



# WEST KIRBY SAILING CLUB AND DEE SAILING CLUB

## JUNIOR and ILLUSION REGATTAS 2014

Illusion, Optimist, Cadet & Youth Handicap Classes

## Sailing Instructions

### 1. Rules

Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing(RSS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the notice of race, appropriate Class rules (except as any are changed by these instructions) and these sailing instructions.

### 2. Entries

- 2.1 Eligible boats and competitors may enter on line or by completing registration in the WKSC Clubhouse on the evening of the race or by posting an entry form via the club website.
- 2.2 Eligible boats:
- a) will have a minimum of £3,000,000 third party insurance
  - b) shall use correctly numbered sails unless prior written permission is given by the race committee, varying rule 77.
  - c) may be inspected or measured before or after any race at the discretion of the Race Committee
  - d) all classes of boats participating must have an RYA recognised PY
- 2.3 Eligible Junior competitors will be junior members of RYA affiliated sailing clubs.

### 3. Notices to Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in front of the WKSC Clubhouse.

### 4. Changes in Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 20 minutes before the warning signal of the race concerned and code flag L flown.

### 5. Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag-pole in front of the WKSC club-house.
- 5.2 Flag AP with two sounds (one sound when lowered) means 'The race is postponed: the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered.'

### 6. Safety

- 6.1 All competitors shall wear life-jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy at all times on the water. Those not doing so will be disqualified. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy.  
This amends rules 40 and 63.1.

### 7. Schedule of Races

7.1		Race 1 Warning Signal
	Illusion	1827
	Optimist	1830
	Cadet	1833
	Youth Handicap	1836

- 7.2 There will be 3 races with the warning signal for the Illusion fleet at 1827.
- 7.3 The warning signal for race 2 will be made as soon as possible after the 1<sup>st</sup> race has been completed.
- 7.4 The warning signal for race 3 will be made as soon as possible after the 2<sup>nd</sup> race has been completed.

### 8. Class Flag

- 8.1 The flag for the Illusion racing will be Numeral Pennant 1
- 8.2 The flag for Youth Handicap racing will be code flag A.
- 8.3 The flag for Optimist racing will be code flag O.
- 8.4 The flag for the Cadet class will be code flag Y

### 9. Racing Area

- 9.1 All racing will be on the Marine Lake by West Kirby Sailing Club

**10. Courses**

- 10.1 The courses will be taken from the WKSC lake course card supplied with SIs. The course number will be displayed on the start line on a white board. However the Race Committee reserves the right to use another course, not on the course card. This will be displayed on a white board in the launching area, displayed at least 30minutes before the 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal.

**11. Marks**

- 11.1 The Race Committee station will be on West Kirby promenade and will be flying the burgees of the DSC and WKSC  
11.2 The marks are black and orange cans.

**12. Starting & Finishing**

- 12.1 Races will be started using rule 26, amended as follows: At 6 minutes before the first race in any sequence, an Attention Signal will be made. This will be a sound signal only and should not be taken as part of the starting sequence, the timings of which will be as follows, using the visual and sound signals as set out in RRS Rule 26:

At 3 minutes before the start, the Warning Signal will be given

At 2 minutes before the start, the Preparatory Signal will be given

At 1 minute before the start, the One-Minute Signal will be given

The starting and finishing lines for both Classes will be displayed with the course (see 10.1 above) except that the Race Committee may shorten the race at any buoy by flying a blue flag from an adjacent boat or rib; boats should finish in the direction from the last mark.

- 12.4 A boat shall not start later than 6 minutes after her starting signal.

**13. Time Limits**

- 13.1 The time limit for the first boat will be 45 minutes and an additional 20 minutes for the remaining boats. The race will be valid for all boats finishing within the time limit.  
13.2 When 30% or fewer of the starters have not finished, the race officer may award places to them. When a race is completed in this way flag T will be displayed with two sound signals. No application for redress may be made as a result of this sailing instruction, amending rule 62.1.

**14. Protests**

- 14.1 Boats must notify the Race Officer of their intention to protest and receive acknowledgement from them at the finish of the race.  
14.2 Protests shall be written on the forms available from the race office and delivered there within 30 minutes of the last boat coming ashore after racing has finished for the evening.  
14.3 Protest notices will be posted as soon as possible after the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when the hearing, in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses, will be held.  
14.4 Competitors may request the choice of the RYA arbitration procedure or a full protest hearing, but not both. If RYA arbitration is followed the decision of the arbiter is final and binding. In either case protests must be lodged within 45 minutes of the last boat in the appropriate race coming ashore and submitted on an official Protest form which may be obtained from the organising authority's club house.

**15. Scoring**

- 15.1 Each Race will be scored using the RRS Low Point scoring system, rule A4.1.

**16. Prizes**

- 16.1 the prizes will be dependent on the maximum number of boats racing, as follows:  
a) If 12 or more boats are racing in a Class Fleet: first four places  
b) If more than 5 and less than 12 or more boats are racing in a Class Fleet: first three places;  
c) If more than 3 and less than 6 boats are racing, in a Class Fleet: first two places;  
d) If less than 4 boats are racing, in a Class Fleet, first place only.

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### **Liability**

#### **Risk Statement**

RRS 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 inherently 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 omission;
- 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event 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 practically be provided in the circumstances;
- g. Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims;