



# Dee Sailing Club & West Kirby Sailing Club

## OPEN WINTER TIDAL SERIES



Organising Authority	Date	HT time	Height
Dee SC	Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2020	10.23	8.41 m
West Kirby SC	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	14.11	8.27 m
West Kirby SC	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	14.10	9.11 m
Dee SC	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	13.06	8.66 m

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

**1 RULES:** The Series will be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), 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) There is no entry fee (b) Eligible boats must have adequate 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance cover for racing of a minimum of £3 million cover. (c) Boats must use correctly numbered sails unless prior permission is given by the Race Committee, varying RRS rule 77. (d) All competitors shall complete and sign an entry form before the start of the race concerned and register at WKSC or DSC, as appropriate, each week. (Dispensation may be given for valid reasons) (e) Competitors under 18 on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 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 09.00 on the day of racing.

3.2 Registration and briefings for competitors will be held as follows:

Dates	Registration from	Briefing	
		At WKSC	At DSC
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	08.15	08.45	
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	11.30	12.00	
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	11.15	11.45	
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	10.15	10.45	

**4 CLASSES AND SCHEDULE OF RACES:**

Class No	Classes	Code Flag
1	Handicap Catamarans	D
2	Fast Handicap Monohulls (PN < 1200)	W
3	Slow Handicap Monohulls (PN > 1200)	V

Date	Races	Start Time, Race 1		
		Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 2020	Winter Tidal 1&2	09.30	09.35	09.40
29 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2020	Winter Tidal 3&4	13.00	13.05	13.10
14 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Winter Tidal 5&6	12.45	12.50	12.55
28 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Winter Tidal 7&8	11.45	11.50	11.55

**5 NUMBER OF RACES:** There will be two races each day, sailed back to back. The second race will follow as soon as possible after the first race.

**6 CLASS FLAGS:** See 4 above.

**7 RACING AREA:** The race area will be the Dee Estuary between Dee SC and West Kirby SC. Launch and recovery will be from both WKSC and DSC as appropriate for the class being sailed.

**8 COURSES:** The courses will be those detailed in the Course Card. The Committee Boat for all racing will be a RIB flying the respective Club burgee on each date.

**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 All competitors shall wear either a full wetsuit or drysuit at all times when afloat.

9.3 A tally system will be in operation at WKSC and DSC for all boats.

**10 THE START:**

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS rule 26.

10.2 It is expected that Classes will start in the sequence shown in Rule 4 but the Race Officer may, in his absolute discretion, amend the starting sequence and competitors are advised to watch the flags.

10.3 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose Preparatory Signal has been made.

10.4 RRS Rule 29.2 is amended such that the Race Officer may, after a general recall, re-start the recalled class either before or after the starts for any succeeding classes scheduled in the racing programme.

10.5 The starting line and finishing line are as described on the 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.

**12 TIME LIMIT:**

12.1 The race time limit will be 75 minutes for all classes.

12.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat finishing will be scored "did not finish". This changes RRS rule 35.

**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: Dart 18s 816; Albacores 1045; Finns 1045; Fireflies 1165; GP14s 1133; International Canoe (WKSC ODs) 905 and Slurp ODs 905. 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 A8 shall apply.

15.3 Prizes will be awarded to the winning boats in each Class for each day's racing (no discards will apply) plus prizes will be awarded to the overall Series winners. For the Series prizes there will be 1 discard after 3 races and 2 discards after 7 races are completed.

**16 LIABILITY & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:**

16.1 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.

16.2 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 Series.

**17 REFRESHMENTS** will be available after racing at the respective host Sailing Club.

**18 PRIZEGIVING** will be held after racing at the respective host Sailing Club.

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