



DF65 Northern District Championships 2024
Birkenhead Radio Sailing and Power Club (BRS&PC)
Saturday 9th March 2024



1. Event Schedule

9/3/2024	08:30 - 9:40	Registration and Practice
	10:00	Racing Starts
	16:00	No Race to start after this time

Any Race in progress will be abandoned if the first boat in 'A' heat has not finished before 16:30 hours. Prize-giving as soon as possible after the last race is completed

There will be a Race Officers briefing 15 minutes before racing starts. Depending upon entry numbers a short break for lunch starting may be taken at approximately 12:30.

2. Venue

This event will take place at Birkenhead Club and Lake, Gautby Road, Birkenhead, CH41 7DR and the What3words address is [///sugar.books.drops](https://www.what3words.com/sugar.books.drops). Search for Birkenhead Radio Sailing and Power Club on Google Maps for directions.

3. Organising Authority

The organising authority for the event is Birkenhead Radio Sailing & Power Club

4. Rules

The event will be governed by the current version of the following rules:

- Racing Rules of Sailing as amended by RRS Appendix E
- MYA Standard Sailing Instructions
- The RYA Racing Charter
- DF65 Class Rules
- Heat Management System (HMS) (if used)

Before the event, copies of the above may be found either in the Event Documents section of the MYA Knowledge Base see <https://mya-uk.org.uk/kbtopic/race-and-event-documents/> and for the Class Rules on the [DF Racing World](#) website.

5. Entries & Eligibility

Entry is open to all MYA affiliated members and is also open to members of foreign clubs affiliated to a Delegated National Member of IRSA. Competitors will be notified of any necessary changes to sail numbers in the event of a clash.

Entry for all competitors opens on publication of this Notice of Race.

Entries shall be made before **the closing date for entries, 23:59hrs Thursday 7th March 2024** by using the on-line entry system on the Birkenhead website (see the Upcoming Events or this [link](#))

Please note that all entries to this event must be covered by Public Liability Insurance Cover to the minimum value of £5million and must acknowledge this at entry. All current MYA members will automatically be covered to the required level.

The contact point for any questions is:

Contact Name Peter Baldwin, Email: peter@hamnlace.co.uk Tel: 07779 953407

After the closing date late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority and may incur an additional late entry fee.

All entries will be posted on the Birkenhead Event Page as they are received. Sail number clashes and changes will be separately communicated to the relevant entries and may not be shown on the page.

6. Entry Fees

The entry fee for the event will be £5 and payable on the day. The entry fee includes free tea or coffee and biscuits.

7. Parking

There is free parking on site and on the street for cars, but due to the narrow gate width and limited car spacing within the club compound, we would ask that any skippers with motor homes park outside of the club gates on Gautby Road. It may also be necessary for some cars to park on Gautby Road if there are a large number of entries or the grassed areas are soft through rain. For any questions on this and relevant security issues please contact us.

8. Refreshments

In addition to the free tea and coffee, a small selection of snacks will be on sale in the club house.

9. Toilet facilities

Toilets are available in the club house adjacent to the lake.

10. Registration

Registration will take place as per the schedule in Section 1

The following shall be presented to the Race Committee at the time requested during the event:

- All boats must be registered with, and display a sail number issued by the Class Registrar (or part thereof) or use their personal sail number.
- If applicable, the owner's valid personal sail number certificate
- Emergency Contact details if this has changed or was not supplied when an entry was made. If any of the above documents are not available at the event, but a competitor claims that they exist, the competitor shall sign a declaration to that effect and send a copy of the missing document to the Race Committee within seven days of the end of the event.

11. Measurement

The Race Committee may direct that boats in the event shall be check measured. Random spot checks may also be conducted throughout the duration of the event.

12. Frequencies

Permitted frequencies are 27 MHz, 40 MHz and 2.4 GHz

For frequency bands other than 2.4GHz, a minimum of two (2) frequencies shall be stated on the entry form and be available at the event.

13. Lake side and Launching

Launching is available directly from the concrete path surrounding the lake.

14. Scoring and Racing System

The Racing System shall be as per Rules section above. Scoring for the event will either use HMS or alternatively Sailwave may be used for a single heat event.

15. Protests

The Race Officer reserves the right to use observers drawn from the competitors. A protest committee will be appointed by the Race Committee to hear any protests arising from the event and may comprise competitors not involved in the incident.

16. Competitors with Disabilities

Competitors that require any form of help or special requirements should, prior to entry, get in touch with the club contact given in Section 5 to check if the club is able to help with the provision of any such special requirements. The onus is on the competitor to establish whether the available facilities are adequate before deciding to enter the event.

17. Prizes and trophies

Prizes will be awarded; the quantity will be dependent upon the number of entries.

18. Accommodation.

There are several hotels from different chains (Travelodge, Premier Inn, Village Hotels, HI Express etc) within 5 miles of the club. There are also a number of suggestions on the Wirral information [website](#) or on the [BRS&PC website](#).

19. Risk Statement:

19.1 RRS 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"

19.2 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 and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, 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, recovery boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of recovery 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 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 briefing held for the event.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the organisation of this event, please reach out to the contact detailed in section 5 above.