

**BRITISH OPEN TEAM RACING  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
FOR THE  
WILSON TROPHY  
4, 5 & 6 MAY 2018**



**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. Rules**

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 It is the intention that all races will be umpired (rule D2.1). The one-flag protest procedure will apply (rule D2.2).
- 1.3 Competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy.
- 1.4 Right of appeal will be denied under rule 70.5(a).
- 1.5 Advertising will be restricted according to the World Sailing Advertising Code.
- 1.6 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 event.

**2. Entries**

- 2.1 Entries will be accepted from teams of six to sail in three-boat teams in Firefly-type dinghies supplied by West Kirby Sailing Club. Acceptable entrants shall become temporary members of West Kirby Sailing Club for the duration of the event and will adhere to all House rules and regulations as posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 2.2 The event incorporates the Twiname Trust Under-21 Wilson Trophy for teams with at least five members who are under 21 on the 4 May 2018.
- 2.3 The entry fee is £720 (including use of boats, accommodation on Friday and Saturday only (unless otherwise agreed in advance), lunches, Friday evening meal, Saturday dinner and entertainment and VAT) payable by 11 February 2018. Payment may be by cheque or by credit/debit card over the phone.
- 2.4 An application for entry will only be accepted when team names reflect the club, locale or sailing organisation which that team represents. The team organiser may be required to change the team name to an acceptable one; failure to do so will result in a team name being imposed by the Organising Authority. There will be no right to request redress concerning such a change, altering rule 60.1(b) (*redress*).
- 2.5 Each team shall lodge a damage deposit cheque of £300 sterling (£350 equivalent in another currency) at registration.
  - a. Cheques will be destroyed after the event if no damage has been incurred. £300 is the limit of liability for any one incident.
  - b. Reported attributable damage will be charged to the team responsible. Unreported obvious damage will be charged to the team that last used the boat. Unreported non-attributable damage will be charged equally to all the teams who have used the boat between a known time when the boat was free from damage and before the damage was discovered unless those who caused the damage are identified.
  - c. If a deduction is made following an incident, a further cheque to restore the deposit may be required before a team can continue.
  - d. The cost of damage to any property on the premises or launching area during the event will be deducted from a team's damage deposit.
  - e. The cost of banking non-sterling cheques will be added to the cost of damage incurred.
- 2.6 The closing date for entries, which must be accompanied by a list of the entering team's achievements and the entry fee, is 11 February 2018.
- 2.7 The event is restricted to a maximum of 32 teams. West Kirby Sailing Club as the organising authority will select up to 32 teams. It is intended that selection will be based on:
  - a. limiting non-GBR teams to approximately 25% of the total entry (with their own reserve list)
  - b. teams' achievements at the 2017 event and since and ensuring, as far as possible, that the following are adequately represented:
    - i. UK universities
    - ii. local clubs
    - iii. clubs and teams that have supported the event in the past.
- 2.8 A boat or team may not request redress against the club's selections. This changes rule 60.1(b).

- 2.9 The selected teams (with the reserve lists) will be published on the website on 25 February 2018.
- 2.10 Teams that subsequently withdraw will be replaced by those on the respective reserve list in order. When a list is exhausted, replacements will be taken from the other list. Withdrawals and their replacements will be posted on the website within 24 hours of a team's withdrawal. A refund of an entry fee will be made when a replacement is found and a further fee is received.
- 2.11 Entries shall include an email address that will be used for notices and information. A subsequent change of email address must be acknowledged by West Kirby Sailing Club to be effective.
- 2.12 Team organisers shall ensure the prescribed guardian declaration form (available on the website) is completed, signed and given to the club at registration in respect of any member of their team who was born after 4 May 2000.
- 2.13 After registration, no team member may be changed without the prior permission of the Race Committee, which will be given only in exceptional circumstances.

### **3. Sailing instructions, registration and briefing**

- 3.1 Sailing instructions and briefing notes will be posted on the website by 8 April 2018. Questions on them by email are invited before the event and answers will be posted on the notice board at the event.
- 3.2 Registration will be between 08.30 and 12.00 Friday 4 May 2018. Teams not registered by 12.00 on Friday 4 May 2018 may be excluded from the draw for the round robin.
- 3.3 There will be a briefing at 12.15 on Friday 4 May 2018.

### **4. Racing programme**

- 4.1 Racing will start at 13.00 on Friday 4 May 2018 and continue all day. It will resume at 08.00 on Saturday 5 May 2018 and again at 08.00 on Sunday 6 May 2018 and continue until a point on Sunday afternoon.
- 4.2 A round robin will be sailed until a point determined by the Race Committee; followed, if possible, by final elimination rounds.

### **5. 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 inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees to acknowledge 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 property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) They are responsible to check, where possible that 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, umpires 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;

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.

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