



**WEST KIRBY SAILING CLUB
LONG DISTANCE RACE
MONDAY 6th MAY 2019**



HIGH WATER: 12.38 9.02m

One Start at 11.30 - for All Classes

1. Rules

This is a Handicap Race. The event will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing, RYA prescriptions, WKSC Standard Sailing Instructions and these sailing instructions. In the event of conflict these sailing instructions will take precedence.

2. Entries

Eligible competitors are all Club members who sail in any of the Club's tidal classes and any competitor who can provide the Official Handicapper with a recognised PY Handicap rating of less than 1200 for their boat.

3. Safety

3.1 This is a long distance race and competitors are reminded of their responsibilities under WKSC Sailing Regulation 1 and Personal Buoyancy Regulation 4.

3.2 All boats (other than "tidal" classes) shall complete the "sign on/sign off form" which will be available to competitors in the vicinity of WKSC seaward gate, or risk disqualification.

4. Notices to Competitors and Changes to Sailing Instructions

4.1 These will be displayed on the official notice board at the front of the clubhouse.

4.2 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be indicated by flying code flag "L" before the Warning Signal for the first race. The flag may be flown from the WKSC clubhouse or the Race Committee Boat, as appropriate. Any changes will be posted on the Official Notice board at least 2 hours before the Start or given verbally from the Committee Boat 15 minutes prior to the Warning Signal for the first race.

5. Schedule of Races and Course

5.1 Racing will take place on the River Dee Estuary.

5.2 There will be one race for each fleet but all classes will start together at 11.30.

5.3 The course will be displayed on the Official Notice Board outside the Clubhouse on the day of the race by 09.00.

Note: It is up to competitors to collect the course information before launching. There will NOT be a launch out for moored boats.

5.4 The Race Committee Boat will be Th'Ark flying the WKSC burgee.

6. Class Flags

6.1 Hilbre and Star Handicap fleet – code flag H.

6.2 Fast Handicap fleet PY <1000 – code flag J.

6.3 Medium Handicap fleet 1000 -1200 - code flag D.

7. Starting Signals

Starting signals will be in accordance with Rule 26.

8. Time Limit and Shortened Course

The time limit for the racing is 180 minutes. A race may be shortened at any mark by a boat flying a blue flag.

9. Scoring

Boats will be allocated a PY as published on the WKSC Official Notice Board on 6th May

10. Prizes A prizegiving will be held after racing.

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COURSE INFORMATION

Starting Lines:

Start between the orange pole of the Race Committee Boat, and the Starting Mark indicated, at the beginning of the course to be sailed.

Finishing Lines:

Finish between the orange pole of the Race Committee Boat, and the last mark of the course or between the orange pole of the Race Committee Boat and the last mark of a lap if a shortened course has been signalled.

Course:

Read from left to right.

Each lap of the course is shown on a separate line.

The last mark of each lap should be passed in the direction which is indicated on the course card. After a shortened course has been signalled, a class will continue to sail the course until they next pass through the Finishing Line at which point they will finish.

In addition, the Race Officer may, at his entire discretion, decide to shorten a race at any other mark of the course. In that case the Finishing Line will be between the staff of a boat flying a blue flag and the nearby rounding mark, leaving the rounding mark on the side indicated in the course.

There will be no “hook “ finishes.

Starting Marks:

North Mark (NTH - yellow), South Mark (STH - red), Outer Start Mark (OSM - orange), Inner Start Mark (ISM - green)

Marks of the Course:

Where any of the Starting Marks are marks in the course then boats must pass between them and the Race Committee Boat. The Race Committee Boat will be WKSC Th’Ark.

COURSE

STH (P)	WEST BAR (P)	D4 (P)	CLIFF (P)	OSM (P)
	EAST BAR (P)	CLIFF (P)	OSM (P)	
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