

UK Wayfarer National Championships 2020
&
#6 of the Craftinsure National Circuit and Travellers Series

11th, 12th & 13th September

NOTICE OF RACE

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1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Regatta is organised by Dabchicks Sailing Club on behalf of the UK Wayfarer Class Association (UKWA).

2. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the RYA prescriptions thereto, the current Wayfarer International Class Rules, the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race.

3. ADVERTISING

Participating boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

4.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the Wayfarer class. There are no classification requirements.

4.2. The championship fleet will be subdivided into Gold, Silver, and Bronze fleets, which will all race together.

a. Boats sailing in the Gold, Silver or Bronze fleets shall be entered by members or associate members of the UKWA or any equivalent National Class Wayfarer Association (NCWA) affiliated to the Wayfarer International Committee. The UKWA Racing Secretary will determine the composition of the Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets based upon a competitor's previous performance or experience. The SIs will give guidance for the allocation of the fleets.

b. The Bronze fleet will consist of novice or cruising competitors. A novice is defined as a competitor who has never previously competed in an area, national, or international regatta excluding an event at their home club. The UKWA Racing Secretary reserves the right to promote Bronze fleet competitors to the Silver or Gold fleets based upon their performance during the first day of racing.

4.3. Entry to the regatta shall be limited to the first 120 entries received from eligible boats accompanied by the required fee.

4.4. Eligible competitors may enter from the Dabchicks Sailing Club website <https://dabchicks.org/wayfarer-national-championship/>. Entries should be submitted together with the required fee via the website by 30th August 2020.

- 4.5.** In the event that either the helm or crew are aged under 18 on 11th September 2020, a declaration form will need to be completed by their Parent/Guardian before they will be allowed to compete. A parental declaration form is available upon request from the Organiser.
- 4.6.** Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

5. FEES

The entry fee for the regatta is £85. Entry Closes at midnight on 30th August 2020.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1.** The Clubhouse will be open to receive competitors between 20.00 & 22.00 on Thursday 10th September.
- 6.2.** Registration shall take place on Friday 11th September between 08.00 and 10.45.
- 6.3.** A competitor briefing will be held on Friday 11th September at 11:00.
- 6.4.** Eight races and one practice race are scheduled to be completed. Succeeding races will be sailed each day as soon as is practicable, following the finish of the preceding race.
- 6.5.** The warning signal for the first race each day will be made no earlier than:
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| Friday 11 th September: | 12:55 (1 practice race, 2 series races). |
| Saturday 12 th September: | 10:55 (3 series races). |
| Sunday 13 th September: | 10:25 (3 series races). |
- 6.6.** On Sunday 13th September, no warning signal will be made after 13:55 hours.
- 6.7.** The race schedule may be varied in the light of actual or forecast weather conditions but no more than four races will be held on any one day. Any change of schedule is to be made in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

7. MEASUREMENT & SAFETY

- 7.1.** To be eligible to sail in the Gold or Silver fleet, a boat must hold a valid measurement certificate, which shall be made available for inspection at registration if requested. No measurement certificate is required in order for a boat to be eligible to sail in the Bronze fleet.
- 7.2.** It is Gold, Silver and Bronze Fleet competitors' responsibility to ensure their boat at all times meets or exceeds the buoyancy requirements set in section IV of the Wayfarer Class Rules.
- 7.3.** Class representatives may carry out measurement & safety checks during the event; non-compliance with the class rules will result in protest under RRS 60.2.
- 7.4.** All competitors must tally on before going afloat each day and tally off as soon as possible after coming ashore. This is a vital safety measure and failure to comply will result in a penalty which may be disqualification, at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 7.5.** Boats must carry a suitable tow rope at least 10 meters long, at least 8mm in diameter.
- 7.6.** All boats except for Mk4 and World Wayfarers shall carry one bucket or bailer (min. 4 litres) at all times while afloat
- 7.7.** Racing rule(s) RRS 40 will be changed as follows:
- 7.7.a.** RRS 40: An adequate personal flotation device to a minimum of 50N must be worn at all times while afloat. Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute an adequate personal flotation device. International Code Flag Y will not be displayed.

8. 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.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available from the Dabchicks Sailing Club website

<https://dabchicks.org/wayfarer-national-championship/>, additional copies will be available at registration.

9. COURSES

The Race Area is in the Blackwater River estuary. The courses to be sailed will be provided within the relevant appendix to the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

10.1. The Low Point System will be used.

10.2. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- (a) When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from five to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When seven 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. PRIZES

11.1. A range of merit and fleet prizes will be presented and a full schedule is provided in the SIs.

11.2. Perpetual trophies provided by the UKWA (with the exception of the Hartley Boats Overseas Trophy) shall be awarded only to entrants in the Gold and Silver fleets who hold a valid measurement certificate and are members of the UKWA. The Hartley Boats Overseas Trophy shall be awarded to an overseas entrant in the Gold or Silver fleet who may be a member of the UKWA or a member of any equivalent NCWA affiliated to the Wayfarer International Committee. Memento prizes will be awarded to the winners of the Gold, Silver, and Bronze fleets and otherwise at the discretion of the Organising Authority. A full list of the Perpetual Trophies will be provided in the SIs.

11.3. The Organising Authority may also provide prizes for overall results.

12. 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 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 and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore; extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 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 organisers 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 be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitor briefings held for the event.
- h) Sailors acknowledge that COVID exasperates the risks of participation in this event and carry such risks themselves.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 13.1.** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. 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.
- 13.2.** The Race Organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover every competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races. A competitor is entirely responsible for their 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 competitors to decide whether they are fit to sail in the conditions in which they will find themselves. By launching or going to sea, the competitor confirms that they are fit for those conditions and are competent to sail and compete in them.
- 13.3.** Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the competitor 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 competitor taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and including the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the Race Officer, patrol boats and Beach-masters.
- 13.4.** The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.

14 DATA PROTECTION ACT

In participating in this regatta, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority, the event sponsors and their agents, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event in which the competitor participates and all material related to the event without compensation. The competitor also grants the Organising Authority, the event sponsors and their agents, the right in perpetuity, to publish details the competitor has supplied to the Internet.

15 COVID STATEMENT

By taking part in the event covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulation in force from time to time in respect of COVID 19 and for complying with the organising authority COVID 19 procedures.

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