

**International Fireball UK National and UK Open Championships**  
**20th – 27th August 2011**  
**Hosted by Pentewan Sands Sailing Club, Cornwall, England**  
**in conjunction with the United Kingdom Fireball Association.**

**Notice of Race**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012, the Sailing Instructions and the International Fireball class rules. The Organising Authority is Pentewan Sands Sailing Club, in conjunction with the United Kingdom Fireball Association.
- 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 International. 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. 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](http://www.fireballsailing.org.uk) or using the attached entry form. No entries will be accepted after 10.00am on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August.
- 4.2 The entry fees are as follows:

Description	Entry received before:	Fee
Early Bird Entry (All Boats)	15 <sup>th</sup> June 2011	£139

Advance Entry (All Boats)	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2011	£149
Standard Entry (All Boats)	21 <sup>st</sup> August 2011	£169
Helm & Crew Under 26 on 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2011	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2011	£99
Classic Boat	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2011	£99
One Under 26 (on 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2011) in boat	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2011	£129

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 at registration to reflect a change of helm, crew or boat.

## 5 EVENT SCHEDULE

5.1 Competitors shall register with the Race Office at Pentewan Sands Sailing Club from 11:00 – 19.00 on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August.

5.2 All boats will be measured and weighed in the marquee between 11.00 – 19.00. 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 21<sup>st</sup> August 2 races  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2 races  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2 races  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2 races  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2 races

5.4 Wednesday is scheduled as a lay 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 10.55am.

- 5.6 No warning signal will be made after 14.30 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, jibs and 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 Pentewan Sands Sailing Club on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August. A draft version may be available for download from the Fireball Class Association ([www.fireballsailing.org.uk](http://www.fireballsailing.org.uk)) website in advance of the event.

## **8 VENUE**

- 8.1 Pentewan Sands Sailing Club is located at The Harbour, Pentewan, St Austell PL26 6BT
- 8.2 The races will be sailed in Mevagissey Bay.

## **9 COURSES**

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

## **10 PENALTY SYSTEM**

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.

### **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**

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**

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

## **14 PRIZES**

- 14.1 Prizes will be awarded for the following:

### **Category**

UK Fireball National Champion Helm  
UK Fireball National Champion Crew  
UK Fireball Open Champion  
Winner of Race 1  
Winner of Race 2  
Winner of Race 3  
Winner of Race 4  
Winner of Race 5  
Winner of Race 6  
Winner of Race 7  
Winner of Race 8  
Winner of Race 9  
Winner of Race 10  
1<sup>st</sup> Over 50 helm  
1<sup>st</sup> Over 50 Crew  
1<sup>st</sup> Female Helm  
1<sup>st</sup> Female Crew  
1<sup>st</sup> Classic Boat  
1<sup>st</sup> Under 21 Helm  
1<sup>st</sup> Under 21 Crew  
1<sup>st</sup> Novice Helm  
1<sup>st</sup> Novice Crew  
Last boat on points to complete all races  
First helm and crew to have never been in the top ten in any national sailing championship

### **Trophy**

Access National Trophy  
The City of Plymouth Trophy  
Shackleton Painting  
Norris Fireball Trophy  
The Urban District Council Plate  
The Chippendale Hull  
The Contac Trophy  
The Rondar Trophy  
The Peter Milne Trophy  
The Yachts and Yachting Trophy  
The Anya Charlotte trophy  
The Fat Harry White Trophy  
Stanstead Abbotts Trophy  
Wheelchair Trophy  
  
Royal Bank of Scotland Quaich

Top ten places overall

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each of the Bronze, Silver and Gold fleets  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> classic boat

- 14.2 Additional prizes may also be allocated by the Organising Authority and will be detailed in the sailing instructions.

## **15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 15.2 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 regatta.
- 15.3 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.

## **16 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

Life-jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors at all times whilst afloat. Wetsuits and drysuits are not adequate personal buoyancy. A compulsory tally system will be in operation. All competitors must tally out 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 races in question.

## **18 TELEVISION AND MEDIA**

By entering 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.

## **19 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact Ian Priest or Jeremy Hurst  
Email via the UKFA website or phone Ian Priest on 07809 617822