

**BRITISH OPEN TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS
FOR THE
74th WILSON TROPHY
12, 13 & 14 MAY 2023**



NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is West Kirby Sailing Club

2. RULES

- 2.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules
- 2.2 It is the intention that all races will be umpired (rule D2.1).
- 2.3 Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions.
- 2.4 Right of appeal will be denied under rule 70.5(a).
- 2.5 Advertising will be restricted according to the World Sailing Advertising Code.
- 2.6 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.

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1 Entries will be accepted from teams of six to sail in three-boat teams in Firefly-type dinghies supplied via 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.
- 3.2 The event incorporates the Twiname Trust Under-21 Wilson Trophy for teams with at least five members who are under 21 on the 12 May 2023.
- 3.3 The entry fee is £870 (£145 per team member) including use of boats, accommodation on Friday and Saturday (where possible), Friday evening meal, Saturday and Sunday lunches, Saturday dinner and entertainment).
- 3.4 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).
- 3.5 Each team shall lodge a damage deposit cheque or credit card pre-authorisation of £350 sterling (£400 equivalent in another currency) at registration.
 - a. Cheques will be destroyed after the event if no damage has been incurred. £350 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.
- 3.6 The closing date for entries, which must be accompanied by a list of the entering team's achievements and the entry fee, is **strictly** 17.00GMT on 27 February 2023. Payment may be by cheque or by credit/debit card over the phone.
- 3.7 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 2022 event and since and ensuring, as far as possible, that the following are adequately represented:
 - i. UK universities/alumni
 - ii. local clubs
 - iii. clubs and teams that have supported the event in the past.
- 3.8 A boat or team may not request redress against the club's selections. This changes rule 60.1(b).
- 3.9 The selected teams (with the reserve lists) will be published on the website on 1 March 2023.

- 3.10 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.
- 3.11 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.
- 3.12 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 12 May 2005.
- 3.13 After registration, no team member may be changed without the prior permission of the Race Committee, which will be given only in exceptional circumstances.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS, REGISTRATION AND BRIEFING

- 4.1 Sailing instructions and briefing notes will be posted on the website 1 March 2023. Questions on them by email are invited before the event and answers will be posted on the notice board at the event.
- 4.2 Registration will be between 19.00 and 22.00 on Thursday 11 May 2023 and between 10.00 and 12.00 on Friday 12 May 2023.
- 4.3 There will be a briefing in the Summer Pavilion at 12.15 on Friday 12 May 2023.

5. RACING PROGRAMME

- 5.1 Friday 12 May 2023 the first warning signal will be at 12.57. Racing will continue all day. On Saturday 13 May 2023, and Sunday 14 May 2023, the first warning signal will be at 07.57. Racing will continue all day on Saturday and until a point on Sunday afternoon.
- 5.2 A round robin will be sailed until a point determined by the Race Committee; followed, if possible, by final elimination rounds. On Sunday 14 May 2023, new round in the round robin will not be started after 12.45 and a new round robin race will not be started after 13.45.
- 5.3 Scoring rules under appendix D will be modified by the sailing instructions to accommodate the Swiss League scoring system
- 5.4 The course will be a starboard hand 'S' course

6. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

GDPR requirements are detailed in the Entry Form

7. COVID-19

The event will conform to any Government requirements in place at the time.

8. DECISION TO RACE

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 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;
- (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.

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Event Director

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