



Blackwater Sailing Club



NOTICE OF RACE

TITLE DATE Under 26 Fireball championship
Sat 14 & Sun 15 September 2019

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY VENUE Blackwater Sailing Club
Blackwater Sailing Club
Basin Road, Heybridge,
Maldon, Essex, CM9 4SD.
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CONTACT Details of location, directions, facilities and accommodation can be obtained by writing to, or telephoning the contact below.
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RULES Races will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* [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.

ELIGIBILITY As a minimum the boat owner must be a member of the UK Fireball Class Association. Both helm and crew must be under the age of 26 on the 14th September 2019
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 £40 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 0900 on Saturday 14 Sept 2019. 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 1000 on Saturday 14 Sept 2019.

RACE SCHEDULE Five races are scheduled; three on Saturday 14 Sept, two on Sunday 15 Sept. On both days subsequent races will be sailed as soon as possible after the previous race has finished.

Saturday 14; first warning signal scheduled for 11.54
Sunday 15; first warning signal scheduled for 13.09

STARTS The starts will be from the Club line. Sufficient time should be allowed to sail to reach the start area.

SPONSORSHIP The races will be category C in accordance with Appendix 1 ISAF Advertising Code.

SCORING The low points scoring system of Appendix A of the RRS will apply.

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. If four or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 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;
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 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;
- 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.

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.

INSURANCE All entrants are required to hold third party indemnity insurance with a minimum indemnity of two million pounds Sterling 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).