ races. To accommodate such a large number of races, will we need to run staggered starts on a short course. The sequence will be as follows:

H1 start 9:20

H2 start 9.25

H3 start 9.30

H4 start 9.35

R1 start 10.00

R2 start 10.05

SF1 start 10.30

SF2 start 10.35

F1 start 11.00

F2 start 11.25

F3 start 11.50