



NOTICE OF RACE

Blackwater Sailing Club

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| Title | Blackwater Sailing Club Optimist Open | Scoring | The low points scoring system of Appendix A of the RRS will apply. |
| Date | Sat 16 th September 2023 | | 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 races discarding her worst score. |
| Organising Authority | Blackwater Sailing Club | | 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. |
| Venue | Blackwater Sailing Club Basin Road, Heybridge, Maldon, Essex, CM9 4SD. Tel: 01621 853923 www.blackwatersailingclub.org.uk | | 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." |
| Contact | richardmarshall77@gmail.com | Risk Statement | 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 Optimist Class Association. The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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; They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore; They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions; Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate; 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; The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances 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. |
| Entry | Entry should be made online via the Blackwater Sailing Club website link which can be found here: | | |
| Eligibility | https://blackwatersailingclub.org.uk/event-4833436 | | |
| Entry Fee | There will be a main fleet, regatta fleet and "Try an Oppie" fleet on the lake | | |
| Entry Limit | Entry fees for the event are £10 per boat and should be paid on the day upon registration. | | |
| Registration | 50 Boats | | |
| Sailing Instructions | https://blackwatersailingclub.org.uk/event-4833436 or in the Clubhouse from 10.00 on Saturday 16 th September 2023. There shall be no requirement to present any measurement documentation. | | |
| Briefing | Sailing Instructions are available upon registration online. A copy of the sailing instructions will be posted on the ONB. | | |
| Race Schedule | 11:15 on Saturday 16 th September on the patio outside the lower deck. | | |
| Starts | 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. | | |
| Sponsorship | 1 st warning signal scheduled for 12:30 The starts will be by Committee Boat for the main and regatta fleet. Fleets will sail in different areas which will be outlined during the briefing. Sufficient time should be allowed to sail down river to reach the start area The races will be category C in accordance with Appendix 1 ISAF Advertising Code. | 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). |