



NSSA 12 HOUR SAIL

Aztec Adventure Upton Warren, B61 7ER
Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd July 2022



NOTICE OF RACE

The organising authority is Worcestershire Youth Sailing Association (WYSA) in conjunction with the National School Sailing Association (NSSA).

1. Rules

The Event will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and local byelaws and/or regulations.

2. Entries and Deposit

2.1. The event will be sailed in teams of between four to eight sailors using dinghies with a PY number higher than 1100, excluding catamarans or dinghies with bow sprits or trapeze. Boats with spinnakers can participate but spinnakers cannot be used.

2.2. Dinghies may be brought by teams to the event, or supplied by the organizing authority, for a hire fee of £20 per dinghy.

2.3. All competitors must be under 19 years of age on the 1 September 2022 and be a member of the school, group or association that they represent.

2.4. A maximum of 30 team entries will be accepted.

2.5. In order for an entry to be valid, the following criteria must be met:

a) The organisation that a team is representing must have NSSA Group Membership for the current membership year (April 1st 2022 to March 30th 2023).

b) All sailors participating in that team must have NSSA Youth Membership for the current membership year (April 1st 2022 to March 30th 2023).

c) Payment for the correct entry fee should be made by BACS to WYSA – details below.

d) A completed team entry form emailed to Vivien Brookes, vivien.brookes@btinternet.com.

2.6. There will be two entry deadlines for this event:

a). Up to and including Friday 10th June 2022: NSSA-affiliated organisations may enter a maximum of two teams. Places will be allocated to valid entries on a first-come first-served basis, until the entry limit is reached.

b). From Saturday 11th June 2022, additional entries will be accepted. Places will be allocated to valid entries on a first-come first-served basis, until the entry limit is reached.

c) No entries will be accepted after Friday 24th June 2022.

2.7. If the entry limit is reached before either entry deadline has passed, valid entries will be placed on a waiting list in the order received.

2.8. Each team must be accompanied by a responsible male and female adult (if male and female sailors in their team) and should be prepared and equipped to spend some time on the water.

2.9. Teams will forfeit their entry fee if an entry is withdrawn after Saturday 25th June 2022.

2.10. The entry fee will be £25 per sailor, to include aqua park session, bell boat racing, hot and cold drinks and some food if the budget runs to this. Hot and cold food will be available to purchase throughout the 12 Hour Sail.

2.11. By entering, teams agree to be bound by the damage requirements as found in Attachment A.

3. Event Format and Schedule

3.1. The format of the event will be one 12 hour race around a set course, with laps counted.

3.2. Registration will be in the Red Classroom on the Boat Park at Aztec Adventure from 3pm on Saturday 2nd July.

3.3. There will be a competitors' briefing in or outside the Red Classroom at 7pm on Saturday 2nd July.

3.4. The warning signal will not be before 8pm on Saturday 2nd July.

3.5. The race duration will be twelve hours but this may be shortened at any time at the discretion of the race committee.

4. Buoyancy and Clothing

RRS 40.1 applies at all times to competitors and support persons whilst afloat or on the pontoons. This changes RRS 40.1.

5. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the first team overall. The Organising Authority may also present other prizes at its own discretion.

6. Data

By participating in this event competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any photography, audio and video recordings and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue until their final departure, without compensation. Any concerns may be made in confidence and in writing to the Event Director (contact details below).

The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organizing Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

7. Risk Statement

Rule 3 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 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) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the OA does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- e) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- f) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the host venue or the 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.
- g) It is their responsibility to ensure that they are familiar with the type of boat used, and the supplied equipment, and are suitably experienced with its operation.
- h) It is their responsibility for ensuring all supplied equipment is carried on board.
- i) They are fit to sail and that they believe the crew and the boat and crew is capable of competing in the anticipated conditions.

8. Cancellation

The organising authority reserves the right to cancel the event. The entry fee and any deposits will be refunded less any unavoidable costs.

9. Covid-19

9.1 Should the event be cancelled due to Covid-19, a full refund will be issued to all entered teams.

9.2 Should a team be unable to find a replacement for a registered crew member; who is not able to attend due to government Covid-19 restrictions related to their location of residence, contacts or test result; the entry will be refunded.

9.3 Each competitor and support person agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of Covid-19. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement Covid-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

Please direct entry enquiries by email to Vivien Brookes (vivien.brookes@btinternet.com)

Please pay by BACS to:

Account Name:	Worcestershire Youth Sailing Association (WYSA)
Sort Code:	40 31 09
Acc. Number:	11373293
Please use Reference:	"(Team) 12 Hour Sail 2022"

ATTACHMENT A - DAMAGE

It is required of all competitors to show due care and attention to the boats that are provided for their use during the event.

In the unfortunate case of damage occurring, this attachment provides guidance to competitors and officials on how damage may be assessed, penalised and costs allocated as equitably as possible.

1. Damage Agreement

1.1. By entering the event, the team expressly agrees to follow and comply with this system without delay or dispute. A failure to comply with an instruction or invoice issued may result in disqualification from the event without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

1.2. Each team is liable for up to £100 of damage associated costs per incident (this includes boats, equipment and property).

1.3. Any decision on the allocation and quantum of any damage associated costs is solely for the Organising Authority to determine. Subject to rule 62, the decision of the Organising Authority is final and teams agree to accept it without dispute.

2. Damage Assessment

2.1. An initial assessment of damage will be made as soon as possible following an incident.

2.2. Onward assessment of the damage after further inspection will have no effect on a penalty given in accordance with RRS 14 but may affect any damage associated costs.

3. Damage Associated Costs

3.1. The Organising Authority may require a team to make an intermediate payment, to the amount defined in this attachment; against allocated damage costs before the team may sail another event boat.

3.2. If a team is allocated damage associated costs, and these are not paid at the event, the Organising Authority will issue an invoice to the team. Invoices must be paid (without set off or deduction) within 14 days unless an extension is agreed with the Organising Authority.

3.3. Failure to comply with a damage invoice within 14 days (or any extension period) is a breach of this agreement and the Organising Authority may:

(a) Disqualify the team in question without a hearing, this changes RRS 63.1;

(b) Reject any future entries from the team's organisation.

(c) Suspend the NSSA membership rights of the team's organisation.

3.4. The Organising Authority may amend or cancel a damage notice at any time and may reinstate a team disqualified.