



UKWA NATIONAL SLALOM SERIES

NOTICE OF RACE 2024



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The Organising Authority is the United Kingdom Windsurfing Association (UKWA)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The events and the series will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*. These include Appendix B (windsurfing fleet racing rules), Appendix WF Wing foiling Racing Rules, the Prescriptions of the RYA, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and the rules of the relevant international classes as amended by national class rules where applicable.
- 1.2 Club, council rules and byelaws apply if displayed on the premises of the club or council hosting the event.
- 1.3 Competitors should note that the UKWA implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules
- 1.4 The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising will be allowed in accordance with the class rules of the competing classes. If no limitations are prescribed within the class rules, WS Regulation 20- Advertising Code shall take precedence.
- 2.2 Boards may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Racing will be for men and women in the following championship fleets: See <https://ukwindsurfing.com/slalom/about/>
 - International (Fin or Foil at the discretion of race committee)
 - National (Fin only) Two divisions - Slalom & Freeride: See <https://ukwindsurfing.com/slalom/about/>
 - Foil: See <https://ukwindsurfing.com/slalom/about/>
 - Master Blaster (fin only)
 - Wingfoil
- 3.1.1 The race committee may if conditions and circumstances permit run light wind foil racing for the National fleet in 7 to 11 knots for any sailors who have entered and paid entry fees for the said event. There is no additional charge. Competitors may not switch between fleets.
- 3.1.2 Light wind foil Racing will be for men and women who entered in the following championship fleets:
 - National Fleet
- 3.1.3 National Fleet competitors shall confirm their intention to enter for light wind foil racing at registration. Please refer to heat order board - lightwind foiling posted on ONB.
- 3.1.4 National Fleet competitors shall confirm their intention to enter National Slalom or National Freeride fleet at registration.
- 3.1.5 International Fleet sailors shall confirm at registration their intention to enter for fin, for foil or for both fleets.
- 3.1.6 Prizes for light wind foiling (National Fleet) will be at the sponsors discretion. Any results will be scored separately from the event scores and will be collated into a series score. Normal scoring rules apply.

Within these fleets the following age categories (divisions) may be recognised:

- Junior (aged 16 or under as of 31st December 2024) - max 9sq.m
 - Youth (aged 20 or under as of 31st December 2024) – max 10sq.m
 - Master (40+ born 1983 or before)
 - Grand Master (50+ born 1973 or before)
 - Veteran (60+ born 1963 or before)
 - Wing Foil categories – Junior (16 or under as above) / Youth (18 or under as above) / Adult (all competitors over 19 will be scored as adult regardless of DOB)
 - Foil categories – Junior (16 or under as above) Sails up to 7m / Open 7m+ (all competitors over 16 will be scored as Open regardless of DOB)
- 3.2 A sailor must be a member of the UKWA, or a non-UK resident who is a member of either their national windsurfing association or a World Sailing Member National Authority.
 - 3.3 Temporary membership may be extended to all fleets once only and to Master Blaster competitors repeatedly.
 - 3.4 Entries should be made in advance through the UKWA website www.ukwindsurfing.com. except at the discretion of the Organising Authority. Online pre-entry closes at 10pm on the Monday prior to each event. Should you miss the deadline please contact admin@ukwindsurfing.com. Late entries may be accepted however a late entry fee applies of £5.
 - 3.5 Before competing, each competitor shall register for the event at the Race Office and update or confirm an equipment registration form if required.

- 3.6** A competitor does not become eligible for series or event points by 'pre-entering', but only by registering at the event and being capable of sailing and intending to do so.
- 3.7** Parents of competitors under the age of 18 must agree a Parent / Guardian Declaration online at time of entry.
- 3.8** Fleets may race together on a single start, depending on the number of entries. Individual classes within a fleet shall be raced and scored as a single fleet.
- 3.9** Boards must display sail numbers on both sides of the sail in accordance with RRS Appendix G and in accordance with B9. For the purpose of Appendix G, this is not an international event. Breaches of NOR 3.9 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Wingfoil competitors shall wear a numbered rash vest available from the race office (£10 cash deposit) – This changes WF 9. It is the wingers responsibility to make sure this number is visible at all times.
- 3.10** Competitors must enter and race under their allocated number, other than with the express permission of the Race Committee. Excluding wingfoils see 3.9
- 3.11** Competitors shall make every effort to display their sail number. Sailors without a number displayed will be asked to fabricate a number on the day onto their sail. Excluding wingfoils see 3.9
- 3.12** A competitor not complying with 3.9 and 3.10 will be scored DSQ but may seek redress via a results query form and accept a 20% place penalty for each race whilst in breach of 3.10 and 3.11.1 without written permission of the Race Committee. This amends A5.
- 3.13** All sailors shall wear a sponsor's rash vest when afloat.
- International fleet – Yellow
 - National fleet – Blue
 - Masterblaster fleet – Orange.
 - Wingfoils - Numbered Grey (hire only)
 - Foil - None
- The rash vest shall be worn over any other clothing / wetsuit and remain visible at all times; however, they may be worn under any personal flotation device if preferred. Rash vests may be purchased from the race office.
- Purchase £20
 - Wingfoil hire only £10 cash deposit.

4 FEES

- 4.1** Entry fees are set out on the event website and UKWA website.
- 4.2** Before competing each competitor shall pay online in advance any appropriate parking / camping charges or face rejection of their entry with no refund of entry fees. Whenever possible these charges will be announced in advance.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1** Competitors shall register and confirm entry details at the Race Office on the first morning of racing from 08.00 - 09.30.
- 5.2** There will be a welcome and briefing for all competitors on the first morning of racing at 10:15, (in person or virtual)
- 5.3** Tally System: Tally numbers will be posted on the Official Notice Board, follow the link from the event page at www.ukwindsurfing.com
- 5.4** The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 10.55 and 09.55 on each subsequent day.
- 5.5** On the last day of the event no warning signal will be made after 16:00.
- 5.6** There will be no maximum number of races per day.
- 5.7** International Fleet. The race officer who may consult The Race Committee shall decide on the equipment format Fin or Foil to be raced at any given time.
- 5.8** **Minimum Conditions:** The intention is that all racing takes place in suitable conditions. The Race Officer shall be the sole judge of the suitability of conditions and will take into account the effect of the speed and direction of any current, and wind measurements from as many parts of the course as possible.
- 5.8.1** The Race Officer may take into account the relevant Championship Rules of the International Funboard Class Association (IFCA).
- 5.8.2** Protests regarding wind strength and suitability of wind direction shall be disallowed.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions can be downloaded from the UKWA website (ukwindsurfing.com) and will be posted on the ONB.

7 VENUE

Round	Date	Venue	Sponsor
Wing foil sponsor - OTC and Surf Doctor			
1	27/28 April	Weymouth - WPNSA	
2	22/23 June	Lee on The Solent Sailing Club	
3	6/7 July	Christchurch	
4	7/8 September	Stokes Bay Sailing Club	
5	5/6 October	Weymouth - WPNSA	

8 COURSES

The course to be sailed will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

9 SERIES SCORING

- 9.1** A competitor does not become eligible for series or event points by 'pre-entering', but only by registering at the event and being capable of sailing and intending to do so.
- 9.2** The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 9.3** A minimum of 1 completed round is required for a valid Series event. A round is completed when a winners (gold) final is completed for that fleet. In the event of no loser's final (silver / bronze) being raced, each sailor in the losers final will be awarded last place in the winners final plus 2.
- 9.4** Each competitor's National Series score will be his or her best fleet position in the same fleet/division at 4 of the 5 events. The competitor with the lowest score will win the title of National Champion in that fleet/division.

10 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 10.1** All junior sailors who will be aged 17 or under on 31st December 2024 shall wear a personal flotation device appropriate to class rules at all times when afloat except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Excluding windfoils and wingfoils.
- 10.2** If the Y flag is flying, all competitors shall wear a personal flotation device appropriate to class rules at all times when afloat except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. A personal flotation device may include an impact vest with a minimum of 50 Newtons
- 10.3** If conditions dictate, the organisers may require all competitors to wear personal floatation devices and/or wet or dry suits.
- 10.4** A tally system will be in use.
- 10.5** **Mandatory Instructions on the Water - Boards and Competitors in Difficulty.** When the race committee considers that a board, its equipment or crew are not adequate for the existing or anticipated conditions, or that a board or crew member is in difficulty, it may instruct the board or crew not to launch, or to retire or to sail ashore or to accept outside help. The board and crew shall comply with such instructions without delay.
- 10.6** International Windfoil and Wingfoil sailors must wear a helmet at all times. National fleet sailors must wear a helmet when competing in light wind foiling. A helmet shall be a minimum standard EN1385, EN1077, EN966, ASTM 2040, Snell S98 or equivalent with a brightly coloured region of at least 300 square centimetres of the exterior surface that can be seen from above the water with crew lying face down or face up.
- 10.7** International Windfoil and Wingfoil sailors must wear an impact vest at all times. National fleet sailors shall wear an impact vest when competing in light wind foiling. An impact vest may also act as a personal flotation with a minimum of 50 Newtons
- 10.8** All competitors shall carry at all times a SOLAS approved whistle.
- 10.9.1** A detachable wing-leash shall be used and worn as intended at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 10.9.2** If prescribed by the race committee, a detachable brightly colored board-leash shall be used and worn as intended at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

11 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

A board shall neither make nor receive radio or mobile telephone transmissions while racing.

12 SUPPORT & COACH BOATS / PERSONS

No coach boats or support boats will be permitted. Except that a Class Chair or the RYA may appoint coach and or support boats but only with the prior approval of the Head of Racing (racing@ukwindsurfing.com). All applications must include completion of the forms below:

- a)** UKWA coaches code of conduct OR UKWA support boat code of conduct
 - b)** UKWA coach & support boat registration form
- Applications and forms must be submitted no later than the Monday prior to the said event.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1** Prizes are awarded by the event sponsors at their discretion
- 13.2** Series prizes will be awarded by the UKWA at the last event / end of season prize giving.

14 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 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 inherently 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 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event 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 risk 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 for the event, in person or virtually.

15 INSURANCE

Each participating board shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of five million per event or the equivalent. This cover is automatically provided as part of UKWA membership.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information relating to the event including news, directions to the event site, parking and camping, accommodation, and the social programme, will be published on the UKWA website prior to the event.