



Dee Sailing Club & West Kirby Sailing Club Regattas



Organising Authority

Dee Sailing Club - Saturday 6th July 2019
West Kirby Sailing Club - Sunday 7th July 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions include any information in this document and the appropriate Course Card

1 RULES: The Regattas will be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Class Association Rules of boats participating, except as any are changed by these Sailing Instructions which take precedence in the event of any difference with the Notice of Race or other relevant documents changing Rule 63.7

2 ENTRY: (a) Eligible boats must have adequate 3rd party insurance cover for racing of a minimum of £3 million cover. (b) Boats must use correctly numbered sails unless prior permission is given by the Race Committee, varying RRS rule 77. All competitors shall complete and sign an entry form before the start of the race concerned. (Dispensation may be given for valid reasons). Competitors under 18 on the day of the regatta shall obtain the counter-signature of a parent or guardian on their entry form.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

3.1 All notices will be posted on the Official Race Notice Board located at the front entrance of DSC or WKSC clubhouse as appropriate. Notices may be given verbally from the Committee Boat. Any change to the sailing instructions will be indicated by displaying code flag "L" on the main mast of the club and displayed on its official notice board before 11.00 on the day of the Regatta.

3.2 Briefings for competitors will be held as follows:

3.2.1 Saturday 6th July – Tidal classes 11.00 at WKSC; Dinghies 12.00 at WKSC. DSC briefing at 11.30

3.2.2 Sunday 7th July – Lake Racing – 09.00 at WKSC

- Tidal Racing: Tidal classes 11.45 at WKSC; Dinghies 12.30 at WKSC.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES:

			Sat 6 th July	Sun 7 th July
<u>TIDAL RACING</u>			High Water	14.35 BST
				15.17 BST
			8.80m	8.70m
Race No	Classes	Code Flag	Start Time	Start Time
1	Limbo 6.6	Num 6	13.00	13.30
2	Liverpool Bay Falcon	R	13.03	13.33
3	Hilbre Island One Design	I	13.06	13.36
4	West Kirby Star / Hoylake Opera / Seabird Half Rater	E	13.09	13.39
5	Handicap Catamarans (including Dart 16)	F	13.12	13.42
6	Dart 18 Catamarans	D	13.15	13.45
7	Cruisers	H	13.18	13.48
8	Fast Handicap Dinghies (PN <1000)	T	13.15	13.45
9	Medium Handicap Dinghies (PN 1000 – 1165) including Firefly Open	W	13.18	13.48
10	Slow Handicap Dinghies (PN >1165)	V	13.21	13.51
<u>LAKE RACING - SUNDAY 7th JULY ONLY</u>				
11	Fast Handicap Dinghies (PN 900 - 1000)	T		10.00
12	Medium Handicap Dinghies (PN 1000 - 1165) including Firefly Open	W		10.03
13	Slow Handicap Dinghies (PN >1165)	V		10.06

5 NUMBER OF RACES: Race 7 will have one race. All other classes will have two races, sailed back to back.

6 CLASS FLAGS: See 4 above.

7 RACING AREA: The race area for races 1 – 10 will be the Dee Estuary. Launch and recovery will be from both WKSC and DSC as appropriate for the class being sailed. The race area for races 11 – 13 will be the West Kirby Marine Lake.

8 COURSES: The courses will be those detailed in the Tidal and Dinghy Course Cards. A separate Course Card applies to the Cruisers. The Committee Boat for Races 1 – 7 on both days will be the WKSC Th'Ark flying a DSC or WKSC burgee as appropriate. The Committee Boat for Races 8 – 10 will be Little Arvor flying an orange flag. The committee boat for Races 11 - 13 will be as described on the course card.

9 SAFETY:

9.1 A personal flotation device shall be worn by all competitors at all times on the water unless exempted by Class rules. Code flag "Y" shall not be displayed, varying RRS rule 40.

9.2 A tally system will be in operation at WKSC and DSC for all boats racing on the Dee Estuary excluding Limbos, Falcons, Hilbres, Stars, Operas, Seabirds and Cruisers.

10 THE START:

10.1 Races will be started as follows, changing rule 26:

Six minutes before the first start in a sequence of starts the Warning Signal (Class Flag) for the first class will be displayed. At three minutes the Preparatory Signal will be displayed. At the start of the first race the displayed class flag will be removed and the next class to start will have its flag displayed. The preparatory flag will remain flying until the start of the last race of the sequence. Sound signals for the first race on each Committee Boat will be made at 6 minutes, 3 minutes and the start and then only at every start thereafter.

10.2 The starting line and finishing line are as described on the appropriate course card.

11 RECALLS: Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1 amended so that code flag "X" will be flown for a maximum of two minutes. Recall numbers will not be given.

General recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS rule 29.2 except that the class concerned will re-start at the **end** of the starting sequence. When more than one race is subject to a general recall, the first to restart will be the race with the lowest race number in the programme.

12 TIME LIMIT: The race time limit for race 7 will be 3 hours, for races 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10 will be 90 minutes.

In races 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10 boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat finishing will be scored "did not finish". This changes RRS rule 35. The race time limit for races 11,12 and 13 will be 60 minutes.

13 RETIREMENTS: Competitors retiring must inform the Committee boat either directly or by informing the crew of a safety boat able to relay the information by radio to the Race Officer

14 PROTESTS: Competitors must inform the Race Officer of their intention to protest before leaving the Racing Area. Competitors may request the choice of the RYA arbitration procedure or a full protest hearing, but not both. If RYA arbitration is followed the decision of the arbiter is final and binding. In either case protests must be lodged within 45 minutes of the last boat in the appropriate race coming ashore and submitted on an official Protest form to the race office which may be obtained from the WKSC or DSC club house.

15 SCORING & PRIZES:

15.1 A list of PNs is available to all competitors. Please note that adjusted PNs will apply to the following classes: Albacores 1045; Finns 1045; Fireflies 1165; International Canoe ODs and Slurp ODs 905 (tide) and 920 (lake); Other classes will use the 2019 RYA PNs

15.2 The low point scoring system, rule A4, will apply. In the event of a tie RRS rule A7 shall apply. There will be no discards.

15.3 Prizes will be awarded to the winning boats in each Class.

15.4 In races 8-13 any class with 6 or more boats will have separate prizes for that class. Note: they will not be included in the handicap prizes as well.

15.5 Trophies will be awarded to the Falcon, Hilbre and Star classes at WKSC Regatta.

15.6 Any prize not collected within 7 days of the event may be DONATED TO CHARITY, at the discretion of the DSC or WKSC Commodore as appropriate.

16 LIABILITY & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY: RRS Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;
- g) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims;
- h) They shall make sure that the boat is adequately secured and in a condition to withstand any weather which may be encountered and that it will not cause damage to any other property.

17 PRIZEGIVING & REFRESHMENTS will be available as follows:

Dee Sailing Club on Saturday 6th July. The Prizegiving will be held at 18.00 hrs

Refreshments will be available after racing

West Kirby Sailing Club on Sunday 7th July. The Prizegiving will be held at 18.30 hrs

For those not racing a pre-ordered regatta lunch will be available from 12.30 - 14.30.

Pre-ordered supper will be available from 17.00