



International Fireball UK National and UK Open Championships
Hosted by
The Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy
Notice of Race
23rd – 29th May 2009

The Event

This Regatta will be held at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy. The races will be sailed in Portland Harbour or Weymouth Bay.

1.0 RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012, the Sailing Instructions and the appropriate class rules. The Organising Authority is Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, under the burgee of Portland Castle Sailing Club, in conjunction with the United Kingdom Fireball Association. In the event of any conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY

All boats must comply with the current class rules. Both the helm and crew in each boat must be paid up full members of the UK Fireball Class Association or any Fireball Class Association recognised by Fireball International. At registration competitors shall show a valid measurement certificate for their boat and evidence of their affiliated organisation.

The Regatta will comprise of two separate events; the UK National Championship, and the UK Open Championship. These events will be run concurrently in accordance with the Schedule of Events utilising a single start and common course. In each race finishing positions will be recorded as for a single fleet. Boats will score the points attributable to their finishing position for the event(s) for which they are eligible.

UK National Championship - The UK Fireball National Championship is open to any helm and crew who are members of the UK Fireball Class Association.

UK Fireball Open Championship - The UK Fireball Open Championship is open to any helm who is a current member of any Fireball Class Association recognised by Fireball International including the United Kingdom Fireball Association.

3.0 ADVERTISING

Advertising will be restricted to Category C.
Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

4.0 ENTRIES

Entry forms, detailing the entry fee will be available by 27th March 2009. Please note that the entry fee includes a full social programme, details available from the UK Fireball Association web site www.fireballsailing.org.uk. No entries will be accepted after 10.00am on Sunday 24th May

5.0 EVENT SCHEDULE

Competitors shall register with the Race Office at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy from 09:00 – 17.00 on Saturday 23rd May. All boats will be measured and weighed in the event hall between 09.00 – 17.00. Competitors may make alternative arrangements by agreement with the Measurer but measurement must be completed before a boat races. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to make random measurement checks at any time throughout the duration of the Regatta.

Two races will be scheduled on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, they will be sailed back to back. A third race may be sailed at the discretion of the race committee to preserve the Championship should races have been lost. Flag T displayed on the committee boat on or before the warning signal for the second race of the day indicates that the third race will be held. Should the weather outlook indicate that a days racing may be lost an extra race may be scheduled for the previous day. Races will be numbered in the order in which they are completed. Wednesday is scheduled as a lay day but may become a racing day should the programme to complete the event require racing that day.

6.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be issued at the event Registration. A draft version may be available for download from the WPNSA (www.wpnsa.org.uk) website in advance of the event

7.0 VENUE

Attachment A shows the location of Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

8.0 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be as per the Sailing Instructions.

9.0 SCORING

The series will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the Racing Rules using the Low Point System and 1 race will constitute a series. Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded if between 4 and 7 races have been completed. There will be 2 discards if 8 races or more are sailed. Ties will be broken in accordance with Appendix A8.1.

Bronze, Silver and Gold Fleets

The Organizing Authority will allocate each boat to the Gold, Silver or Bronze Fleet. Allocations will be made as the Organizing Authority sees fit and will not be the subject of a request for redress. This changes Rule 62.

10.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

Penalties shall be in accordance with RRS 44 excluding 44.3

11.0 PRIVATE SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall register at the Race Office during registration period. During racing, support boats shall remain more than 100 metres from the course area, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.

12.0 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as per the Sailing instructions.

13.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities

14.0 INSURANCE

Boats are required to be adequately insured including insurance against third party claims of at least £2,000,000

15.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

Life-jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors at all times whilst afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. A compulsory tally system will be in operation. All competitors must tally off before going afloat, and tally in again as soon as they return to shore. Failure to tally in or out may result in exclusion from race results for the race sin question.

16.0 TELEVISION AND MEDIA

In entering for this event, competitors automatically grant the organising authority and Class Association(s) the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and any other reproduction of them taken during the event, for the said Championship as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, in which he/she participates, without compensation.

17.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact George Denny at WPNSA
Email: george.denny@wpnsa.org.uk or phone 01305 866000

Attachment A

Contact Details and Directions to The Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

(These can also be found with a link to Multimap on the WPNSA website- <http://www.wpnsa.org.uk/contact.htm>)

Address

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Directions

From Dorchester

Take A354 to Weymouth

From Poole and Bournemouth

Take A352 to Weymouth

From Bridport

Take B3157 to Weymouth

When you arrive at Weymouth

Take the A354 to Portland. This will bring you to the causeway linking Weymouth and Portland. Halfway along the causeway you will reach a mini-roundabout. Turn left, we are signposted 'Sailing Academy'.

Map

