



## Blackwater Sailing Club

# NOTICE OF RACE

<b>TITLE</b>	Blackwater Sailing Club	<b>SCORING</b>	The low points scoring system of Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
<b>DATE</b>	Fireball Open Meeting Sat 12 & Sun 13 June 2021		
<b>ORGANIZING AUTHORITY</b>	Blackwater Sailing Club		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.
<b>VENUE</b>	Blackwater Sailing Club Basin Road, Heybridge, Maldon, Essex, CM9 4SD. Tel: 01621 853923 www.blackwatersailingclub.org.uk		
<b>CONTACT</b>	Details of location, directions, facilities and accommodation can be obtained by writing to, or telephoning the contact below. Charlie Stewart – Fireball Class Captain C/O: Blackwater Sailing Club Basin Road, Heybridge, Maldon, Essex, CM9 4SD. E:mail: fireball@blackwatersailingclub.org.uk Tel: 01621 893513	<b>RISK STATEMENT</b>	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:
<b>RULES</b>	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, 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.
<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	As a minimum the boat owner must be a member of the UK Fireball Class Association. All boats must have a valid measurement certificate.		
<b>ENTRY</b>	Entry should be made online via the Class Association website link.		
<b>ENTRY FEE</b>	Entry fees for the event are £25 per boat and should be paid online via the Fireball Association website link.		
<b>ENTRY LIMIT</b>	50 boats (late entries to confirm with contact above)		
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	In the Clubhouse from 0900 on Saturday 12 June 2021. All competitors will be required to produce their valid measurement certificate with current buoyancy endorsement.		
<b>SAILING INSTRUCTIONS</b>	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.		
<b>BRIEFING</b>	1100 on Saturday 12 June 2021.	<b>INSPECTIONS</b>	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.
<b>RACE SCHEDULE</b>	Five races are scheduled; three on Saturday 12 June, two on Sunday 13 June. On both days subsequent races will be sailed as soon as possible after the previous race has finished.  Saturday 12; first warning signal scheduled for 12.45 Sunday 13; first warning signal scheduled for 1315 There will be no warning signal after 1600	<b>INSURANCE</b>	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).
<b>STARTS</b>	The starts will be by Committee Boat. Sufficient time should be allowed to sail down river to reach the start area.		
<b>SPONSORSHIP</b>	The races will be category C in accordance with Appendix 1 ISAF Advertising Code.		