



NOTICE OF RACE

International Fireball UK 2012 National and UK Open Championships

11th to 17th August 2012

**Hosted by Penzance 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) 2009-2012, the Sailing Instructions and the International Fireball class rules. The Organising Authority is Penzance 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. 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 12th August.
- 4.2 The entry fees are as follows:

Description	Entry received before:	Fee
Early Bird Entry (All Boats)	15 th June 2012	£159
Advance Entry (All Boats)	15 th July 2012	£169
Standard Entry (All Boats)	12 th August 2012	£185
Either Helm or Crew Under 26 on 18 th August 2012	15 th July 2012	£129
Helm & Crew Under 26 on 18 th August 2012	15 th July 2012	£99
Classic Boat	15 th July 2012	£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 Penzance Sailing Club from 11:00 to 19.00 on Saturday 11th August.

5.2 All boats will be measured and weighed between 11.00 to 19.00 on Saturday 11th August.

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 12 th August	2 races
Monday 13 th August	2 races
Tuesday 14 th August	2 races
Thursday 16 th August	2 races
Friday 17 th August	2 races

5.4 Wednesday 15th August 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 11.55am.

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 Penzance Sailing Club on Saturday 11th August. 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 Penzance Sailing Club is located at
Albert Pier
Penzance
Cornwall
TR18 2LL

8.2 The races will be sailed in Penzance 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.

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

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

14 PRIZES

14.1 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
1st Over 50 helm	Wheelchair Trophy
1st Over 50 Crew	
1st Female Helm	Royal Bank of Scotland Quaich