



Dee Estuary Regattas 2012



Organising Authority: 6th July – West Kirby Sailing Club

Organising Authority: 7th July – West Kirby Sailing Club

Organising Authority: 8th July – Dee Sailing Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions include any information in this document and the Dee Estuary and Dinghy Course Cards

1 RULES: The Regatta will be sailed under the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, the appropriate class rules, and the Organising Authority's Standard Sailing Instructions, except as any are changed by these Sailing Instructions which take precedence in the event of any difference with the Notice of Race or other relevant documents.

2 PRESCRIPTIONS: Prescriptions of the RYA will apply.

3 ENTRY:

(a) Eligible boats must have adequate 3rd party insurance cover for racing of a minimum of £2 million cover.

(b) Boats must use correctly numbered sails unless prior permission is given by the Race Committee, varying RRS rule 77. All competitors shall complete and sign an entry form before the start of the race concerned. (Dispensation may be given for valid reasons). Competitors under 18 on the day of the regatta shall obtain the counter-signature of a parent or guardian on their entry form.

(c) Entries must be made before the warning signal for the first race for that class.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS: All notices will be posted on the official race Notice Board at the Organising Authority's clubhouse.

5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:00 hrs on the day it will take effect.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE: Signals made ashore will be indicated by displaying code flag "L" on the main mast of the organising club and displayed on its official notice board.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACING

* On Friday 6th, the code flag for races 3,4 and 5 will be code flag E and for races 7 and 8 will be C.

Race Number	Classes	Code Flag	Dee Estuary Regattas	West Kirby SC Regatta	Dee Sailing Club Regatta
			Friday 6 th July	Sat 7 th July	Sunday 8 th July
			HW 1334 HT 8.9m	HW 1418 HT 8.7m	HW 1500 HT 8.4m
1	Liverpool Bay Falcon	R	12.00	12.45	13.30
2	Hilbre Island One Design	I	12.05	12.50	13.35
3	West Kirby Star	E	12.10	12.55	13.40
4	Hoylake Opera *	<i>E(Fri)</i> Q	12.10	13.00	13.45
5	Seabird Half Rater *	<i>E(Fri)</i> Z	12.10	13.05	13.50
6	Fast Handicap Catamarans (PY<732)	D	12.15	13.00	13.45
7	Dart 18 Catamarans	<i>C(Fri)</i> E	12.20	13.06	13.51
8	Slow Handicap Catamarans(PY>732) including Dart 16s *	<i>C(Fri)</i> F	12.20	13.12	13.57
9	Cruiser	G	12.25	13.18	14.03
10	Fast Handicap Dinghies(PY<1032) and Handicap Catamarans(PY>732)	T	12.30	13.15	13.45
11	Albacore	J	-	13.20	13.50
12	Medium Handicap Dinghies (PY 1032 – 1199)	W	12.35	13.25	13.55
13	Slow Handicap Dinghies (PY 1032 – 1199)	V	12.40	13.30	14.00
14	Illusion	No. 1	19.00	-	-
15	Junior Handicap	T	19.03	-	-
16	Optimist	O	19.06	-	-

7.1 Number of Races:

Races 2, 3, 4, 5, 9 will have 1 race and Classes 1, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13,14,15,and 16 will have two races, sailed back to back.

8 CLASS FLAGS: See 7 above.

9 RACING AREA: The race area for classes 1 – 13 will be the Dee Estuary. Launch and recovery will be from both WKSC and DSC as appropriate for the class being sailed. Classes 14 – 15 will race on the Marine Lake on the Friday.

10 COURSES: The courses will be those detailed in the Dee Estuary course card, and the dinghy course card. Classes 1 to 5 will sail courses using the Dee Estuary course card. Classes 6 to 8 will use the catamaran course card. Class 9 will use the cruiser course card. Class 10 – 13 will use the dinghy course card. Classes 14 – 16 will use the Marine Lake Course card.

10.1 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes rule 33.

11 SAFETY: A personal flotation device shall be worn by all competitors at all times on the water unless exempted by Class rules. Code flag "Y" shall not be displayed, varying RRS rule 40.

12 THE START: Races will be started use RRS 26.

13 RECALLS : Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1 amended so that code flag "X" will be flown for a maximum of four minutes. Recall numbers will not be given.

General recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS rule 29.2 except that the class concerned will re-start at the **end** of the starting sequence. When more than one race is subject to a general recall, the first to restart will be the race with the lowest race number in the programme.

14 TIME LIMIT: The race time limit for classes 2, 3, 4, 5 and 9 will be 3 hours, for classes 1, 6, 7, 8, 10,11,12 and 13 will be 75 minutes. In races for classes 1, 6, 7, 8, 10,11,12, and 13 boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat finishing will be scored "did not finish". This changes RRS rule 35.

15 RETIREMENTS : Competitors retiring must inform the Committee boat either directly or by informing the crew of a safety boat able to relay the information by radio to the Race Officer

16 PROTESTS : Competitors must inform the Race Officer of their intention to protest before leaving the Racing Area. 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 to the race office which may be obtained from the WKSC or DSC club house.

17 SCORING & PRIZES:

17.1 A list of PY numbers is available to all competitors.

17.2 The low point scoring system, rule A2, will apply. In the event of a tie RRS rule A7 shall apply.

17.3 There will be a prize for the overall winning boat over the 3 days, based on the Cox-Sprague system.

17.4 Series prizes will be awarded to boats with the lowest aggregate points which have sailed all races, in each of the 3 regattas, in their class. There will be no discards. In the event of a tie RRS rule A8 shall apply.

17.5 A class average per race of 4 to start or no 2nd prize; 6 to start or no 3rd prize; 8 to start or no 4th prize. 1st prize £10; 2nd prize £7; 3rd prize £5; 4th prize £3. If the entry in any one start exceeds 12 boats then £5 will be added to each of the above prizes and a fifth prize of £5 will be awarded.

17.6 In races 10, 12, and 13 any class with 6 or more boats will have separate prizes for that class.

17.7 Any prize not collected within 7 days of the event will be DONATED TO CHARITY, at the discretion of the Commodore of each club.

18 LIABILITY & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY: The safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat, who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise during the course of the race. Neither the sailing instructions nor the inspection of the boat under these conditions in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for the crew, the boat and the management thereof. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, howsoever caused, to the owner/competitor, the skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover every owner/competitor is absolutely responsible for the suitability of the boat for the race or races.

19 PRIZEGIVING:

17:00 hrs	6 th July 2012	WKSC Club House
21.00 hrs	6 th July 2012	WKSC Club House (Junior Regattas)
20:00 hrs.	7 th July 2012	WKSC Summer Pavilion
18:00 hrs	8 th July 2012	DSC Clubhouse