



Dee Sailing Club & West Kirby Sailing Club Regattas



Organising Authority

Dee Sailing Club - Saturday 19th September 2020
West Kirby Sailing Club - Sunday 20th September 2020

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.
- (c) All competitors shall complete and sign an entry form before the start of the race concerned. (Dispensation may be given for valid reasons).
- (d) Competitors under 18 on the day of the regatta shall obtain the counter-signature of a parent or guardian on their entry form.
- (e) The number of crew on a boat may be different from that required by their Class Association. However, as always, sailing is at the competitors' risk and each person should carefully assess their capabilities and the capabilities of their crew in the conditions prevailing before launching.

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 the Regatta.

3.2 Due to Covid restrictions there will be no formal briefings. Please send any questions on the Sailing Instructions by email to - WKSC: jdatkinson9599@gmail.com; DSC: leejohnmatthews@hotmail.com.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES:

			Sat 19 th Sept	Sun 20 th Sept
		High Water	12.54 BST 9.63m	13.36 BST 9.54m
Race No	Classes	Code Flag	Start Time	Start Time
1	Liverpool Bay Falcon / Limbo 6.6	R	11.30	12.00
2	Hilbre Island One Design	I	11.35	12.05
3	West Kirby Star / Hoylake Opera / Seabird Half Rater	E	11.40	12.10
4	Handicap Catamarans / Dart 18s	D	11.45	12.15
5	Cruisers	H	11.50	12.20
6	Handicap Dinghies	W	11.45	12.15

5 NUMBER OF RACES:

Race 5 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 – 6 will be the Dee Estuary. 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 Tidal and Dinghy Course Cards. A separate Course Card applies to the Cruisers. The Committee Boat for Races 1 – 5 on both days will be the WKSC T'Ark flying a DSC or WKSC burgee as appropriate. The Committee Boat for Race 6 will be Little Arvor flying an orange flag.

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 All races will be started in accordance with RRS Rule 26 (5,4,1,0)

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 5 will be 3 hours, for races 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 will be 90 minutes.

In races 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 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:

14.1 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.

14.2 Given the Covid 19 guidance from the RYA regarding social distancing any arbitration or protest hearings may be held by Zoom or Teams. If circumstances permit at the event, face to face hearings may be held outside or in a room dedicated for the purpose which has been disinfected and secured. Please note in any such hearings the boat models will be disinfected during the hearing and the jury may be limited to two people, which is permissible under RRS.

15 SCORING & PRIZES:

15.1 A list of PNs is available to all competitors. Adjusted PNs will be used for some classes of boat. A list of changes from the RYA 2020 PNs will be available on the WKSC/DSC websites and the Club noticeboards.

15.2 Scoring:

Races 1-5

The low point scoring system, rule A4, will apply. In the event of a race tie RRS rule A7 shall apply. In the event of a series tie RRS rule A8 shall apply. There will be no discards.

Race 6

Average lap times will be used. Having rounded the last mark after the shortened course has been signalled, boats will have their elapsed time taken as they cross the finishing line. After correcting the boats times according to their PNs the low point scoring system, rule A4, will apply. In the event of a race tie RRS rule A7 shall apply. In the event of a series tie RRS rule A8 shall apply. There will be no discards.

15.3 There will be no prizes and no prizegivings.

15.5 No trophies will be awarded.

16 REFRESHMENTS:

There will be limited club facilities available after racing. **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL:**

At Dee Sailing Club on Saturday 19th September.

At West Kirby Sailing Club on Sunday 20th September.

17 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.

18 COVID Statement

By taking part in any of the events covered by these Sailing Instructions, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any UK government guidelines and legislation in force at the time of the event in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with West Kirby Sailing Club or Dee Sailing Club (as appropriate) COVID-19 procedures.

Competitors participate in the events entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.