



Musto Skiff and Blaze

OPEN MEETING

Saturday & Sunday 4th and 5th May 2019

Wilsonian Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

Introduction.

This event is an open meeting for **Blaze and Musto Skiff class dinghies** organised by Wilsonian Sailing Club. The event will be held on the river Medway, which is a tidal estuary. Wilsonian Sailing Club is located on the north shore of the River Medway close to the village of Hoo, near Rochester in Kent.

1. Rules:

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the racing rules of sailing(RRS) 2017-2020,
- 1.2 The RYA prescriptions will apply
- 1.3 The NOR and the SIs. In the event of any conflict between these rules, those of sailing instructions shall prevail.
- 1.4 A paper signing on sheet will be provided at the "Block House" on which all competitors are required to enter their class, sail number and name before racing and sign off at the end of racing to affirm that they have completed the competition according to the rules.

2 Eligibility and Entry:

- 2.1 All entrants must be members of an RYA affiliated club...
- 2.2 The event is open to all Musto Skiff and Blaze class sailing dinghies. Boats may only be entered using the official entry form.
- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and paying the required fee.
- 2.4 Entries will be accepted up to 10:30hrs on Saturday 4th May 2019 for those who wish to enter on the day.

3 Fees:

- 3.1 Required series fees are £25 per boat.
- 3.2 Cheques should be made payable to "Wilsonian Sailing Club" and accompany the entry form.

4 Schedule:

- 4.1 Registration will take place from 0900hrs on the day of the event and a briefing will be held in the clubhouse on the day of the event at 10.15 hrs.

4.2 Schedule of Races

Racing will take place downstream (East) from the club. Depending on weather there will be:

Saturday

4 races back-to-back held in Gillingham Reach, Pinup Reach or Long Reach

Sunday

There will be 1 long distance race using Gillingham Reach, Pinup Reach and Long Reach. This race will finish across the club fixed start/finish line.

5 Sailing Instructions:

- 5.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the club website <http://www.wilsoniansc.org.uk/> and at registration in the clubhouse.

6 The courses:

- 6.1 The course to be sailed will be defined in the sailing instructions and displayed in the club.

7 Starting:

- 7.1 Weather permitting, the start will be from a Committee Boat and the first leg will be to windward.
- 7.2 The Blaze fleet will start after the Musto Skiffs and the Blaze warning signal will be the start of the Musto Skiffs.
- 7.3 The sequence will be in 1 minute intervals; hence the warning signal is at 3 minutes to the start, the Preparatory signal at 2, the Preparatory removed at 1, and the start at zero.

8 Starting Penalties:

- 8.1 The first start for each race will use code flag "P" as the Preparatory signal. Any individual On the Course Side (OCS) at the start will be recorded and must dip below the line to restart. The code flag "X" will be used to indicate that there were some individual premature starters, and will be lowered when all have restarted.

8.2 The rule for a General Recall will be changed as follows. When at the starting signal the Race Committee decides a General Recall will be signalled. That signal is the display of the First Substitute and 2 sound signals. The class recalled will then wait for the other class to start before their starting sequence is initiated. The First Substitute is removed on the warning signal of the next start.

8.3 The rule for starting after a General Recall will use Rule 30.3 "U Flag Rule" from the RRS. Reproduced here.

"If flag U has been displayed, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing, but not if the race is restarted or resailed."

9 Scoring.

9.1 The scoring system is the ISAF Low points scoring systems as in RRS (2017-2020).

9.2 One race may be discarded from Back-to-Back races held on Saturday

9.3 The Long Distance Race will score double points and cannot be discarded

10 Races lost to weather.

10.1 If a race is lost due to weather (or other unseen reason) the committee may display AP over H or A over a numeral pennant on the club mast.

11 Protest Committee

11.1 Wilsonian Sailing Club will appoint an independent protest committee consisting of three or more members.

12 Disclaimer of Liability:

12.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk.

12.2 Wilsonian Sailing Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during or after the event

13 Insurance:

13.1 Each Participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with minimum cover of £2 million per event, or the equivalent.

14 Prizes

14.1 The WSC organising committee will award prizes at its discretion.

15 Radio communications

15.1 Except in an emergency, a competitor shall not use wireless communications while racing.

16 Personal safety

16.1 The wearing of wetsuits or dry suits may be compulsory at the discretion of the organising authority. Adequate personal buoyancy aids must be worn at all times afloat.

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Event Information

The river Medway is a tidal river, full of currents, shallows and back eddies. It has a huge area for racing being in parts 3 kilometres wide at high tide. It is a popular leisure boat area with sailing craft of all sorts, power boats, jet skis and hovercraft. There are several sailing clubs and some will be out racing during the Blaze and Musto open meeting. It is also a commercial shipping highway (any expected shipping movements will be confirmed at the briefing). Commercial shipping has the right of way, no exceptions.

Please ask the locals for any advice – they will be willing to help. Free camping is available in the car park at the top of the hill, including small campervans, but no caravans. Catering will be available during the day including a modest breakfast from the galley and the bar will be open on Saturday evening. Nearby are some great pubs in Upnor and Hoo, a dinner is being arranged on the Saturday night in a local pub for the Mustos, please let Richard Smith rgseng@yahoo.com know if you would like to attend.