



NOTICE OF RACE

Whitstable Bay Endurance and Forts Race Weekend 18th and 19th May 2019 Part of the 2019 Allen Endurance Series In co-operation with SailRacer

Venue:

The venue for the Whitstable Bay Endurance and Forts Race Weekend is Whitstable Yacht Club, 3-4 Sea Street, Whitstable, Kent, CT5 1BX,
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Date

The Whitstable Bay Endurance and Forts Race Weekend will be held on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th May 2019, with the main Race on the Sunday, and a practice race on Saturday.

Organising Authority:

The organising authority is Whitstable Yacht Club.

Eligibility:

The Whitstable Bay Endurance and Forts Race Weekend is open to all dinghies and sports catamarans with a PY rating of 1270 and lower. Paddle boards, windsurf and Kite surf entry not permitted

Competitors must have paid their entry fee to obtain a Tally number from Registration and hold insurance to the value of £3,000,000. Competitors under the age of 18 must have signed permission from parents and or guardians and if under 16 must be sailing with an adult.

Entries:

Entries limited to 80 boats in total. Competitors should enter through the SailRacer website <http://allen.sailracer.org> A limited number of entries may be available on the day.

- Entries before 10th May:
 - Single Handed £40
 - Double Handed £60
- Entries after 10th May:
 - S/H £50
 - D/H £70

Prizes:

Overall Prizes for the Endurance Race will be awarded to the helm and crew of the first 3 boats.

There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for Fast Handicap Dinghies; Slow Handicap Dinghies and Slow Handicap Catamarans

The Dewhirst Trophy will be awarded for the leg to Red Sands Forts which is for Fast Catamarans only

Additional prizes will be awarded at the Race Committee's discretion.

Schedule of the Weekend:

Saturday 18th May 10:00 to 13:00 – Registration 12:30 – Practice Race Briefing 14:00 – Practice Race 19:00 – Race Party.	Sunday 19th May 08:00 to 10:00 – Registration 10:00 – Race Safety Briefing – mandatory for all competitors 11:00 - No racing will begin before 11:00 18:00 - Finishing period time limit Prize Giving will be held as soon as possible after the end of racing.
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Course

SATURDAY – PRACTICE RACE

The courses and format of the race will be published by 12:00 depending on weather conditions. The race is intended to provide a 'shake-down' for all boats and will be subject to the same safety conditions as the Forts Race.

SUNDAY – THE WHITSTABLE BAY ENDURANCE AND FORTS RACE

The long-distance race will be sailed in the area off Whitstable Yacht Club with up to FIVE radiating "legs", East to Herne Bay Pier, North East to the Kentish Flats Wind Farm, Northwest along the coast of Sheppey, West up the Swale Estuary and North to the Red Sands Forts – only double handed Fast Cats will make this leg. Course details for each Class will be provided at registration on Saturday. The Race Officer reserves the right to shorten the course for all OR individual competitors OR all competitors of specific classes.

Rules:

Racing will take place under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020, the prescriptions of the RYA, the sailing instructions, and the appropriate class rules. The official language of the Forts Race is English. In case of any conflict between languages then the English text from prevail.

Additional Rules:

The penalty for breaking a rule in RRS Part 2 shall be a 360 degree turn which shall include one tack and one gybe. This changes RRS 44.1

Advertising: A boat and her crew shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20.

All competitors will comply with the following safety rules:

1. RRS 40 (Personal Buoyancy) applies at all time when afloat
2. Code Flag Y will not be flown (This alters RRS 40)
3. Competitors shall wear a wet suit or dry suit when afloat
4. Competitors shall carry at least one compass and mobile phone in a secure watertight bag
5. Boats are advised to carry at least one
6. Each boat shall be equipped with at least one paddle capable of propelling the craft
7. Competitors are advised to carry at least one distress signal on their body while afloat.
8. The Race Committee reserve the right to check safety equipment at any time
9. A "tally" system will be in operation for the Forts Race Weekend. All boats must tally in and out, failure to do so will result in automatic disqualification
10. All boats will carry an identifying marker, provided at registration, attached to their boom (batten end) with their tally number shown.
11. All boats will carry a GPS tracking device provided by the Race Management.
12. Competitors are reminded that RRS Fundamental Rules 1, 2 & 3 are in force at ALL times
13. All Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and the Series sponsors, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event..
14. All participating boats must display a minimum of two Allen hull stickers during each event. These stickers will be provided in the registration pack.

15. Failure to observe any of the above rules can lead to disqualification.

Registration:

The Regatta Office will be open Saturday between 10:00 and 13:00 & Sunday between 08:00 and 10:00.

Measurement and Certificates:

There will be no measurement facilities available, but Race Committee members reserve the right to inspect any boat before OR after the Forts Race.

ISAF Measurement System:

The Forts Race Weekend will be raced using the ISAF measurement system.

Scoring System:

The RRS Appendix A – Low point Scoring will apply, having evaluated handicap times.

Risk Statement

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 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 and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- the provision of patrol 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 referred to in the Sailing Instructions and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue; and
- their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.