



British Open Team Racing Championship

for the

Wilson Trophy 7th to 9th May 2010

Notice of race

Rules

1.

- 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 6th May 2010.
- 2.3. The entry fee is £600 (including use of boats, accommodation, lunches, Friday evening meal, Saturday dinner and VAT) payable by 14th February 2010. Payment may be by cheque or online.
- 2.4. 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. The cost of banking non-sterling cheques will be added to the cost of damage incurred.
- 2.5. The closing date for entries, which must be accompanied by a list of the entering team's achievements and the entry fee, is 14th February 2010.
- 2.6. The event is restricted to 32 teams. West Kirby Sailing Club as the organising authority will select the 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 2009 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.
- 2.7. The club reserves the right to alter these intentions and restrictions without notice. There shall be no appeal against the club's selections.
- 2.8. The selected teams (with the reserve lists) will be published on the website on 20th February 2010.
- 2.9. 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.
- 2.10. 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.
- 2.11. 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 6th May 1992.

2.12. Generally, teams shall not change after registration.

3. Sailing instructions, registration and briefing

- 3.1. Sailing instructions and briefing notes will be posted on the website by 18th April 2010. Questions on them by email are invited before the event. The answered questions will be posted on the website until Sunday 2nd May 2010 after which they will be posted on the notice board at the event.
- 3.2. Registration will be from 2000 to 2200 on Thursday 6th May 2010 and between 0930 and 1200 Friday 7th May 2010. Teams not registered by 1200 on Friday 7th May 2010 may be excluded from the draw for the round robin.
- 3.3. There will be a briefing at 1200 on Friday 7th May 2010.

4. Racing Programme

- 4.1. Racing will start at 1300 on Friday 7th May 2010 and continue all day. It will resume at 0800 on Saturday 8th May 2010 and again at 0800 on Sunday 9th May 2010 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.

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