



West Kirby Sailing Club REGATTA



SAIL WITH A SMILE

Sunday 20th September 2020

NOTICE OF RACE

(Note: Revisions highlighted in yellow)

Commodore:	Mr J-L Simons	Hon. Treasurer:	Mr N. Ledingham
Vice Commodore:	Mrs H. Brown	Captain:	Mr M. Mayhew
Rear Commodore:	Mr A. Whittle	Hon. Sailing Secretary:	Mr J. Atkinson
Hon. Secretary:	Mr J. Dowler	Official Handicapper:	Mr A. Marston

Racing on the Dee Estuary
HW 13.36; 9.54 Metres

Schedule of Races

Race No	Classes	Code Flag	Start Time
1	Liverpool Bay Falcon / Limbo 6.6	R	12.00
2	Hilbre Island One Design	I	12.05
3	West Kirby Star / Hoylake Opera / Seabird Half Rater	E	12.10
4	Handicap Catamarans / Dart 18s	D	12.15
5	Cruisers	H	12.20
6	Handicap Dinghies	W	12.15

All Classes except Cruisers will have two races sailed back to back. Cruisers will have one race.

Races 1 – 5: start from the tidal start boat.

Race 6: start from the dinghy start boat. There will be one start for all dinghies and average lap times will be used.

Due to Covid restrictions there will be no formal briefings. Please send any questions on the Sailing Instructions by email, to the Sailing Secretary. Email: jdatkinson9599@gmail.com.

Regatta Entry Fee - FOC. Please note that the £5 entry fee has been removed.

Please make entries and payment online <https://webcollect.org.uk/wksc/event/2020-wksc-and-dee-sc-regattas> or, if not possible to enter online, at WKSC clubhouse before racing on Friday morning from 09.30 and on Sunday 20th September from 10.00. Sailing instructions and course cards can be downloaded from the WKSC website (www.wksc.org.uk).

Weekend Schedule of Racing

Friday 18th Sept: Hilbre Island Race: Start – 10.45 for Hilbres, Stars, Operas and Limbos
Start – 11.15 for Falcons, Catamarans and Dinghies
Illusion Regatta: Start – 15.00 on the Marine Lake - 5 races

Saturday 19th Sept: Dee SC Regatta: Start – Race 1 at 11.30

Sunday 20th Sept: West Kirby SC Regatta: Start – Race 1 at 12.00

Limited club facilities will be available after racing at West Kirby Sailing Club on Friday and Sunday. There will be no prizes or prizegiving. **It is ESSENTIAL to pre-book a table.**

Visitors are regrettably restricted – Non members on the club premises, who have not entered the Regatta, must complete a Track and Trace card at the bar in the WKSC Main Room.

For further information please contact West Kirby Sailing Club:

Tel: 0151 625 5579; Website: www.wksc.org.uk; Email: office@wksc.org.uk

In view of Covid-19 restrictions, access to WKSC changing facilities and the clubhouse is limited. If possible, please change at home. However, we ask that anyone who is:

- unwell with symptoms of Covid-19;
- is shielding; or
- has contact with a family, or household member who is unwell with symptoms of Covid-19;

should not enter any event organised by WKSC and should avoid attending the club for a minimum of 14 days.

The event will be held in accordance with:

a) RYA advice for “Return to Boating”

<https://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/clubs/RYA%20Sailing%20%26%20Racing%20in%20Mixed%20Households.pdf>

b) the Guidance published by the Government

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-phased-return-of-sport-and-recreation/guidance-for-the-public-on-the-phased-return-of-outdoor-sport-and-recreation>

Rules

Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), the Regatta Sailing Instructions and the rules of the various Class Associations (except as any are changed by the Regatta Sailing Instructions).

Eligibility to Race

- All tidal classes, and dinghies with a recognised PN, are eligible to race.
- Adjusted PNs will be used for some classes. A list of changes from the RYA 2020 PNs will be available on the WKSC website and the Club Notice Board.
- The number of crew on a boat may be different from that required by their Class Association. However, as per Rule 4 of the RRS, 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

Protest Committee

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.

Risk Statement

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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 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;
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore, and will carry adequate lifesaving equipment for all persons on board;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

- 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 be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue

COVID Statement

By taking part in any of the events covered by this Notice of Race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any UK government guidelines and legislation in force at the time of this event in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with West Kirby Sailing Club COVID-19 procedures (www.wksc.org.uk).

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

By entering this event, competitors accept these conditions unconditionally.

Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.