



NOTICE OF RACE

Blackwater Sailing Club

Title	Blackwater Sailing Club Optimist Open	Scoring	The low points scoring system of Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
Date	Sat 4 th September 2021		
Organising Authority Venue	Blackwater Sailing Club Basin Road, Heybridge, Maldon, Essex, CM9 4SD. Tel: 01621 853923 www.blackwatersailingclub.org.uk		Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series. When fewer than four races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. If four or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total
Contact	optimist@blackwatersailingclub.org.uk		No boat inspections shall take place, it is the responsibility of the skipper and or responsible adult/parent to ensure that the boat is of a seaworthy manner.
Rules	Races will be governed by the <i>rules</i> as defined in the <i>Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024</i> [RRS], the prescriptions of the RYA and the rules of the Optimist Class Association. The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.	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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
Entry	Entry should be made online via the Blackwater Sailing Club website link.		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;
Eligibility	There will be a main fleet, regatta fleet and "Try and Oppie" on the lake		b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
Entry Fee	Entry fees for the event are £10 per boat and should be paid on the day upon registration.		c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
Entry Limit	50 Boats		d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
Registration	In the Clubhouse from 0900 on Saturday 4 th September 2021. There shall be no requirement to present any measurement documentation.		e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
Sailing Instructions	Sailing Instructions will be issued at Registration.		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
Briefing	0915 am on Saturday 4 th September on the patio outside the lower deck.		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.
Race Schedule	Four races are scheduled to be sailed back to back. Subsequent races will be sailed as soon as possible after the previous race has finished.		
Starts	1 st warning signal scheduled for 1025 There will be no warning signal after 1430 The starts will be by Committee Boat for the main fleet and from the club line for the regatta fleet. Sufficient time should be allowed to sail down river to reach the start area	Insurance	
Sponsorship	The races will be category C in accordance with Appendix 1 ISAF Advertising Code.		All entrants are required to hold third party indemnity insurance with a minimum indemnity of two million pounds Sterling or equivalent for the total period of the event and affirm such cover to the Organizing Authority. Entrants not from the UK need to have the accepted Normal Min. level of liability insurance for their country (this level needs to be displayed to all other competitors).