



NOTICE OF RACE

**The Typhoon
51st International Fireball
UK National Championships**

**Fireball International Grand Nationals
and
UK Open Championships 2013**

27th July to 2nd August 2013

**Hosted by
Looe Sailing Club, Cornwall, England
in conjunction with the
United Kingdom Fireball Association.**

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1 RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016, the Sailing Instructions and the International Fireball class rules. The Organising Authority is Looe Sailing Club, in conjunction with the United Kingdom Fireball Association.

This Notice of Race may be amended by Notice to Competitors from the Organising Committee and posted on the official notice board before 10:00 hours on Saturday 27th July 2013. Additionally it may be published on the UK Fireball Class Association web site (www.fireballsailing.org.uk)

1.2 In the event of any conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2 ADVERTISING

2.1 Competitor advertising will be restricted. (See ISAF regulation 20)

2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the International Fireball Class. Both the helm and crew in each boat must be paid up, full members of the UK Fireball Class Association, or any other Fireball Class Association recognised by Fireball. At registration competitors shall show evidence of their affiliated organisation.

3.2 The Regatta will comprise of two separate events; the UK National Championship, and the UK Open Championship.

3.3 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply; The maximum number of entries will be 90.

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 or the Shetland Isles 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.

4 ENTRIES AND FEES

4.1 Entries should be completed on the UK Fireball Association web site www.fireballsailing.org.uk or using the attached entry form. No entries will be accepted after 10.00am on Sunday 28th July 2013.

4.2 The entry fees are as follows:

Description	Entry received before:	Fee
Early Bird Entry (All Boats)	24 th May 2013	£159
Advance Entry (All Boats)	24 th June 2013	£169
Standard Entry (All Boats)	27 th July 2013	£185
Youth Entry 1: Either Helm <u>or</u> Crew Under 26 on 3 rd August 2013	24 th June 2013	£129
Youth Entry 2: Helm & Crew Under 26 on 3 rd August 2013	24 th June 2013	£99
Classic Boat	24 th June 2013	£99

Competitors should choose the cheapest fee for which they are eligible, based on the date of entry.

4.3 Classic Fireballs are defined as:

Any boats from the following builders:

- Chippendale
- High Performance Sailcraft
- Plycraft
- R. Moores & Son
- Rondar
- Rowsell & Morrison
- Stanley & Thomas
- Or boats from the following builders subject to the sail number limits as described:
 - Bob Hoare (Numbers up to 13856)
 - Goodwin (Numbers up to 14200)
 - Severn Sailboats (Numbers up to 14000)
 - Winder (Numbers up to 14109 plus boat number 14129)
 - Or any amateur built wooden boat with a number up to 14000
 - Or any other wooden boat determined by the Fireball Committee to be "Classic"

4.4 Please note that once paid, entry fees are not refundable, but entries may be altered.

5 EVENT SCHEDULE

5.1 Competitors shall register with the Race Office at Looe Sailing Club from 11:00 to 19.00 on Saturday 27th July.

5.2 All boats will be measured and weighed between 11.00 to 19.00 on Saturday 27th July.

Competitors may make alternative arrangements by agreement with the Measurer but measurement must be completed before a boat races.
The Organising Authority reserves the right to make random measurement checks at any time throughout the duration of the Regatta.

5.3 Dates of racing:

Sunday 28 th July	Practice race followed by 2 races
Monday 29 th July	2 races
Tuesday 30 th July	2 races
Thursday 1 st August	2 races
Friday 2 nd August	2 races

5.4 Wednesday 31st July is scheduled as a reserve day but may become a racing day should the programme to complete the event require racing that day.

5.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 12.25Hrs. Prior to the first race on Sunday a practice race is scheduled with a warning signal at 11.25Hrs

5.6 No warning signal will be made after 14.55 on the final day of the championship.

5.7 Races will be sailed back to back. Additional races may be sailed at the discretion of the race committee to preserve the Championship should races have been lost.

Should the weather outlook indicate that a day's racing might be lost, an extra race may be scheduled for the previous day.

5.8 Races will be numbered in the order in which they are completed.

6 MEASUREMENT

6.1 All boats must comply with the current class rules. At registration competitors shall show a valid measurement certificate for their boat.

6.2 Each boat may register up to two mainsails, two jibs and two spinnakers for use during the event. All sails presented shall have been previously measured, stamped and signed in accordance with the class rules. Only sails displaying the correct number of the boat entered may be used.

6.3 In the event of a sail becoming damaged during the event, competitors may register a replacement sail by presenting both the damaged and replacement sail to the event measurer. Under these circumstances a sail with a different number to the boat's own may be used, provided a number is displayed and it is not the same as that of any other boat entered in the event.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at the event registration at Looe Sailing Club on Saturday 27th July. A draft version may be available for download from the Fireball Class Association (www.fireballsailing.org.uk) website in advance of the event.

8 VENUE

8.1 Looe Sailing Club is located at
Buller Street
East Looe
Cornwall
United Kingdom
PL13 1AS

8.2 The races will be sailed in Looe Bay.

9 COURSES

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 Penalties shall be in accordance with RRS 44 excluding 44.3.

11 SCORING

11.1 The series will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the Racing Rules using the Low Point System.

11.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.3 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.4 When from 4 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11.5 When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

11.6 Ties will be broken in accordance with Appendix A8.

11.7 Bronze, Silver and Gold Fleets. The Organising Authority will allocate each boat to the Gold, Silver or Bronze Fleet. Allocations will be made as the Organising Authority sees

fit and will not be the subject of a request for redress. This changes Rule 62.

12 PRIVATE SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 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. Only small boats capable of being launched by human power alone can be launched from the sailing club.

13 BERTHING

13.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 Competitors participate in the championship entirely at their own risk. See ISAF RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the championship.

14.2 Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

14.3 It is for competitors to decide whether their boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the competitors confirm the boat is fit for the conditions and they are competent to sail and compete in them.

14.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, 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 event and include Looe Sailing Club, the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach masters.

14.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and/or competitors of their responsibilities.

14.6 The provision of safety equipment by the organising authority and/or Looe Sailing Club is neither a guarantee that assistance can be rendered to any competitors in need nor acceptance of any responsibility for rescue of competitors. Further, in the event that assistance is rendered to any competitor and/or their boat, the organising authority or crew of such patrol craft accepts no liability for any loss, damage or injury to the competitor and/or boat and its equipment.

15 Prizes

15.1 Prizes will be awarded for the following:

Category	Trophy
UK Fireball National Champion Helm	Access National Trophy
UK Fireball National Champion Crew	The City of Plymouth Trophy
UK Fireball Open Champion	Shackleton Painting
Winner of Race 1	Norris Fireball Trophy
Winner of Race 2	The Urban District Council Plate
Winner of Race 3	The Chippendale Hull
Winner of Race 4	The Contac Trophy
Winner of Race 5	The Rondar Trophy
Winner of Race 6	The Peter Milne Trophy
Winner of Race 7	The Yachts and Yachting Trophy
Winner of Race 8	The Anya Charlotte trophy
Winner of Race 9	The Fat Harry White Trophy
Winner of Race 10	Stanstead Abbotts Trophy
Overall regatta helm/crew 2 nd through to 10 th	
1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd helm / crew Silver fleet	
1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd helm / crew Bronze fleet	
Typhoon Perseverance Trophy Helm / Crew Awarded to lowest placed boat having completed all races.	
1st Over 50 helm	Wheelchair Trophy
1st Over 50 Crew	
1st Lady Helm	Royal Bank of Scotland Quaich
1 st Lady Crew	
1 st Under 21 Helm	
1 st Under 21 Crew	
1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd helm / crew Classic Boat	
1 st Novice helm / crew Awarded to competitors who have never won a trophy at a National Championships	
Most Improved Buddies Awarded to the Buddy pairing most improved during the Championship.	