

BRITISH OPEN TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP



for the
WILSON TROPHY
NOTICE OF RACE
1/2/3 MAY 2009

Rules

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- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Racing will be umpired.
- 1.3. Competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy.
- 1.4. Right of appeal will be denied.
- 1.5. Advertising will be restricted to Category C.
- 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 entry fee is £600 (including use of boats, accommodation, lunches, Friday evening meal, Saturday dinner and VAT). This is payable in two parts. The first part, £300, is payable with the entry form and the second £300 payable by 31st March 2009. The first payment acts as deposit which can only be refunded in exceptional circumstances once the team is selected whether a replacement team is found or not.
- 2.3. Each team shall lodge a damage deposit cheque of £250 sterling or the equivalent of £300 in another currency.
 - a. Cheques shall be lodged by 19th February 2009, separately from the entry fee. They will be destroyed after the event if no damage has been incurred.
 - b. £250 is the limit of liability for any one incident.
 - c. 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
 - d. If a deduction is made following an incident, a further cheque to restore the deposit may be required before a team may continue.
 - e. The cost of banking non-sterling cheques will be added to the cost of damage incurred.
- 2.4. The closing date for entries, which must be accompanied by a list of the entering team's achievements and a cheque for the first part of the entry fee, is 15th February 2009.
- 2.5. This year the event is restricted to a maximum of 42 teams. West Kirby Sailing Club as the organising authority will select the first 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 2008 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.Additional teams will be invited to attend up to a maximum of 10 further entries.
- 2.6. The club reserves the right to alter these intentions and restrictions without notice. There shall be no appeal against the club's selections.
- 2.7. The selected teams (with the reserve lists) will be published on the website on 20th February 2009.
- 2.8. 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.
- 2.9. 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.

- 2.10. 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 after 30th April 1991.
- 2.11. After registration a team shall change only in exceptional circumstances and with the written permission of the race committee.
- 2.12. Any team where five out of the six competitors were born after 31st December 1986 will be eligible for the U21 Prize. This prize is new for the 60th Wilson.

3. Sailing instructions, registration and briefing

- 3.1. Sailing instructions and briefing notes will be posted on the website by 12th April 2009. Questions on them by email are invited before the event. The answered questions will be posted on the website until Sunday 26th April 2009 after which they will be posted on the notice board at the event.
- 3.2. Registration will be from 2000 to 2200 on Thursday 30th April 2009. Teams not registered by 2200 on Thursday 30th April 2009 may be excluded from the draw for the round robin.
- 3.3. There will be a briefing at 0830 on Friday 1st May 2009.

4. Racing Programme

- 4.1. Racing will start at 0930 on Friday 1st May 2009 and continue all day. It will resume at 0900 on Saturday 2nd May 2009 and again at 0900 on Sunday 3rd May 2009 and continue until the middle of Sunday afternoon.
- 4.2. A round robin will be sailed until some time on Sunday when the teams with most wins will go through to a final knock-out stage.

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.