

Dee Sailing Club & West Kirby Sailing Club 2024 REGATTAS



Organising Authority

West Kirby Sailing Club – Friday 28th June

West Kirby Sailing Club - Thursday 4th July

West Kirby Sailing Club - Friday 5th July

Dee Sailing Club - Saturday 6th July

West Kirby Sailing Club - Sunday 7th July

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions include any information in this document and the appropriate Course Cards

1 RULES:

The Regattas will be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Class Association Rules of boats participating, 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 changing Rule 63.7

2 ENTRY:

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

(b) Boats must use correctly numbered sails unless prior permission is given by the Race Committee, varying RRS rule 77.

(c) All competitors shall complete and sign an entry form before the start of the race concerned. (Dispensation may be given for valid reasons).

(d) Competitors under 18 on the day of the regatta shall obtain the counter-signature of a parent or guardian on their entry form.

(e) Adjusted PNs will be used for some classes of boat. A list of changes from the RYA 2022 PNs will be available on the WKSC/DSC websites and the Club noticeboards.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

3.1 All notices will be posted on the Official Race Notice Board located at the front entrance of DSC or WKSC clubhouse as appropriate. Notices may be given verbally from the Committee Boat. Any change to the sailing instructions will be indicated by displaying code flag "L" on the main mast of the club and displayed on its official notice board before 09.00 on the day of the Regatta.

3.2 There may be briefings at either DSC or WKSC

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES:

Friday 28th June – Illusion Races 1 to 5

Start No	Classes	Code Flag	
1	Illusions	Numeral 1	14.00

Thursday 4th July - Races 1&2

Start No	Classes	Code Flag	HW 10.27	8.34m
1	Hilbre Island One Design	I	09.00	
2	West Kirby Star / Hoylake Opera / Seabird Half Rater	E	09.05	
3	Liverpool Bay Falcon	R	09.10	
4	Handicap Catamarans / Dart 18s	F	09.15	
5	Fast Handicap Dinghies (PN 1200 and lower)	W	19.00	
6	Slow Handicap Dinghies (PN 1201 and higher)	V	19.03	

Friday 5th July – Race 3

Start No	Classes	Code Flag	HW 11.18 8.37m
1	All Classes	W	10.00

Saturday 6th July – Races 4&5 DSC Regatta

Start No	Classes	Code Flag	HW 12.05 8.36m
1	Hilbre Island One Design	I	10.40
2	West Kirby Star / Hoylake Opera	E	10.45
3	Liverpool Bay Falcon	R	10.50
4	Handicap Catamarans / Dart 18s	F	10.55
5	Fast Handicap Dinghies (PN 1200 and lower)	W	11.00
6	Slow Handicap Dinghies (PN 1201 and higher)	V	11.05

Sunday 7th July – Races 6&7 WKSC Regatta

Start No	Classes	Code Flag	HW 12.48 8.31m
1	Hilbre Island One Design	I	11.10
2	West Kirby Star / Hoylake Opera	E	11.15
3	Liverpool Bay Falcon	R	11.20
4	Handicap Catamarans / Dart 18s	F	11.25
5	Fast Handicap Dinghies (PN 1200 and lower)	W	11.15
6	Slow Handicap Dinghies (PN 1201 and higher)	V	11.20

5 NUMBER OF RACES:

On Friday 28th the Illusions will have 5 races back to back, unless modified by the race officer at the time.

On Thursday 4th, Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th all classes will have two races back to back, **EXCEPT** Cruisers (Start 6) who will have one race.

6 CLASS FLAGS:

See 4 above.

7. RACING AREA:

All racing will be on the Dee Estuary, except for the Illusions on Friday 28th June, and Dinghy Races 1&2 on Thursday evening which will be on the Marine Lake

Launch and recovery will be from both WKSC and DSC as appropriate for the class being sailed.

8 COURSES:

Fri 5th July

The course will be posted in the WKSC clubhouse by 0830 on the morning of the race

The Committee Boat will be WKSC T'Ark (orange and blue hull)

Thursday 4th July and Sunday 7th July

The courses will be those detailed in the WKSC Tidal and Dinghy Course Cards.

The Committee Boat for Starts 1-4 will be WKSC T'Ark (orange and blue hull).

The Committee Boat for Starts 5-6 will be Little Arvor (white hull).

Sat 6th July

The Committee Boat for Starts 1-6 will be WKSC T'Ark (orange and blue hull)

The courses for Starts 1-3 will use the WKSC tidal marks and will be available from the WKSC clubhouse from Friday evening

The course for Starts 4-6 will use DSC inflatable orange marks and are detailed in the appendix below

9 SAFETY:

9.1 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.

9.2 A tally system will be in operation at WKSC for all boats launching from WKSC slipway.

10 THE START:

10.1 All races will be started in accordance with RRS Rule 26 (5,4,1,0)

10.2 The starting line and finishing line are as described on the appropriate course cards.

11 TIME LIMIT:

The race time limit for race 6 will be 3 hours, for races 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 will be 90 minutes.

In races 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat finishing will be scored "did not finish". This changes RRS rule 35.

12 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

13 PROTESTS:

14.1 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.

14 SCORING & PRIZES:

15.1 A list of PNs being used is available to all competitors on the WKSC and DSC websites.

15.2 Scoring:

a) The low point scoring system, RRS rule A4, will apply. There will be no discards.

b) Dinghy races 1,2,4,5,6 & 7 will use average lap times. Please note that the first boat to be finished may not be leading on the water at the time the race is finished

15.3 If conditions permit a prizegiving will be held at the appropriate Club each day.

15.4 The Illusion prizegiving will be held as soon as practicable after sailing on Friday June 28th.

15.5 For handicap dinghy starts, if 6 or more boats of one class sail they may award separate fleet prizes. In any given race a fleet winner cannot also win the handicap prize.

16 REFRESHMENTS:

The galley and bar will be open after racing as follows:

At Dee Sailing Club on Saturday 16th July.

At West Kirby Sailing Club on Sunday 17th July.

17 LIABILITY & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

RRS Rule 3 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."

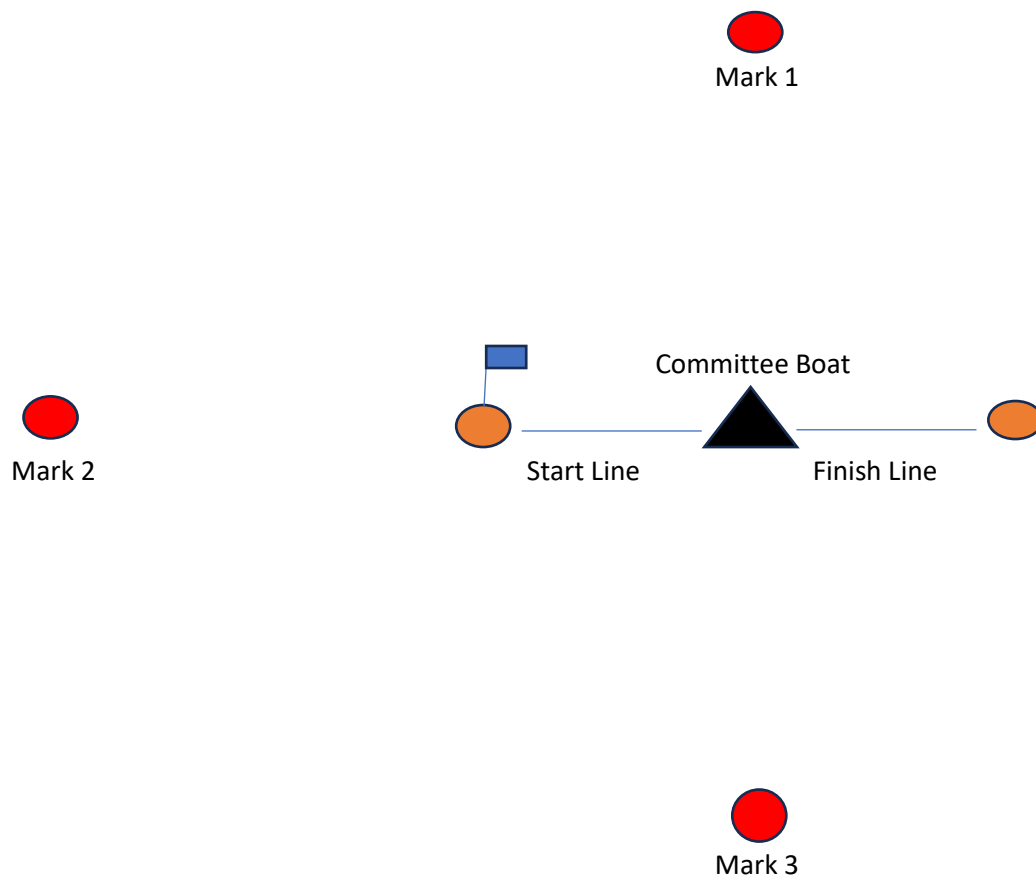
Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 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) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue;

- h) Each competitor and boat owner shall ensure that their support persons comply with the rules;
- i) The penalty for a breach of rule shall be at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

Appendix 1

Courses for Starts 4-6 on Sat 6th July



Start 4 (Catamarans and Dart 18)

Start on Start Line between Committee Boat and orange buoy with a blue flag

Mark 1

Mark 3

Finish Line (between Committee Boat and orange buoy)

Continue with further laps until race is shortened/finished at the Finish Line

Start 5 and 6 (Dinghies)

Start on Start Line between Committee Boat and orange buoy with a blue flag

Mark 1

Mark 2

Mark 3

Finish Line (between Committee Boat and orange buoy)

Mark 1

Mark 3

Finish Line (between Committee Boat and orange buoy)

Continue with further laps until race is shortened/finished at the Finish Line

NOTE: The Finish Line is on the opposite side of the Committee Boat to the Start Line. Be aware that the tidal classes may be starting their second race from the Start Line while Races 4-6 are still finishing their first race