



West Kirby Sailing Club

SAILING FESTIVAL



Saturday 21st August – Tuesday 24th August 2021

NOTICE OF RACE

Schedule of Races – all racing is tidal, on the Dee Estuary

Date	Sat 21 st Aug	Sun 22 nd Aug	Mon 23 rd Aug	Tues 24 th Aug
High Tide (BST)	11.01	11.47	12.27	13.03
Tide Height (metres)	8.46	8.68	8.79	8.79
First Start Time	09.25	10.10	11.15	12.00
	Class Racing		Handicap Racing	Pursuit Race
No of Races	2 races back to back		2 races back to back	One race

Class Racing – Saturday and Sunday			Sat 21 Aug	Sun 22 Aug
Race No	Classes	Code Flag	Start Time for 1 st Race	
1	Limbo 6.6	Num 6	09.25	10.10
2	Hilbre Island One Design	I	09.28	10.13
3	West Kirby Star / Hoylake Opera	E	09.31	10.16
4	Liverpool Bay Falcon	R	09.34	10.19
5	Handicap Catamarans / Dart 18s	F	09.37	10.22
6	Fast Handicap Dinghies (PN 1180 and lower)	W	10.00	10.45
7	Slow Handicap Dinghies (PN >1180)	V	10.03	10.48

Courses

Saturday/Sunday 21st/22nd August: Class Racing - All classes will start from one Committee Boat and will race round Estuary cans. All classes will have two races sailed back to back.

Monday 23rd August: Handicap Racing - All boats will start together from one Committee Boat, race round a laid course and use Average Lap Times. There will be two races sailed back to back.

Tuesday 24th August: There will be a Pursuit Race

- The online official notice board is located at <https://www.wksc.org.uk/sailingfestival-2021/>
- Briefing Notes, Sailing Instructions and Course Cards can be downloaded from the online official notice board from Tuesday 17th August.
- Each day's racing will stand alone plus there will be prizes for the overall 4 days.
- In Handicap Races, if there are 6 or more boats of one class, their results will be calculated separately from the Handicap results.

No Entry Fee

Entry Forms should preferably be completed online via Webcollect (<https://webcollect.org.uk/wksc>) but, if this is not possible, entries will be taken at WKSC clubhouse before racing each day.

Visitors are very welcome.

Rules

1 The Organising Authority is West Kirby Sailing Club.

2 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS), the Regatta Sailing Instructions and the Class Association Rules of boats participating except as any are changed by the Event Sailing Instructions which take precedence in the event of any difference with the Notice of Race or other relevant documents changing Rule 63.7.

Eligibility to Race

- a) The classes listed in the above Schedule of Races, and all dinghies with a recognised PN, are eligible to race. Boats not having a recognised PN will be given a trial number by the Official Handicapper.
- b) Adjusted PNs will be used for some classes. A list of changes from the RYA 2021 PNs will be available on the WKSC website and the WKSC Notice Board.

Protest Committee

Face to face hearings will be held where tables have been disinfected, which may be outside. 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. The Race Committee reserves the right to require any arbitration or protest hearings to be held by Zoom or Teams.

Risk Statement

Rule 3 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:

- 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, and will carry adequate lifesaving equipment for all persons on board;
- c) 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;
- h) each competitor and boat owner shall ensure that their support persons comply with the rules;
- i) the penalty for a breach of rule shall be at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

Privacy Statement

The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is a contract.

If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

COVID Statement

1 Although it is expected that Covid-19 restrictions in England will end before the Event we still ask that:

- a) 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 visiting the club for a minimum of 10 days.
- b) Non-members on the club premises, who have not entered the Event, must complete a Track and Trace card at the bar in the WKSC Main Room.

2 The format of the event is subject to change without notice as a result of Covid-19 restrictions in force at the time.

3 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).

4 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.

5 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.

Refreshments and On Shore Entertainment

The galley and bar will be open after racing at West Kirby Sailing Club More information will be posted on the online Official Notice Board in due course.

Prizegiving

A prizegiving will be held after racing each day.

Further Information

For further information please contact West Kirby Sailing Club:

Tel: 0151 625 5579; Website: <https://www.wksc.org.uk/sailingfestival-2021/>

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