



WHITSTABLE YACHT CLUB

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The Forts Race Weekend

NOTICE OF RACE

23rd and 24th May 2020

Part of the 2020 Allen Endurance Series
in co-operation with SailRacer and Allen Brothers

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Venue:

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

Organising Authority:

The organising authority is Whitstable Yacht Club.

Date:

The Forts Race Weekend, comprising of the Forts Race, the Bay Short Race and the Whitstable Bay Endurance Race (“Endurance Race”) will be held on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th May 2020.

Schedule:

Saturday 23 rd May (High Water – 1406)	Sunday 24 th May (High Water – 1437)
10:00 to 13:00 – Registration	09:00 to 11:00 – Registration
12:30 – Race Briefing	10:30 – Race Briefing
13:55 – Warning Signal for the Forts Race	11:55 – Warning signal for the Endurance Race
14:00 – Warning Signal for the Bay Short Race	18:00 - Finishing period time limit
19:00 – The Forts Party.	Prize Giving will be held as soon as possible after the end of racing.

Note: The Saturday Race Briefing is mandatory for all competitors taking part in the Forts Race and Sunday Race Briefing is mandatory for all competitors taking part the Endurance Race

Eligibility:

The Forts Race is open to all dinghies and sports catamarans with a PY rating of 1000 and lower

The Bay Short Race is open to all dinghies and sports catamarans

The Endurance race is open to all dinghies and sports catamarans with a PY rating of 1270 and lower.

Kayaks, paddle boards, windsurf and Kite surf entry not permitted. If in doubt about eligibility, please contact Whitstable Yacht Club.

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. Competitors must carry the GPS tracker during the Forts Race and Whitstable Bay Endurance Race

Format:

SATURDAY - THE FORTS RACE

The long-distance race will be sailed in the area off Whitstable Yacht Club with a single leg to the Red Sands Forts and back. The Red Sands Forts are approximately 13km north of Whitstable Yacht Club. Course details will be provided at registration on Saturday. The Forts Race is open to all dinghies and sports catamarans with a PY rating of 1000 and lower.

Format (continued):

SATURDAY – THE BAY RACE

The Bay Race will be raced round buoys off Whitstable Yacht Club. The courses and format of the race will be published by 12:00 depending on weather conditions. The Bay Race is an alternative race for all boats not eligible for, or not wishing to take part in, The Forts Race.

SUNDAY – THE WHITSTABLE BAY ENDURANCE

The long-distance race will be sailed in the area off Whitstable Yacht Club radiating “legs”, East to Herne Bay Pier, North to channel markers off Whitstable, Northwest along the coast of Sheppey, and West up the Swale Estuary. 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. **The results from the Endurance Race shall count towards the 2020 Allen Endurance Series.**

Entries:

Entries is 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 for the Forts Race (or the Bay Short Race) and the Endurance Race:

- Entries before 10th May:
 - Single Handed £40
 - Double Handed £60
- Entries after 10th May:
 - Single Handed £50
 - Double Handed £70
- The first 30 entries from Whitstable Yacht Club members: £20

Entries for the Bay Short Race ONLY – A suggested donation of £5 to the RNLI.

There will be no additional discounts for boats entering only the Forts Race or the Endurance Race.

Prizes:

The Forts Race

- The Forts Race Trophy will be awarded for the Saturday Forts Race for the first placed boat on handicap
- The Kentish Flats Line Honours Trophy will be awarded for the Saturday Forts Race for the first placed boat on time.

The Bay Short Race

- There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places

The Whitstable Bay Endurance Race

- The Dewhirst Trophy will be awarded for first placed catamaran on handicap
- The Short Course Trophy will be awarded for first placed dinghy on handicap
- There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places

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

The Whitstable Bay Endurance Race shall count towards the 2020 Allen Endurance Series.

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.

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.

The following safety rules are MANDATORY for the Forts Race and the Endurance Race, and ADVISED for the Bay Race:

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. Each boat shall be equipped with at least one paddle capable of propelling the craft
6. Competitors are advised to carry at least one distress signal on their body while afloat.
7. The Race Committee reserve the right to check safety equipment at any time
8. 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
9. All boats will carry an identifying marker, provided at registration, attached to their boom (batten end) with their tally number shown.
10. All boats will carry a GPS tracking device provided by the Race Management.
11. Competitors are reminded that RRS Fundamental Rules 1, 2 & 3 are in force at ALL times
12. 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.
13. All participating boats must display a minimum of two Allen hull stickers during each event. These stickers will be provided in the registration pack.
14. 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 09:00 and 11:00.

Measurement and Certificates:

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

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.

