



WLYC 24 Hour Race, 2018
Organised by
West Lancashire Yacht Club
NOTICE OF RACE

1. The WLYC 24 Hour Race, 2017 will take place on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th September 2018 around a triangular course on the Marine Lake Southport, starting at 12:00 on Saturday 8th September. The warning signal will be at 11:50.
2. The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
3. Sailing Instructions will be issued to all entrants by post in August 2018. They will set out in full a number of variations from the rules which have been developed to meet the special circumstances of the race including:
 - Variations to permit, in defined circumstances:
 - Use of a reserve boat (of the same class), sails and gear
 - Changing of sails and use by a boat of a sail carrying a distinguishing emblem or number other than her own, and/or not entered on her class certificate
 - Hauling out (varies Rule 45)
 - Outside help (varies Rules 41 & 47)
 - Changing of crews and helms (varies Rule 47)
 - Towing or manual propulsion to a defined docking area (varies Rules 41 & 42)
 - Variations relating to protest requirements, including a requirement to use protest flags, red in colour, of minimum dimensions 100mm x 100mm (varies Rule 61.1(a))
 - Provision for alternative penalties intended to enable infringing boats to continue racing, except where the Protest Committee or Race Committee considers disqualification to be appropriate. The One-Turn and Two-Turns penalties of Rule 44 will not apply for safety reasons.
 - A requirement for helms and crews to each wear an adequate personal flotation device.
4. The race is open to GP14, International Enterprise, Lark and Firefly class dinghies, which will be handicapped in accordance with the following yardstick numbers:

International Enterprise	1005
GP14	1000
Lark	990
Firefly	1050
5. The race is for boats entered by clubs and sailed by teams representing those clubs. In accordance with rule 75.1, only entries by clubs or other organisations affiliated to a national authority will be eligible for acceptance. Entries will be limited to 100. Each boat shall be sailed only by *bona*

vide members of the club or organisation entering the boat, and no competitor shall sail in more than one team, without the prior consent of the Race Committee.

6. Registration will take place from 12:00 to 22:00 on Friday 7th September and from 08:00 on Saturday 8th September. A current validated Measurement Certificate for each boat entering shall be produced when registering. All entrants must declare that they are covered by third party insurance with a limit of indemnity of at least **£5,000,000** for any one accident valid for the event.
7. Boats will be required to display allocated numbers for identification purposes and also to display race sponsor's advertising logos on the boom and port side of the hull. The size, placement and material will be prescribed in the sailing instructions.
8. Advertising will be allowed in accordance ISAF Regulation 20 except that advertising on the hull and boom shall not conflict with or mask the display of the allocated identification numbers and race sponsor's logos.
9. A drone may be flown by a licenced company to record video data primarily for the event advertising.
10. If the event is cancelled the full entrance fee may not be returnable.
11. Boats may be entered in one or more of four categories:
 - Unrestricted no restriction on age of helms and crews
 - Masters sailed by a team consisting of helms aged 40 or over at the start of the race, with crews of any age.
 - Ladies sailed by a team consisting of female helms and crews
 - University sailed by a team consisting of members of a University Sailing Club.
12. The winner will be the boat with the shortest average lap time (after application of the yardstick and penalties, if any). For some prizes reasonably continuous sailing is required and the Race Committee will judge compliance with this requirement.

13. 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 in a race is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk, especially on the confined waters of the Marine Lake in extreme weather and during the hours of darkness. By taking part in the event, the Team Captain (who must be an adult capable of exercising appropriate judgement) and each competitor agree and acknowledge that:

- They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for 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 and their other property whilst taking part in the event.
 - 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 in the conditions prevailing at the time;
 - The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the organiser of the event does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

14. Entries must be made in advance on the official entry form, and shall be signed on behalf of, and with prior authority of the entering club or organisation. The closing date for entries is Wednesday 5th September 2018.

15. Entry fees are set out below and on the official Entry Form.

Entry Fees - 2018				
Payment	1 st Entry	2 nd Entry	3 rd Entry	4 th Entry
Before up to 28 th Feb 2018	£250	£190	£160	£140
From 1 st March 2018	£260	£200	£170	£150
From 1 st July 2018	£280	£220	£180	£160
University Teams	£200	£200	£200	£200

16. Further details are available from the Race Secretary;-

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