



National 18

NOTICE OF RACE

Blackwater Sailing Club

TITLE Blackwater Sailing Club
National 18 Open Meeting

DATE Sat 14 May & Sun 15 May 2022

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY Blackwater Sailing Club

VENUE Blackwater Sailing Club
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Details of location, directions, facilities and accommodation can be obtained from the contact below.

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RULES Races will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* [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 online via the BSC website: [Blackwater Sailing Club – National 18 Open Meeting](http://www.blackwatersailingclub.org.uk)

ENTRY FEE Entry fees for the event are £30 per boat. Payable online via link above

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 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

STARTS The starts will be by Committee Boat. Sufficient time should be allowed to sail down river to reach the start area.

COURSES See attachment 1 of Sailing Instructions

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.

RISK STATEMENT Rule 3 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:

- 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.

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).