



The Wilsonian River Challenge 2019

1st – 2nd June 2019

The Organising Authority is Wilsonian Sailing Club.

NOTICE OF RACE

Supported By



1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Competitors shall sail in accordance with the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.
- 1.3 Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Exoneration Penalty and Arbitration will be available.
- 1.4 The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.5 The Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
 - 1.5.1 RRS 40 is changed so that competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times whilst afloat or near the water's edge, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. [DP]
 - 1.5.2 RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20. [DP].

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Entry is open to all non-foiling monohull centreboard dinghies with a Great Lakes Handicap Number equal or lower than the Topper 5.3 and Challenger Trimarans.
- 3.2 Entries from competitors aged under 18 years of age on the day of the event must be countersigned by a parent/guardian and presented at registration.
- 3.3 Entry is limited to the first 80 entries accepted.
- 3.4 Eligible boats may pre-enter online at <https://enter.sailracer.org/events/enter-series-mobile.asp?eventid=213465> or contact <https://www.sailingchallenge.org>
- 3.5 On-line entry will close at midnight on Friday 24th May 2019

4 NOT USED

5 FEES

5.1 The Closing Date midnight on Friday 24th May 2019

5.2 The following fees will be applied to each entry:

	Single handers	Double Handers
Online Entry only	£35	£45
WSC Member Online Entry Only	£25	£35

5.3 Refunds for cancellation of entries will be as follows:

5.3.1 Full refund minus a £5 administration fee for cancellations received the closing date

5.3.2 No refund available after midnight Friday 24th May 2019

6 RACE FORMAT

6.1 The event will consist of a pursuit race and a handicap series.

6.2 For the handicap series, all boats will race on a single course and be scored together but starts may be split depending on numbers. If split, slower fleets will start first.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 The times below in bold are fixed (subject to RRS procedures), the remaining entries are for guidance only and may vary considerably, including sailing races on different days. Deviation will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a):

	Sat 1st	Sun 2nd	Location
Registration	09:00 – 10:30		Race Office
Competitors' Briefing	11:00	09:30	In front of club
Warning Signal for 100 minute pursuit race	12:00		
Finish of pursuit race	13:45		
Warning Signal for first Handicap Race		11:00	
2 additional Handicap Races back to back		ASAP	
Last Permitted Warning Signal		15:00	
Prize Giving		ASAP after Racing	In front of club

8 MEASUREMENT

8.1 Each boat shall be fully equipped with sufficient buoyancy to enable it to float and to support its crew if capsized or holed.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the event website prior to the event.

9.2 Sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board. Individual printed copies will not be distributed on the day, please print your own if required.

10 VENUE

- 10.1 The venue is:
- Wilsonian Sailing Club
 - Main Road
 - Hoo
 - Rochester
 - Kent
 - ME3 9HF

11 THE COURSES

The courses will be given in the Sailing Instructions.

12 PENALTIES

- 12.1 Appendix P will not apply.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 Handicap races will be scored on average corrected lap times.
- 13.2 Corrected times and pursuit start times will be calculated using the Great Lakes Handicap System. See <http://greatlakes.org.uk>
- 13.3 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.4 The low point scoring system Points System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 13.5 A boats series score will be the sum of her scores in the handicap series - excluding the worst score if 3 handicap races are sailed - plus double her score in the pursuit race, which cannot be excluded.

14 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 14.1 Support Boats will not be permitted.

15 BERTHING [DP]

- 15.1 Boats will be parked in the club dinghy park.
- 15.2 Road trailers will be stored ...
- 15.3 Vehicular access to the lower level area by the clubhouse will be strictly controlled.

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18 RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

- 18.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 18.2 Boats may be required to carry GPS trackers provided by the organising authority.

19 PRIZES

- 19.1 The following prizes will be awarded:

- 1st to 5th Overall
- 1st Youth
- 1st Lady

- 19.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

20 RISK STATEMENT

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 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 vessels, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol vessel 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;

21 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

22 RIGHTS AND COPYRIGHT

By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the championship, and of all of his/her material related to the championship, without compensation.

23 DATA PROTECTION

In order to manage the events, information provided by competitors will be held on a database. The management of personal information and images (as in NoR 22) will comply with the General Data Protection Regulations.

Please see the SailRacer privacy policy here: <http://sailracer.org/ResultsEntry/Home/Privacy>

24 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact christinegodber@aol.com or Christine at info@wilsoniansc.org.uk or call 07710 974 185

END of NOTICE OF RACE – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BELOW

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Catering:

Hot and cold food will be available from the galley on arrival including :

- Food will be available for Friday night Competitors and Visitors
- Breakfast served from 8am to 10.30am on Saturday from 7.30am to 9.30am on Sunday
- Rolls to take afloat on request
- Pasties and snack food available after racing on both Saturday and Sunday
- Bar open all day for Soft Non Alcoholic and Alcoholic Drinks
- This is a cash-only service.

Saturday Afternoon/Evening:

The BBQ will be available from 4pm with live music in the Evening:

Tickets for the BBQ can be purchased at Registration.

Camping:

There will be a limited amount of camping space(maximum tent Size 2 x 3 metres) and campervan space which will need to be applied beforehand on a first come first serve basis.(see contact in Further Information above)

Accommodation:

Please visit www.visitmedway.org/getting-here/visitor-information-centre this will give you all local B&B's Guest Houses Premier Inns Travel Lodge and other accommodation.

The nearest towns are Hoo St Werburgh and Strood.

Great British Sailing Challenge Sail Juice Summer Series Venue Address:

Wilsonian Sailing Club Main Road Hoo St Werburgh Rochester Kent ME39HF (tel no 01634 259318 weekends only)
Website : www.wilsoniansc.org.uk Contact:info@wilsoniansc.org.uk

Entrance is through our landlord's farm road in which there is a 20mph speed limit and a track down to the club of a limit of 15mph we would be grateful if you can keep to these speed limit they are also public footpaths.

Accessibility: Please be aware that the club room is upstairs and there is no access via a lift or ramp to this area. However there is accessible disabled toilet and shower facilities on the lower ground. In addition, the club itself is at the bottom of a steep narrow track with limited vehicular access for parking.