



Blackwater Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

TITLE	Blackwater Sailing Club Fireball Open Meeting 2017	COURSES	See attachment 1 of Sailing Instructions
DATE	13 th & 14 th May 2017	SPONSORSHIP	The races will be category C in accordance with Appendix 1 ISAF Advertising Code.
ORGANIZING AUTHORITY	Blackwater Sailing Club	SCORING	The low points scoring system of Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
VENUE	Blackwater Sailing Club Basin Road, Heybridge, Maldon, Essex Tel: 01621 853923 www.blackwatersailingclub.org.uk	RISK STATEMENT	Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series. When fewer than four races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When four races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. 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 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 omissions; 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the 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.
CONTACT	Details of location, directions, facilities and accommodation can be obtained by writing to, or telephoning the contact below. Rorie Ash – Fireball Class Captain C/O: Blackwater Sailing Club Basin Road, Heybridge, Maldon, Essex E-mail: rorieash@gmail.com Tel: 077 966 087 94	INSPECTIONS	The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.
RULES	Races will be governed by the <i>rules</i> as defined in the <i>Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020</i> [RRS], the prescriptions of the RYA and the rules of the Fireball Class Association. The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.	INSURANCE	All entrants are required to hold third party indemnity insurance with a minimum indemnity of two million pounds Stirling or equivalent for the total period of the event and affirm such cover to the Organizing Authority. Entrants not from the UK need to have the accepted Normal Min. level of liability insurance for their country (this level needs to be displayed to all other competitors).
ELIGIBILITY	As a minimum the boat owner must be a member of the UK Fireball Class Association. All boats must have a valid measurement certificate.		
ENTRY	Entry should be made using one of the forms supplied. Postal entries should be sent to the contact above.		
ENTRY FEE	Entry fees for the event are £20 per boat. Cheques to be made payable to 'Blackwater Sailing Club' and sent to the contact address above.		
ENTRY LIMIT	50 boats (late entries to confirm with contact above)		
REGISTRATION	In the Clubhouse from 10:00 on Saturday 13 th May 2017. All competitors will be required to produce their valid measurement certificate with current buoyancy endorsement.		
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS	Sailing Instructions will be issued at Registration. Boats and equipment will be subject to scrutiny and/or measurement during the event at the discretion of the Race Committee.		
BRIEFING	11:30 on Saturday 13 th May 2017.		
RACE SCHEDULE	Five races are scheduled; three on Saturday 13 th May, two on Sunday 14 th May. On both days subsequent races will be sailed as soon as possible after the previous race has finished. Saturday 13 th first race start scheduled for 13:15. Sunday 14 th first race start scheduled for 13:45. There will be no warning signal after 17.00		
STARTS	The starts will be by Committee Boat. Sufficient time should be allowed to sail down river to reach the start area.		