OK World Championships 22 – 30 June 2023 LRSC Ltd

Information for Lyme Regis Harbour Users 12 Jn

LRSC is holding the OK class World Championships, as most of you know already. This is to tell you more about what will happen on shore and at sea and ask for your co-operation to help the event to run with as little disruption to harbour users as possible.

There will be 148 competitors from 13 countries, all sailing a single-handed OK dinghy.

They will be arriving in Lyme, many with partners, from 11 June onwards and staying locally.

The club will be using the slipway from Wed 21 June, assisted by Harbour staff.

Some dinghies will be berthed on the slipway, others parked nearby.

It will be a highly prestigious event for our harbour and for Lyme, highlighted internationally and in the national press: it will also benefit many local businesses. But it will cause some disruption to normal slipway operations, for which we apologise in advance.

The championship is sponsored by club member Chris Turner, now MD of Ovington Boats, who many of you know. Chris is a top OK sailor and hopes to be competing.

The Fishing College, Gig Club, LRPBC, BBA, LRTC and the Fishermen and Boatmen are all helping us with premises and equipmentas well as our Harbour staff: Dorset Harbours Committee are fully supportive.

Please bear with us as we manage this huge fleet from our small harbour!

Lyme proved such a popular venue that numbers increased from the anticipated 80 - 100.

Logistics

There will be 2 races on most days, the course set over a mile off-shore.

Sailors will leave the harbour as close to the S end of the North Wall as conditions allow, sail East before turning South/South East to leave the harbour approaches clear. They will leave harbour and return in groups.

Launching and recovery of the 148 boats daily will be very busy times, so our teams will do their best to deal with them as swiftly as possible.

Launching / Recovery Times:

 Sunday 25 June

 Leave 11.00 – 12.45

 Return Not before 15.00

 Monday 26 – Friday 30 June

 Leave 09.15

 Return Not before 15.00

Trolley movements will be either side of these times.

We have discussed the event at the two most recent HCG meetings and sorted potential problems, but if you have queries, please email Sally at the club on secretary.lrscltd@gmail.com

We hope you’ll enjoy the event and the benefits of the extra visitors.