



BSA / UKWA National Slalom Series

Notice of Race 2015

This Notice of Race applies to the following events:

Round 1	11 th – 12 th April	WPNSA	OTC / Gaastra
Round 2	25 th – 26 th April	Hayling Island	Tushingham
Round 3	16 th – 17 th May	Harwich	Goya / Quiver Windsurfing
Round 4	30 th – 31 st May	Worthing	Fanatic / North / K66
Round 5	27 th – 28 th June	Hunstanton SC	Norfolk Demo / Quayside
Round 6	26 th – 27 th September	Tenby	Simmer Style / Oshea / Puravida
Round 7	24 th – 25 th October	WPNSA	OTC / Agent 8

1. Organising Authority

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

2. Rules

2.1 The events and the series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2012 - 2016*. These include Appendix B (windsurfing competition rules), the Prescriptions of the RYA, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and the rules of the relevant International classes as amended by national class rules where applicable.

2.2 Club or council rules and bylaws apply if displayed on the premises of the club or council hosting the event.

3. Advertising

ISAF Regulation 20-Advertising Code-shall apply.

4. Eligibility and Entry

4.1 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: Pro 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.

4.2 Within these fleets the following age categories (divisions) may be recognized:

- **Junior** (aged 16 or under as at 31st December 2015)
- **Youth** (aged 19 or under as at 31st December 2015)
- **Master** (aged 40 or over as at 31st December 2014)
- **Veteran** (aged 50 or over as at 31st December 2014)

4.3 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.

4.4 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)

4.5 All Competitors under the age of 18 are required to submit Parent / Guardian Declarations completed by the parents before commencing racing.

4.6 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.

4.7 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.

4.8 Before competing each competitor shall: pay any appropriate parking / camping charges. Failure to pay any appropriate fees will result in disqualification.

4.9 No entry will be accepted after 09:45 on the first scheduled day of racing, except at the discretion of the organizing committee.

5.Registration / Briefing

Competitors shall confirm entry details with the Registration Team by 09:45 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 10:15.

6.Sailing Instructions

6.1 Sailing instructions will be downloadable from the UKWA events website. Sailing instructions will also be posted on the ONB.

6.2 Questions on the sailing instructions may be emailed to slalom@ukwindsurfing.com. Questions and answers will be posted to the UKWA website and will be posted on the ONB at 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

7.1 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 10.55.

7.2 There shall be no warning signal after 16.00 on the last day of the regatta.

7.3 The program may be varied by the event sponsor. Notice will be given on the UKWA website.

8.Minimum Conditions

8.1 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.

8.2 The Race Officer may take into account the relevant Championship Rules of the International Funboard Class Association (IFCA).

9.Courses and Racing Area

9.1 The course to be sailed shall be published on the ONB.

9.2 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 or long distance.

10.Scoring

10.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.

10.2 A fleet must complete a minimum of 1 round for the event to be considered a valid series event for that fleet. A round is completed for a fleet when a winner's final is completed for the fleet in question. In the event of no loser's final being raced, each sailor in the losers final will be awarded average points for the losers final.

10.3 Each board's series score shall be the total of the valid series event scores excluding her

(a) Worst score when 4 or 5 valid series events are completed,

(b) Two worst scores when 6 or more valid series events are completed.

10.4 Competitors who are not eligible for event points (see 4.6) are liable to incur "non-attendance" points which will be added to their overall score.

(a) If the event does not qualify as a valid series event (see 10.2) then each absent competitor will incur 1 "non-attendance" point. (Each attending competitor will receive 0 points)

(b) Non-attendance points cannot be discarded and will be added to the series score (see 10.3) to give an overall score.

10.5 The competitor with the lowest overall score (i.e. including non-attendance points) will win the title of National Champion in that fleet/division.

11.Identification

11.1 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 authority country codes do not need to be carried however if they are, new (GBR) letters should be used.

11.2 Competitors without a sail number may be allocated a numbered bib. (£10 deposit)

11.3 A competitor using a sail without the correct number and without asking permission from the race committee in advance, will not be entered in the results. The competitor may seek redress via a results query form and accept a 20% place penalty

11.4 Where sail numbers are incomplete or illegible (wholly or in part), the race committee will warn the competitor and allow a reasonable opportunity to correct the matter - normally the next break ashore

between races. If that opportunity is not taken, the race committee may award a penalty of 10% in the next race sailed

11.5 The penalty will then escalate by 10% for each missed opportunity and will apply to every race sailed. The organisers may allow the escalation to continue should the error not be corrected for the next event in the series

12. Prizes

12.1 Prizes awarded by the event sponsors.

12.2 Series prizes will be awarded by the BSA / UKWA at the last event.

13. Social Programme

If an evening meal and / or entertainment are 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. Safety Regulations

14.1 All competitors under the age of 17 on the 31st December 2015 shall wear a buoyancy aid to an appropriate standard at all times when afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not an appropriate standard.

14.2 When flag Y is flying all competitors shall wear a buoyancy aid or life jacket to an appropriate standard at all times when afloat. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

14.3 A tally system shall be in use.

15. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

A board shall neither make nor receive radio or mobile telephone transmissions while racing.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk - See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.

16.2 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 organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, 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 board taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the event. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and competitors of their responsibilities.

16.3 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

Each participating board shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent. This cover is automatically provided as part of UKWA membership.

18. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

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

19. CODE OF CONDUCT

The UKWA reserves the right to exclude or expel any member / non member / family / group or individual from its event site should it be considered that they may by their actions or the perception of such bring the UKWA, its hosts other parties or individuals into disrepute. The UKWA Chairman shall be the sole judge of such action or in his/her absence an elected or co-opted committee member may be designated and their decision is deemed final. Persons expelled shall leave the event site within 30 minutes of any verbal notice and shall not return. Exclusion may be deemed temporary (this event) or permanent (all events). Permanent expulsion shall be the decision of the elected committee and shall be confirmed in writing within 21 days of any temporary expulsion; however any excluded individual may not attend any UKWA events during this period of consideration.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information relating to the event including news, directions to the event site, parking and camping, accommodation, and the social programme, will be published on the UKWA website prior to the event.