



National 18

NOTICE OF RACE

Blackwater Sailing Club

TITLE	Blackwater Sailing Club National 18 English Championships	STARTS	The starts will be by Committee Boat. Sufficient time should be allowed to sail down river to reach the start area.
DATE	Sat 18 May & Sun 19 May 2019	COURSES	See attachment 1 of Sailing Instructions
ORGANIZING AUTHORITY	Blackwater Sailing Club	SCORING	The low points scoring system of Appendix A of the RRS will apply. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series. When fewer than 4 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. If 4 or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
VENUE	Blackwater Sailing Club Basin Road, Heybridge, Maldon, Essex CM9 4SD Tel: 01621 853923 www.blackwatersailingclub.org.uk Details of location, directions, facilities and accommodation can be obtained from the contact below.	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the 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; 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.
CONTACT	Julian Berney Reeds House 40 London Road Maldon, Essex CM9 6HE julian@berney.uk Tel: 07785 503179		
RULES	Races will be governed by the <i>rules</i> as defined in the <i>Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020</i> [RRS], the prescriptions of the RYA and the rules of the National 18 Class Association., except as amended in SI's. The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.		
ELIGIBILITY	Each helm must be registered as a member of the National 18 Class Association and the boat is expected to conform to the relevant Class rules with respect to measurement and buoyancy requirements		
ENTRY	Entry should be made using one of the forms supplied. Postal entries should be sent to the contact above.		
ENTRY FEE	Entry fees for the event are £15 per boat. Cheques to be made payable to 'Blackwater Sailing Club' and sent to the contact address above or paid at registration		
ENTRY LIMIT	50 boats (late entries please confirm with contact above)		
REGISTRATION	In the Clubhouse from 0900 on Saturday 18 May. 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.		
RACE SCHEDULE	Six races are scheduled; three on each day. On both days subsequent races will be sailed as soon as possible after the previous race has finished. Sat 18 May race start scheduled for 11.15 Sun 19 May race start scheduled for 12.00 There will be no warning signal after 15.00	INSURANCE	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).