BRITISH OPEN TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR THE WILSON TROPHY 11, 12, 13 MAY 2012

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
1.2 Racing will be umpired (rule D2.2).
1.3 Competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy.
1.4 Right of appeal will be denied (rule 70.5(a)).
1.5 Advertising will be restricted according the ISAF Advertising Code.
1.6 Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority 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 event.

2. Entries

2.1 Entries will be accepted from teams of six to sail in three-boat teams in Firefly-type dinghies supplied by West Kirby Sailing Club's boat sponsors and its Team Racing Academy.
2.2 The event incorporates the Twiname Trust Under-21 Wilson Trophy for teams with at least five members who are under 21 on the 10th May 2012.
2.3 The entry fee is £660 (including use of boats, accommodation, lunches, Friday evening meal, Saturday dinner and VAT) payable by 12th February 2012. Payment may be by cheque or online.
2.4 Team names will, in the opinion of the Organising Authority, reflect the club, locale or sailing organisation that team represents. An application for entry will be accepted with any name, but the team organiser may be required to change the name to an acceptable one; failure to do so will result in a team name being imposed by the Organising Authority. There will be no right to request redress concerning such a change, altering rule 60.1(b) (*redress*).
2.5 Each team shall lodge a damage deposit cheque of £250 sterling (£300 equivalent in another currency) at registration.
a. Cheques will be destroyed after the event if no damage has been incurred. £250 is the limit of liability for any one incident.
b. Unreported obvious damage will be charged to the team that last used the boat. Unreported non-attributable damage will be charged equally to all the teams who have used the boat between a known time when the boat wasn't damaged and before the damage was discovered unless those who caused the damage are identified
c. If a deduction is made following an incident, a further cheque to restore the deposit may be required before a team may continue. Those paying by card will have their total accumulated before payment is taken.
d. Damage to the marquee or clubhouse during the event will be deducted from a team's damage deposit.
e. The cost of banking non-sterling cheques will be added to the cost of damage incurred.

2.6 The closing date for entries, which must be accompanied by a list of the entering team's achievements and the entry fee, is 12th February 2012.
2.7 The event is restricted to a maximum of 32 teams. West Kirby Sailing Club as the organising authority will select up to 32 teams. It is intended that selection will be based on
a. limiting non-GBR teams to 25% of the total entry (with their own reserve list)
b. teams' achievements at the 2011 event and since and ensuring, as far as possible, that the following are adequately represented:
   i. UK universities
   ii. local clubs
   iii. clubs and teams that have supported the event in the past.
2.8 A boat or team may not request redress against the club's selections. This changes rule 60.1(b).
2.9 The selected teams (with the reserve lists) will be published on the website on 19th February 2012.

2.10 Teams that subsequently withdraw will be replaced by those on the respective reserve list in order. When a list is exhausted replacements will be taken from the other list. Withdrawals and their replacements will be posted on the website within 24 hours of a team's withdrawal. A refund of an entry fee will be made when a replacement is found and a further fee is received.

2.11 Entries shall include an email address that will be used for notices and information. A subsequent change of email address must be acknowledged by West Kirby Sailing Club to be effective.

2.12 Team organisers shall ensure the prescribed guardian declaration form (available on the website) is completed, signed and given to the club at registration in respect of any member of their team who was born before 11th May 1994.

2.13 After registration, no team member may be changed without the prior permission of the Race Committee, which will only be given in exceptional circumstances.

3. Sailing instructions, registration and briefing

3.1 Sailing instructions and briefing notes will be posted on the website by 15th April 2012. Questions on them by email are invited before the event. The answered questions will be posted on the website until Tuesday 1st May 2012, after which they will be posted on the notice board at the event.

3.2 Registration will be between 08.30 and 12.00 Friday 11th May 2012. Teams not registered by 12.00 on Friday 11th May 2012 may be excluded from the draw for the round robin.

3.3 There will be a briefing at 12.00 on Friday 11th May 2012.

4. Racing Programme

4.1 Racing will start at 13.00 on Friday 11th May 2012 and continue all day. It will resume at 08.00 on Saturday 12th May 2012 and again at 08.00 on Sunday 13th May 2012 and continue until a point on Sunday afternoon.

4.2 A round robin will be sailed until a point determined by the Race Committee.

5. Liability exclusion

5.1 Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility.

5.2 By going out to race, competitors confirm they are competent to sail and compete in the prevailing conditions.

5.3 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of competitors, nor will it make the organisers responsible for death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of competitors taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the event.

5.4 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve competitors of their responsibilities.

6. Prescriptions

6.1 The national authority of the venue is the Royal Yachting Association (RYA).

6.2 The RYA has prescribed under rule 68 (*damages*):

a. Any claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.

b. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a rule.

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