



BSA / UKWA Slalom Series

Notice of Race 2012



This Notice of Race applies to the following events:

Hayling Island	7 th – 8 th April	Starboard / Tushingham
Weymouth Sailing Academy	28 th – 29 th April	OTC
Worthing	26 th – 27 th May	Fanatic / North
Aberdovey	23 rd – 24 th June	Neilpryde
Shorham	7 th – 8 th July	Fanatic / North
Christchurch	29 th – 30 th September	Neilpryde
Weymouth Sailing Academy	13 th – 14 th October	BSA/UKWA

1. Organising Authority

- i. The Organizing Authority is the British Slalom Association (BSA) in association with The United Kingdom Windsurfing Association (UKWA).

2. Rules

- i. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing-Windsurfing Competition Rules; and the Sailing Instructions.
- ii. The rules and byelaws of local sailing club or council may apply.

3. Advertising

- i. ISAF Regulation 20-Advertising Code-shall apply.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- i. Racing will be for men and women in the following fleets:
 - Pro
 - Amateur
 - Junior
 - Master Blaster

There is no restriction on equipment that may be used, except: Top Flight competitors may only use "production" boards which do not exceed 85cm in width;

Maximum sail size is 10sq.m except juniors, where maximum is 7.8 sq.m.

- ii. Within these fleets the following age categories (divisions) may be recognized:
 - **Junior** (aged 16 or under as at 31st December 2012)
 - **Youth** (aged 19 or under as at 31st December 2012)
 - **Master** (aged 35 or over as at 31st December 2011)
 - **Veteran** (aged 50 or over as at 31st December 2011)
- iii. A sailor must be a current member of the UKWA in order to compete or a non UK resident who is a member of either their national windsurfing association or an ISAF Member National Authority. Temporary membership may be extended to all fleets once only and to Master Blaster competitors repeatedly.
- iv. Entries should be made in advance by completing the pre entry form alternatively entries can be made on the day. A discount applies for pre entry (preferred)
- v. All Competitors under the age of 18 are required to submit Parent/Guardian Declarations completed by the parents before commencing racing.
- vi. A competitor does not become eligible for series or event points by 'pre entering', but only by registering at the event and being capable of sailing and intending to do so.
- vii. Before competing, each competitor shall: register for the event at the race office and pay the required entry fee and complete, update or confirm an equipment registration form if required.

- viii. Before competing each competitor shall: pay any appropriate parking / camping charges. Failure to pay any appropriate fees will result in disqualification.
- ix. No entry will be accepted after 11.00am on the first scheduled day of racing, except at the discretion of the organizing committee.

5. Registration/ Briefing

- i. Competitors shall confirm entry details with the Registration Team by 9:30am on the first morning of racing. Tally numbers will be posted on the ONB before racing commences. There will be a welcome and briefing for all competitors on the first morning of racing at around 10:00 am.

6. Sailing Instructions

- i. Sailing instructions will be downloadable from the UKWA events website. Sailing instructions will also be posted on the ONB. Questions on the sailing instructions may be emailed to info@ukwindsurfing.com. Questions and answers will be posted to the UKWA website and will be posted on the Official Notice Board events. Questions at events should be written down and given to the race committee who will post answers on the ONB.

7. Racing Programme and schedule

- i. There will be no maximum number of races per day. The warning signal for the first race on the first day will not be before 11.00am.
- ii. There shall be no warning signal after 16.00pm on the last day of the regatta.
- iii. The program may be varied by the event sponsor. Notice will be given on the UKWA website.
- iv. When varied the briefing will be 45 minutes prior to the first race. No entry will be accepted after the warning signal for the first race on the first scheduled day of racing, except at the discretion of the organizing committee.

8. Minimum Conditions

- i. The intention is that all racing takes place in suitable conditions. The Race Officer shall be the sole judge of the suitability of conditions, and will take into account the effect of the speed and direction of any current, and wind measurements from as many parts of the course as possible.
- ii. The Race Officer may take into account the relevant Championship Rules of the International Funboard Class Association (IFCA).

9. Courses and Racing Area

- i. The course to be sailed shall be published on the ONB.
- ii. It is the intention of the Organizers that the format of racing should be as inclusive, and as varied, as possible. Formats include: 5 (or less) buoy downwind, figure of 8, master blaster, team racing, "fun relay".

10. Scoring

- i. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- ii. A minimum of 1 completed round, including a "final", is required for a valid Series event.
- iii. Each boards Series score will be the total of her finishing position in each valid event in the series as below. The competitor with the lowest score will win the title of National Champion in that fleet/division.
 - Pro's-Each competitors series score will be his or her position in 6 of the 7 events.
 - Amateurs- Each competitors series score will be his or her position in 5 of the 7 event.
 - Juniors- Each competitors series score will be his or her position in 5 of the 7 event.
 - Master Blaster- Each competitors series score will be his or her position in 5 of the 7 events

11. Identification

- i. Windsurfers must display sail numbers on both sides of the sail. Results may not be given for a competitor failing to display sail numbers corresponding to their registered sail number National sail numbers do not need to be carried however if they are, new (GBR) letters should be used.
- ii. Competitors without a sail number may be allocated identification when they register.

12. Prizes

- i. Prizes may be awarded to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each fleet.
- ii. Category (division) prizes may be awarded depending upon the numbers of competitors entered in a category/division.
- iii. Event Prizes will be awarded if one round has been completed to the semi final stage.

13. Social Programme

- i. If evening meal and entertainment is being provided for all competitors on the Saturday evening, tickets would be required and these would be on sale (or distributed) at the Race Office.

14. Rights to use Names and Likenesses

- i. Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

15. Safety Regulations

- i. All competitors under the age of 17 on the 31st December 2011 shall wear a buoyancy aid or life jacket to an appropriate standard at all times when afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not an appropriate standard.
- ii. When flag Y is flying all competitors shall wear a buoyancy aid or life jacket to an appropriate standard at all times when afloat
- iii. A tally system shall be in use.

16. Disclaimer of Liability

- i. Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for competitors to decide whether their board is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea competitors confirm the board is fit for those conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, nor will it make the organizers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the board taking part in the racing. The organizers encompass everyone helping to run the event. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and competitors of their responsibilities.
- ii. Parents or guardians of minors have an additional responsibility for their children and to make the decision as to whether he or she is fit to sail in the conditions that prevail or are forecast.

17. Insurance

- i. Boards are required to be adequately insured including insurance against third party claims of at least £2,000,000.