



## Blackwater Sailing Club

# NOTICE OF RACE

<b>TITLE</b>	Blackwater Sailing Club Optimist Open	<b>SPONSORSHIP</b>	The races will be category C in accordance with Appendix 1 ISAF Advertising Code.
<b>DATE</b>	28 August 2019	<b>SCORING</b>	The low points scoring system of Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
<b>ORGANIZING AUTHORITY</b>	Blackwater Sailing Club		
<b>VENUE</b>	Blackwater Sailing Club Basin Road, Heybridge, Maldon, Essex <a href="http://www.blackwatersailingclub.org.uk">www.blackwatersailingclub.org.uk</a>		One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. When 2 or fewer races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When three races are completed the boats series score will be the total of her best two races. When four races are completed the boats series score will be the total of her best three races.
<b>CONTACT</b>	David Evans Tel: 07956 479987 Email: <a href="mailto:evansdch@gmail.com">evansdch@gmail.com</a>		
<b>RULES</b>	Races will be governed by the <i>rules</i> as defined in the <i>Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020</i> [RRS], the prescriptions of the RYA and the rules of IOCA. The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.	<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 parting the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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;</li> <li>b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;</li> <li>c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions and omissions;</li> <li>d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;</li> <li>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;</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	Each helm must be registered as a member of the International Optimist Class Association and or a Cadet Member of the Blackwater Sailing Club and all boats must be able to produce a valid International Optimist Class Certificate of Measurement together with a current buoyancy certificate endorsement if requested.		
<b>ENTRY</b>	Entry will be online via the following link: <a href="http://www.blackwatersailingclub.org.uk/events">www.blackwatersailingclub.org.uk/events</a>  Entry on the day subject to a late payment surcharge (and subject to availability)		
<b>ENTRY FEE</b>	Non-members is £10 per boat Free to members of the Blackwater SC		
<b>ENTRY LIMIT</b>	50 boats		
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	From 08:00 on Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2019. All competitors will be required to produce their valid measurement certificate with current buoyancy endorsement if requested.		
<b>SAILING INSTRUCTIONS</b>	Sailing Instructions will be issued at Registration or beforehand. Boats and equipment will be subject to scrutiny and/or measurement during the event at the discretion of the Race Committee.		
<b>BRIEFING TIME</b>	08:45 on the patio at the club		
<b>RACE SCHEDULE</b>	Four races are scheduled on Saturday 8 September, back to back.  Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> race Warning Signal not before 9:30am. 2 <sup>nd</sup> race ASAP after 1 <sup>st</sup> race. 3 <sup>rd</sup> race ASAP after 2 <sup>nd</sup> race. 4 <sup>th</sup> race (if possible) ASAP after 3 <sup>rd</sup> race	<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 minimum 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 the river to reach the start.		