

## -The 2024 FOLKBOAT SUMMER WEEKEND REGATTA SERIES – OBJECTIVES AND GUIDELINES FOR ORGANISERS AND INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS

### 1. CONTEXT

- a) The aim of the Summer Weekend Regatta Series is to promote the camaraderie for which the Folkboat fleet is renowned, through a mix of social and racing events over a weekend format, for Nordic and Classic Folkboat. A series of “mini Folkboat week” regattas to provide an opportunity for fleets to meet up and race at different venues in the Solent, with the potential in future years to expand the series along the south coast.
- b) These objectives and guidelines are intended to support organising Clubs in the planning of Folkboat Summer Weekend Regattas.  
The 2024 series will comprise of 3 summer weekend regattas including:
  - a. Royal Lymington Yacht Club Folkboat Nationals 22/23<sup>rd</sup> June
  - b. Royal Solent Yacht Club Taittinger Regatta 13/14<sup>th</sup> July
  - c. Royal Air Force Yacht Club Battle of Britain Regatta 14/15<sup>th</sup> September
- c) Each Summer Weekend Regatta will be run by the host yacht club as the organising authority.
- d) Each host yacht club will organise the Regatta and run the races, liaising with FBA to maximise the potential for an enjoyable event for all participants.
- e) All Folkboat fleets are supporting this series by ensuring there are no competing local races scheduled on summer regatta weekends to maximise entries.

### 2. AIM AND FORMAT FOR EACH WEEKEND REGATTA

- a) Ideally there should be separate starts for the Nordic and Classic Folkboat fleets. In the event of a low turnout in either class, the organising club may choose a combined start.
- b) Class Rules should be included in the organising club NOR's for all regattas as follows
  - a. Nordic One design fleet - should comply with the NFIA class rules 2021 to 2024 noting that spinnakers conforming to the British Folkboat Association rules are permitted.  
**All other Folkboats must comply to class rules**
- c) The preferred format of each weekend should aim for 5 races with 1 discard – weather permitting. A minimum of 2 races with no discards constitutes a weekend regatta. Ideally there should be a mix of round the cans and windward leeward style races, all races to include spinnakers, unless otherwise agreed with competitors in advance of the weekend regatta.
- d) Scoring for each regatta should be based on the low points scoring system and be the same for all regattas in the series. , it is the boats combined total score from each of the 3 regattas, net of discards from each of the regatta's (where enough races are sailed to allow for a discard), that make the total overall summer weekend series score for a boat.
- e) The emphasis must be on fair racing, not biased courses towards local fleet knowledge. It is recommended that there be a minimum 1 NM true windward legs as conditions allow, subject to PRO final decision.
- f) Each weekend should aim to hold a minimum of 2 social events, a welcome drinks on Friday evening and a Folkboat class supper on Saturday evening.

- g) The organising yacht club is requested to make club pontoon berths available for visiting participants as a minimum. Ideally all participants will be able to moor together to promote the après sail aspect of each weekend regatta.
- h) Prize giving's for each weekend regatta should take place as soon as possible after the last race on Sunday afternoon.
- i) Prizes should be awarded for the top 3 boats in the Nordic and Classic classes where more than 5 boats enter in each class, the top 2 boats where 3 boats enter and the first boat where only 2 boats enter. If 15 plus boats enter, consideration should be given to prizes being awarded for the top 5 boats to recognise and reward the achievement of placing this high in a fleet of this racing depth and pedigree.
- j) Prizes can also be awarded at the discretion of the FBA at each weekend regatta, suggestions include:
  - a. Best turned out Folkboat (Nordic or Classic).
  - b. Furthest travelled Folkboat (Nordic or Classic - in the event of a home port tie, home address to count).

### **3. FORMAT AND PRIZES FOR THE SERIES**

- a) A series will require 2 weekend regattas to have been completed for prizes to be awarded.
- b) The low points scoring system will be used, with all weekend regatta race results net of discards from each weekend regatta, to determine Nordic and Classic Folkboat finishing places for the series overall, for each class.
- c) The overall Nordic series winner will be presented with a scale full model of a Nordic Folkboat.
- d) The overall Classic series winner will be presented with a scale full model of a Classic Folkboat.
- e) Series prizes will be awarded at the Folkboat Association UK AGM, usually in March of the next year. And/ or at the club of the successful entrant at their end of season dinner.