



FIREFLY CLASS OPEN MEETING

At WEST KIRBY SAILING CLUB

On Sunday 12th September 2021

NOTICE OF RACE

Warning signal first race 10.27 Hrs

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Organising Authority. The organising authority is West Kirby Sailing Club

Rules. The Open Meeting will be governed by *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), RYA prescriptions and the Sailing Instructions which take precedence in the event of any difference with the Notice of Race or other relevant documents changing Rule 63.7.

The **Advisory** Hearing and RYA **Arbitration** of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

Adequate personal flotation must be worn whilst afloat

Advertising. Advertising will be restricted in accordance with Class Association rules.

Eligibility and Entry.

- a. Eligible boats and competitors may enter by completing registration at the Clubhouse from 09.00 on 12th September until the first race.
- b. Eligible boats must have:
 - i a current measurement certificate available for inspection;
 - ii a minimum of £3,000,000 third party insurance;
 - iii Correctly numbered sails unless prior written permission is given by the Race Committee, varying Rule 77.

The Open Meeting is open to all boats of the Firefly Class with a valid measurement certificate and any Fireflies loaned from West Kirby Sailing Club or Liverpool University whether or not they have a measurement certificate.

Fees. The entry fee is £20 per boat.

Briefing. There will be a briefing at approx. 10.00 hrs and the warning signal for the first race is expected to be at 10.27 hrs.

Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

Venue. Directions to the Club are available on the Club website www.wksc.org.uk.

Racing area

Racing will be on the Marine Lake.

The Courses. The courses will be shown in the Sailing Instructions. In general terms the course will be a.

Scoring and Prizes.

1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
2. Discards will apply as set out in the Sailing Instructions. A boats series score will be the total of all races sailed less discards.
3. A prizegiving will take place as soon as possible after racing.
4. The winner of the Firefly Open Meeting will receive the George Jones Memorial Cup. The highest placed helm under 21 will receive the Mal Jones Rudder. Subsequent prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the West Kirby Sailing Club

Disclaimer of Liability. Competitors participate at their own risk. See RRS rules 3 and 4, *Decision to Race and Acceptance of the Rules*. WKSC will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or before, during, or after the event. By taking part in this event 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). By entering this Event, competitors accept these conditions unconditionally.

Risk Statement

- i. RRS 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."
- ii. 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.
- iii. Each competitor and boat owner shall ensure that their support persons comply with the rules.

Rights to Use Names and Likenesses. Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any visual records of, or relating to the event. They also allow their names, age category, club and boat details to be displayed in competitors' lists and in results, both on relevant websites and in publications.

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