



Blackwater Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

TITLE	Blackwater Sailing Club Fireball Open Meeting		with Appendix 1 ISAF Advertising Code.
DATE	Sat 14 & Sun 15 May 2022	SCORING	The low points scoring system of Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
ORGANIZING AUTHORITY VENUE	Blackwater Sailing Club 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 of her race scores excluding her worst score.
CONTACT	Details of location, directions, facilities and accommodation can be obtained by writing to, or telephoning the contact below. Emilie Hood – Fireball Class Captain C/O: Blackwater Sailing Club Basin Road, Heybridge, Maldon, Essex, CM9 4SD. E:mail: fireball@blackwatersailingclub.org.uk Tel: 07582 112821	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:
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 Fireball Class Association. The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.		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 omissions; 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, safety boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities; f) The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically 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.
ELIGIBILITY	As a minimum the boat owner must be a member of the UK Fireball Class Association. All boats must have a valid measurement certificate.		
ENTRY	Entry should be made online via the BSC website: Blackwater Sailing Club - Fireball Open Meeting		
ENTRY FEE	Entry fees for the event are £30 per boat and should be paid online via the entry link above.		
ENTRY LIMIT	50 boats (late entries to confirm with contact above)		
REGISTRATION	In the Clubhouse from 0900 on Saturday 14 May 2022. All competitors will be required to produce their valid measurement certificate with current buoyancy endorsement.		
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS	Sailing Instructions will be issued at Registration. Boats and equipment will be subject to scrutiny and/or measurement during the event at the discretion of the Race Committee.		
BRIEFING	09:45 on Saturday 14 May 2022		
RACE SCHEDULE	Five races are scheduled; three on Saturday 14 May, two on Sunday 15 May. On both days subsequent races will be sailed as soon as possible after the previous race has finished. Saturday 14; first warning signal scheduled for 10:30 Sunday 15; first warning signal scheduled for 11:00 There will be no warning signal after 14:30	INSPECTIONS	The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.
STARTS	The starts will be by Committee Boat. Sufficient time should be allowed to sail down river to reach the start area.	INSURANCE	All entrants are required to hold third party indemnity insurance with a minimum indemnity of five 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).
SPONSORSHIP	The races will be category C in accordance		