



TOP NAMES IN BREWIN DOLPHIN RS ELITE GRAND PRIX LINE-UP

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Cowes, Isle of Wight: 5th - 12th June 2022. Olympic medallist Ossie Stewart, Dragon Edinburgh Cup winner Simon Brien and current RS Elite UK National champion Tom Hewitson are some of the top names in the line-up for the Brewin Dolphin RS Elite International Grand Prix next month. The event, which is being hosted by the Royal Yacht Squadron in Cowes, Isle of Wight, runs from 9th to 12th June.

The fleet of 42 entries from as far afield as Antigua, the United States, and Norway, plus a strong contingent from Ireland, will sail a ten race Grand Prix series, which incorporates both the UK National Championships and an International Invitational regatta, the first worldwide gathering in the history of the class. The brainchild of enthusiast Charlie Egerton-Warburton, the regatta was originally scheduled for 2020, but was postponed due to the pandemic.

Commenting on the line-up, Ossie Stewart, who has enlisted multi-class national champion Geoff Carveth into his crew, along with his son Tom Stewart, commented “that’s a hot fleet; I’m looking forward to it”.

New to the class is former International Fourteen sailor Martin Jones, who has acquired the very well prepared boat Candida from Peter Andraea. Martin also has a string of successes in various classes to his name and will certainly be trying to make his presence felt in his new class.

A long-time Island resident and unashamed “Wightophile”, Charlie Egerton-Warburton has enlisted the backing of a wide variety of Isle of Wight businesses to support this regatta and

show off their products and services to the competitors and interested parties. There is also a strenuous social itinerary based at the Royal Yacht Squadron.

The Class will be raising money over the four days to support local Cowes-based charity, ACF. Founded by former Paralympic gold medallist Andy Cassell, the charity enables people with all types of disability to develop their sailing journey.

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