

# London 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition Notice of Race



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Organising Authority:

The International Association for Disabled Sailing (IFDS), in conjunction with the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG)

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## **1 Rules**

- 1.1 The Handbook of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) will apply.
- 1.2 The Sailing competition will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.3 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS 42, will apply.
- 1.4 No National Authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.5 The class rules for the following class associations and any amendment made thereto after publication of this Notice of Race (NofR) will apply, along with the specified appendices:
  - 1.5.1 Sonar; this is an SCA Appendix B (Alternative Rules) event.
  - 1.5.2 SKUD 18 including Section J4.
  - 1.5.3 International 2.4mR including Section K.
- 1.6 The London 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition Equipment Inspection Regulations (EIR) will apply.
- 1.7 The London 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition Coach Boat Regulations will apply.
- 1.8 The London 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition Athlete Media Guide will apply.
- 1.9 Classification:
  - 1.9.1 The London 2012 Paralympic Games Classification Guide will apply.
  - 1.9.2 The IFDS Functional Classification System and Procedures (FCS) will apply.
  - 1.9.3 The ISAF Sailor Classification Guide (Regulation 22) will apply.
- 1.10 Part 1 of the IFDS Race Management Manual 2009–2012 (RMM) will apply.
- 1.11 In all rules governing this competition, both 'athlete' and 'competitor' mean a person competing in the event.

## **2 Identification and advertising**

- 2.1 Clothing and equipment worn or used by athletes and support personnel shall be in compliance with the IPC Manufacturer Identification Guidelines for the London 2012 Paralympic Games.
- 2.2 With the exceptions in paragraph 3, a boat shall not display any form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, including the display of a boat name, home port or club name.

## **3 Additional identification**

- 3.1 Boats may be required to carry 'look of the Games' logos, national country codes and flags on each side of the hull. These will be supplied by the Organising Authority and shall be applied under its direction.
- 3.2 All boats should arrive with a blank main and jib (where applicable). The Organising Authority will supply all required markings for sails, which shall be applied under its direction. No other sail numbers or letters may be displayed. This changes RRS G1.1.
- 3.3 Boats of the SKUD 18 class for the Two-Person Keelboat shall carry, in addition to the national country code, their national country flag on the gennaker. These will be of identical weight and handling characteristics, manufactured to strict specifications set by IFDS. These will not be provided by the Organising Authority.

- 3.4 While afloat, athletes shall be required to wear bibs provided by the Organising Authority displaying their national country code on the outside of all other clothing and equipment.

## 4 Eligibility and entry

- 4.1 Athletes, coaches, trainers and other team officials shall comply with the IPC Handbook, as well as with the IFDS rules, in order to be eligible for participation in the London 2012 Paralympic Sailing competition, and shall be entered by a National Paralympic Committee (NPC).
- 4.2 Each athlete shall have competed in an official IFDS regatta between 1 January 2009 and 31 July 2012 in order to be eligible for selection by an NPC.
- 4.3 Each athlete must be internationally classified with either a 'Review' or 'Confirmed' sport class status.
- 4.4 Each athlete shall be a national of the country of the NPC that is entering him or her. An athlete's nationality shall be determined in line with IPC policy, as set out in the IPC Handbook.
- 4.5 Each nation must have a Recognised National Authority (RNA) that is a financial member of IFDS to enter an athlete.
- 4.6 Substitution of crew shall not be permitted; this changes RMM 6.
- 4.7 Each NPC must confirm use of qualification places to IFDS by 26 March 2012.
- 4.8 Final entries shall be submitted by the NPC and shall be received by the Organising Authority no later than 6 August 2012. No substitution of athletes shall be allowed after this date except as permitted by the IPC Athlete Substitution Rules.

## 5 Qualification

- 5.1 The qualification system is specified in the London 2012 Sailing Qualification Criteria published on the IPC website.
- 5.2 Each NPC may enter a maximum of one entry per event.
- 5.3 The maximum number of entries ('entry quota') for each of the three Paralympic events is set out in the following table, based on a total of 80 athletes:

Maximum entries per event		
Event	Class	Event entry quota
Single-Person Keelboat	2.4mR	14
Two-Person Keelboat	SKUD 18	12
Three-Person Keelboat	Sonar	14

- 5.4 IFDS may modify the quota for an individual event, in consultation with LOCOG, provided that the total number of 80 athletes is not exceeded.

## 6 Accreditation, team confirmation and registration

- 6.1 Only accredited athletes, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall have access to the venue. Accreditation will be managed through NPCs.
- 6.2 Team leaders shall complete a team confirmation form at the Sport Information Desk between 22 and 30 August 2012 inclusive, in order to confirm the team information provided at the Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM). This must be completed by 18:00 on 30 August 2012.

- 6.3 Coaches shall complete a registration form at the Sport Information Desk between 22 and 30 August 2012 inclusive. Coaches shall register either before leaving the venue in a coach boat for the first time or by 18:00 on 30 August 2012, whichever is the earlier.

## 7 Competition format

- 7.1 The Sailing competition will consist of a series of 11 races for each event.

## 8 Schedule

- 8.1 The schedule is as follows:

Schedule		
22–30 August	09:00 – 18:00	Team confirmation
		Coach and support staff registration
	10:00 – 17:00	On-water training
27–28 August	09:00 – 18:00	Classification
28–30 August	09:00 – 18:00	Equipment inspection
29 August		Paralympic Games Opening Ceremony (London)
31 August	11:00 – 18:00	Practice racing
1–6 September	11:00 daily	Competition
6 September		Victory Ceremonies
9 September		Paralympic Games Closing Ceremony (London)

- 8.2 The competition schedule is shown in [Attachment 1](#).
- 8.3 Two races per day are scheduled for each event from 1 to 5 September, with one race per event scheduled for 6 September.
- 8.4 Due to weather conditions, up to one extra race per day may be sailed, with no competition being more than one race ahead of its schedule.
- 8.5 The Sailing Instructions will define the process for the publication of the daily race schedule.
- 8.6 The Sailing Instructions will specify a time on the last day of racing after which no race may be started.
- 8.7 From 28 August to 6 September, a daily team leaders' meeting will be held at 09:00 in the briefing room of the media centre.

## 9 Venue

- 9.1 The Sailing competition will take place at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, the adjacent Portland Marina and some of the surrounding land at Portland, Dorset. Collectively, this will be known as the Weymouth and Portland Sailing venue.
- 9.2 The venue will be open from 09:00 to 18:00 between 22 and 30 August 2012, and from 08:00 to 20:00 between 31 August and 6 September 2012. The Sport Information Desk will be available when the venue is open.
- 9.3 The racing area will be in Portland Harbour. The latitude/longitude position of the centre of the course area will be as shown in the table below. However, racing may also be moved to other locations within the Harbour course area.

Course area locations		
Course area	Latitude	Longitude
Portland Harbour	50° 35.19' N	02° 26.54' W

**10 Courses**

- 10.1 The courses will be windward/leeward or trapezoid.
- 10.2 The target times in minutes for races are as follows:

Target times		
Event	Target time (minutes)	Time limit (minutes)
Single-Person Keelboat	50–70	75
Two-Person Keelboat	50–70	90
Three-Person Keelboat	50–70	100

**11 Penalty system**

- 11.1 RRS Appendix P shall apply.
- 11.2 For the Two-Person Keelboat event, RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 will be changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty will be replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

**12 International jury**

- 12.1 An international jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91 (b). Its decisions will be final, as detailed in RRS 70.5.

**13 Scoring**

- 13.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 13.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a Sailing competition.
- 13.3 A boat's series score shall be as follows:
- 13.3.1 When fewer than five races in the series have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 13.3.2 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**14 Equipment and equipment inspection**

- 14.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate.
- 14.2 Each boat may be inspected for compliance with the EIR and class rules. In the case of conflict between the class rules and the EIR, the latter will take precedence.
- 14.3 Class rules regarding class association membership will not apply.
- 14.4 The Equipment Inspection Committee (EIC) appointed by IFDS will be responsible for interpreting the class rules.
- 14.5 The EIC may change a rule in the EIR. Any such changes will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 14.6 The date and time for equipment inspection will be established by a draw conducted by IFDS, and will be posted on the IFDS website no later than 1 August 2012. The designated time of equipment inspection may be changed by the EIC.
- 14.7 Only entered competition boats may be kept in the venue unless permission is granted by the Organising Authority.
- 14.8 After equipment inspection, no boat or inspected equipment shall be taken from the venue or the racing areas and their adjacent waters without written permission from the Organising Authority.
- 14.9 Any boat or item of equipment may be re-inspected at any time.

## **15 Keelboat restrictions**

- 15.1 Boats assigned places in the marina shall not be hauled out during the sailing competition, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Organising Authority.
- 15.2 All keelboats shall be launched by 18:00 on 31 August 2012, in accordance with a schedule to be established by a draw and published on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.3 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the Sailing competition.

## **16 Personal Flotation Devices**

- 16.1 Athletes shall wear Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) according to RMM Part 1.7.

## **17 Classification**

- 17.1 Classification will be undertaken from 27 to 28 August 2012.
- 17.2 The Chief Classifier will post a timetable for classification on the IFDS website by 6 August 2012, the final sport entries deadline. The designated times of classification may be changed by the Chief Classifier.
- 17.3 Classification will normally be at the Weymouth and Portland Sailing venue except for visual impairment. Athletes will be notified individually if they will be required to attend the classification centre in London.

## **18 Coach boats and support personnel**

- 18.1 A coach boat includes any boat that is under the control or direction of a person who is providing physical or advisory support to an athlete, including the gathering of data that may be used at a later time.
- 18.2 No more than one coach boat per NPC per event entered may be registered.
- 18.3 Coach boats shall be registered at the Sport Information Desk either before leaving the marina for the first time or by 18:00 on 30 August 2012, whichever is earlier.
- 18.4 Coach boats, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall comply with the Coach Boat Regulations.
- 18.5 The Organising Authority may, at its discretion, refuse coach boats not deemed to be suitable. Generally, open boats less than 7.5 metres in length, having minimum or no superstructure (cabin, coach house, bridge etc), will be considered suitable.

## **19 Media rights, cameras and electronic equipment**

- 19.1 The Athlete Media Guide will set out athlete media obligations for the event.
- 19.2 By participating in the event, athletes automatically grant to the Organising Authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television, audio and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 19.3 Boats may be required to carry positioning equipment, as supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 19.4 All athletes shall pass through the mixed zone on return to shore after racing.
- 19.5 All medallists and any top-ranked athletes in preliminary stages may be required to attend a media conference at the end of the day's racing.
- 19.6 Athletes may also be asked to be available for interviews outside the formal mixed zone and media conferences, on either training or competition days.

- 19.7 If agreed by the Technical Delegate, an athlete may defer media engagements for physical recovery reasons.

## **20 Radio communication**

- 20.1 Except in an emergency, an athlete shall not make or receive radio transmissions, text messages or cellular phone calls while racing, except as provided for in RMM 5.5.

## **21 Prizes**

- 21.1 The medals and diplomas for each event in the London 2012 Paralympic Sailing competition will be awarded as follows:

21.1.1 First prize will be a silver gilt medal and a diploma.

21.1.2 Second prize will be a silver medal and a diploma.

21.1.3 Third prize will be a bronze medal and a diploma.

21.1.4 Prizes for 4th to 8th places will be diplomas.

## **22 Doping control**

- 22.1 During the period of the Paralympic Games, which starts on 22 August 2012 and ends on 9 September 2012, the IPC Anti-Doping Code (compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code and the mandatory International Standards) will apply.

- 22.2 LOCOG will be authorised to collect samples on behalf of the IPC. The doping control station will be located at the competition venue.

## **23 Insurance**

- 23.1 Each 'person in charge' (see RRS 46) shall hold a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage of at least GB£1,500,000 (or equivalent) per incident.

## **24 Disclaimer of liability**

- 24.1 Athletes participate in the Sailing competition entirely at their own risk: see RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Sailing competition.

## **25 Further information**

- 25.1 The nominated contact of each NPC who will become the sole point of contact with LOCOG for the London 2012 Sailing competition should register with LOCOG by email at [sailing@london2012.com](mailto:sailing@london2012.com).

- 25.2 Event documentation, including the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, the EIR and the Coach Boat Regulations, will be posted in advance on the ISAF website ([www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)), and will also be available to NPCs on LOCOG's secure extranet, The Exchange (<https://theexchange.london2012.com>). All documentation will also be available from the Sport Information Desk at the competition venue. The ISAF website will signpost details of how to access any other competition information.

**Attachment 1: Competition schedule**

<b>Competition schedule</b>			
	<b>One-Person Keelboat</b>	<b>Two-Person Keelboat</b>	<b>Three-Person Keelboat</b>
27 August	Classification	Classification	Classification
28 August	Classification	Classification	Classification
	Equipment inspection	Equipment inspection	Equipment inspection
29 August	Equipment inspection	Equipment inspection	Equipment inspection
30 August	Equipment inspection	Equipment inspection	Equipment inspection
31 August	Practice	Practice	Practice
1 September	Races 1, 2	Races 1, 2	Races 1, 2
2 September	Races 3, 4	Races 3, 4	Races 3, 4
3 September	Races 5, 6	Races 5, 6	Races 5, 6
4 September	Races 7, 8	Races 7, 8	Races 7, 8
5 September	Races 9, 10	Races 9, 10	Races 9, 10
6 September	Race 11	Race 11	Race 11