



BSA / UKWA NATIONAL SLALOM SERIES

NOTICE OF RACE 2017



The Organising Authority is the United Kingdom Windsurfing Association (UKWA)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The events and the series will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. 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.
- 1.2 Club, council rules and byelaws apply if displayed on the premises of the club or council hosting the event.
- 1.3 Competitors should note that the UKWA implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules
- 1.4 The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising will be allowed in accordance with the class rules of the competing classes. If no limitations are prescribed within the class rules, rule 80 shall take precedence.
- 2.2 Boards may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 Racing will be for men and women in the following fleets:

- Pro
- Amateur
- Junior
- Master Blaster

3.2 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.

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

- Junior (U17 born 2001 or later)
- Youth (U20 born 1998 or later)
- Master (40+ born 1976 or before)
- Veteran (50+ born 1988 or before)

- 3.3 A sailor must be a member of the UKWA, or a non-UK resident who is a member of either their national windsurfing association or a World Sailing Member National Authority.
- 3.4 Temporary membership may be extended to all fleets once only and to Master Blaster competitors repeatedly.
- 3.5 Entries should be made in advance through the UKWA website www.ukwindsurfing.com. Entries can be made on the day. No entry will be accepted after 09:30 am on the first scheduled day of racing, except at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- 3.6 Before competing, each competitor shall register for the event at the Race Office, pay the required entry fee and complete, update or confirm an equipment registration form if required.
- 3.7 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.
- 3.8 Competitors under the age of 18 must submit a completed Parent / Guardian Declaration at registration.
- 3.9 Fleets may race together on a single start, depending on the number of entries. Individual classes within a fleet shall be raced and scored as a single fleet.
- 3.10 Boards must display sail numbers on both sides of the sail in accordance with RRS Appendix G and in accordance with B9. For the purpose of Appendix G, this is not an International event. Breaches of NOR 3.7 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 3.11 Competitors must enter and race under their allocated number, other than with the express permission of the Race Committee.
 - 3.11.1 Competitors without a sail number may be allocated a numbered bib for a £10 deposit. Bibs should be worn over buoyancy aids and harnesses
- 3.12 A competitor not complying with 3.10 and 3.11.1 will be scored DSQ but may seek redress via a results query form and accept a 20% place penalty for each race whilst in breach of 3.10 and 3.11.1 without written permission of the Race Committee. This amends A5.

4 FEES

- 4.1 Entry fees are set out on the event website and UKWA website.
- 4.2 Before competing each competitor shall pay any appropriate parking / camping charges or face rejection of their entry with no refund of entry fees.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Competitors shall register and confirm entry details at the Race Office on the first morning of racing from 08.00 - 09.30.
- 5.2 There will be a welcome and briefing for all competitors on the first morning of racing at 10:15.
- 5.3 Tally System: Tally numbers will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 10.55 and 09.55 on each subsequent day.
- 5.5 On the last day of the event no warning signal will be made after 16:00.
- 5.6 There will be no maximum number of races per day.
- 5.7 **Minimum Conditions:** 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.
- 5.7.1 The Race Officer may take into account the relevant Championship Rules of the International Funboard Class Association (IFCA).
- 5.7.2 Protests regarding wind strength and suitability of wind direction shall be disallowed

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions can be downloaded from the UKWA website (ukwindsurfing.com), and will be posted on the ONB.

7 VENUE

| Round | Date | Venue | Sponsor |
|-------|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | April 22 nd – 23 rd | OTC at WPNSA | OTC / Gastra |
| 2 | May 13 th – 14 th | Inn on the Beach at Hayling Island | Starboard / Severne |
| 3 | June 24 th – 25 th | Christchurch | TBC |
| 4 | July 8 th – 9 th | Worthing | Fanatic / North / K66 |
| 5 | September 2 nd – 3 rd | Harwich | Goya / Quiver |
| 6 | September 23 rd – 24 th | Tenby | Simmer / Oshea / Puravida |
| 7 | October 28 th – 29 th | OTC at WPNSA | OTC / Neil Pryde |

8 COURSES

The course to be sailed will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

9 SERIES SCORING

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 9.3 A minimum of 1 completed round is required for a valid Series event. A round is completed when a winners (gold) final is completed for that fleet. In the event of no loser's final (silver / bronze) being raced, each sailor in the losers final will be awarded last place in the winners final plus 2.
- 9.4 Each board's 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.
- 9.5 When fewer than 4 events have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 9.6 When from 4 to 5 events have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 9.7 When 6 to 7 events have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

10 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 10.1 All competitors who will be aged 17 or under on 31st December 2017 shall wear a personal flotation device to an appropriate standard at all times when afloat.
- 10.2 If the Y flag is flying, all competitors shall wear a buoyancy aid or life jacket to an appropriate standard at all times when afloat.

10.3 If conditions dictate, the organisers may require all competitors to wear personal floatation devices and/or wet or dry suits. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

10.4 A tally system will be in use.

10.5 Mandatory Instructions on the Water - Boards and Competitors in Difficulty. When the race committee considers that a board, its equipment or crew are not adequate for the existing or anticipated conditions, or that a board or crew member is in difficulty, it may instruct the board or crew not to launch, or to retire or to sail ashore or to accept outside help. The board and crew shall comply with such instructions without delay.

11 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

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

12 SUPPORT & COACH BOATS / PERSONS

No coach boats or support boats will be permitted. Except that a Class Chair or the RYA may appoint coach and or support boats but only with the prior approval of the Head of Racing (racing@ukwindsurfing.com). All applications must include completion of forms a) UKWA coaches code of conduct and b) UKWA coach & support boat registration form. Applications and forms must be submitted no later than the Wednesday prior to the said event.

13 PRIZES

13.1 Prizes are awarded by the event sponsors at their discretion

13.2 Series prizes will be awarded by the BSA / UKWA at the last event / end of season prize giving.

14 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 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, their crew and their board 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 property whether afloat or ashore;

c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

d) Their board 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 be practically provided in the circumstances.

15 INSURANCE

Each participating board shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per event or the equivalent. This cover is automatically provided as part of UKWA membership.

16 RIGHTS TO NAMES AND LIKENESS

Competitors automatically grant to the organising 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.

17 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.