



To be held at the

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

Saturday 4th October to Friday 10th October 2008

“Rules of Entry”

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To be held at the Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy, Osprey Quay,
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Important Notice to all Competitors

The safety of a Boat, Sailboard or Kite board and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole responsibility of the Owner/Competitor racing or using the Boat, Sailboard or Kite board for any purpose.

The issue of sailing instructions, or any other directives, either verbal, written, or implied in no way limits or reduces the complete responsibility of the Owner/Competitor for their crew and the management thereof.

The Event Organisers, the Host Club, or any Class Association will not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the Owner/Competitor or any of their crew as a result of their taking part in the trials, or races.

Moreover every Owner/Competitor warrants the suitability of his/her Boat, Sailboard or Kite board for the trials, race or races.

All Boats, Sailboards or Kite boards shall be insured against Third Party Liability for a minimum of £2,000,000. This is a condition of entry to Weymouth Speed Week.

All competitors should attend the 09:30 briefing and must, before going on the course, ensure that they have been briefed by one of the Course Managers and made aware of any safety instructions pertinent to that day.

Entry to the Event

The total number of competitors is limited to 120, plus boats and juniors, the event will be oversubscribed.

Entry will only be guaranteed on payment of the appropriate fee and completion of the on-line registration form. An entry can be cancelled and the money will be returned (less any credit card handling fee) up until the 4th September 2008.

There are three options for entering the event; the full week for which 100 to 120 places are available, any 2 days of your choice for which no more than 20 places are available and juniors at the weekend only. The fees for which are £150, £60 and £20 respectively. These fees are for the use of the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy including all launching and mooring fees due to the Portland Port Authority, the provision of the timing equipment, competitor's vests, radios, surveying equipment, the boats used at each end of the course, rescue boats, fuel and crews. The event is non profit making.

Competitors may compete with any wind powered sailing craft.

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Introduction to Weymouth Speed Week

The event is centred on an accurately measured 500m course located in Portland Harbour. Results are simply a record of the speed achieved for each run made. This provides the challenge for the speed sailor to pit his wits against the elements and endeavour to raise the World Speed Record upwards from the current absolute speed of 48.7 knots set in 2006 by Finian Maynard on a sailboard. Or, perhaps more realistically, raise the Weymouth Speed Week Record to over 40 knots from its current 36.85 knots.

In the 1970's and 1980's Weymouth Speed Week competitors attended by invitation and had to pay an entry fee of £300. During the 1990's Weymouth Speed Week was run entirely by the voluntary efforts of a few individuals with the co-operation of Weymouth and Portland Borough Council and the support of the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy. The Amateur Yacht Research Society assisted by donating prizes each year and, together with a number of other individuals, made financial contributions to develop the timing system and other equipment needed. People made their sailing boats available for use as 'course boats' during the week. The effort of all these organisations and individuals ensured that Weymouth Speed Week survived to be the enjoyable and exciting event that it is today.

The lack of rules provides the ideal proving ground for both experts and dreamers to build the type of boats, which, but for Weymouth Speed Week would never see the light of day. There are no restrictions as to who may enter and all types of sailing craft are welcome. Weymouth Speed Week is a unique event. Where else can you indulge in your chosen sport and compete alongside the best in the World?

The Organisers

Chairman

Nick Povey

Event Manager & Hon Treasurer

Norman Phillips

Timing Manager

Bob Spagnoletti

Promotions Manager

Pete Davis

Course Managers

Mark and Sue Deverell

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

Rosie Julian

A.Y.R.S. representatives

Michael Ellison

WPNSA Safety Officer

Phil Gollop

Contact details during Weymouth Speed Week

During the Weymouth Speed Week event the following people will have access to 2 way radios and remain in contact with the timing boats, club house, beach and rescue boats.

Nick Povey

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Norman Philips

07763 224585

Pete Davis

07795 183243 (press and related enquiries)

WPNSA Reception

01305 866000

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Details of the 2008 Event

The event will be based at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy that is located at the Portland end of Chesil Beach. This is the new purpose built sailing venue that will host the 2012 Olympics. This year we are again very pleased to have Dakine as the event title sponsor. For the windsurfing competitors it will be an event that counts towards the world ISA Series and the UKWA British Speed Championships.

There are three 'traditional' Weymouth Speed Week prizes each day. These are engraved tankards donated by the Amateur Yacht Research Society and are for the fastest boat, the fastest sailboard and the fastest kite board. These are presented at that evening's social event or the following morning at the 09:30 briefing. In addition sponsors are presenting prizes that will include a holiday for two, a windsurfer, luggage, clothing and sailing equipment. These will be awarded at the end of the week to the top three competitors in each category (see below) and to the Juniors following their two days of competition.

Category definitions:

A **Junior** is less than 17 years of age

A **Master** is 45 years of age or older

A **Novice** is someone who has never entered a competitive sailing event before

An **Amateur** is someone who has no sponsorship or financial support from others e.g. their employer or local shop and hasn't won an Amateur prize at Weymouth Speed Week before, and is not a regular racer.

A **Gold Fleet Sailor** is someone who has won an Amateur prize or receives some assistance from a sponsor, such as discounted equipment or financial support to attend events, and or races regularly.

A **Lady** is

A **Pro Windsurfer** is someone who derives financial benefit from the sport

A **Kite Board** is classified as a kite propelled planing board that hasn't sufficient buoyancy to support its crew when stationary.

A **Sailboard** has a sail, or sails, with a pivot at its base such that the sailor supports the sail.

A **Boat** is anything that sails which isn't a Kite board or Sailboard; it may have sails, kites or rotors to propel it.

Competitor's support boats are included in the entry fee. However all boats need a receipt to be shown to the Portland Port 'traffic warden' to whom the receipt must be shown on demand. If you require these they will be available from the event office.

The Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy has all the facilities of a world class sailing club including showers, canteen and bar. Refreshments will be available throughout the day. There is adequate parking for cars and trailers. Campers and motor homes are allowed on the site. For people who want to camp on the site it is important that arrangements are made with the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy telephone 01305 866000. Due to limited space camper vans are by appointment only. Local by-laws, which limit the area for camping, are strictly enforced and the instructions given by the WPNSA must be followed.

Social events are arranged throughout the week, where these require catering arrangements tickets for attending these events must be obtained at least 24 hours before they takes place, these will be available from the event office.

To distinguish Weymouth Speed Week competitors from other people on the water you will be asked to wear a Weymouth Speed Week vest. These will be available from the event office; a £20 refundable deposit will be required.

Motor vehicles and trailers should be kept in the designated car parking areas and not in the boat park. Slipways must be kept as clear as possible and launching trolleys moved to the boat park.

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Information for Competitors

Insurance

All competitors must have third party insurance cover for £2,000,000.

Briefing

All competitors should attend the 09:30 briefing and must, before going on the course, ensure that they have been briefed by one of the course managers and made aware of any safety instructions pertinent to that day.

Safety

If you intend to go on the water ensure that you have adequate protection from the weather. Life jackets or buoyancy aids should be worn at all times when on the water. Only buoyant weight jackets are permitted. Always remember to look out for people in the water and if you see someone check that he or she is not in difficulties - do not assume anything. Safety must be of paramount importance. If someone falls overboard from a boat or is seen to be in danger then everything stops until he or she is rescued.

At each end of the course there will be someone with a radio able to talk to the rescue boats and they will have a telephone. If you are aware of any potential safety problem report it to them promptly. Each timing station carries a simple first aid kit suitable for self-administration to minor cuts and scrapes.

Sail Numbers

All competitors must have 300mm high sail numbers with 60mm line width on both sides of their sails. Numbers must be positioned starboard side high. Sailboards should position the numbers towards the clew of the sail at just above head height, not at the head of the sail. This is because the head twists off and if the numbers are positioned here they can be very hard to read from certain directions. Numbers should not be positioned on an opaque background as these cannot be read when looking towards the sun in low light conditions. The maximum sail number used is 9999. Sail numbers will be on sale from the event office. Kite boarders will be asked to wear a numbered bib and make themselves and their number known to the timing crews when they first go on the water or when they change kites

Vests

To distinguish Weymouth Speed Week competitors from other people on the water you will be asked to wear a Weymouth Speed Week vest. These will be available from the event office; a £20 refundable deposit will be required.

The Course

The form the competition takes is based on a 500m course with transits at each end. The transits are 'sighted' by those doing the timing either from land or more usually from boats on the water. This flexibility allows the course to be laid in any direction to produce the best conditions for obtaining maximum speeds.

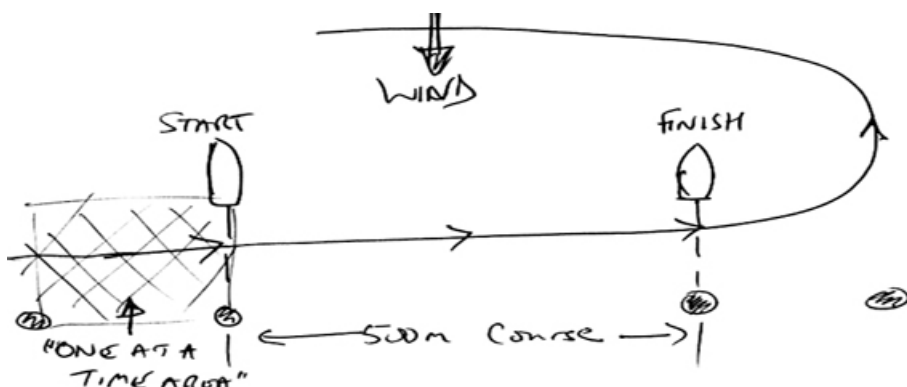
The course is '**one way**' only. At each end of the 500m course a buoy will be positioned 150m away. At the start end this 150m 'lead-in' provides an area in which only one competitor at a time should be, competitors should remain outside of this area until it is their turn to make a speed run. There is no limit to the number of runs that can be made.

Competitors must ensure that they cross the start line at 15-second intervals from other competitors, if simultaneous starts or finishes occur then timed runs will be lost.

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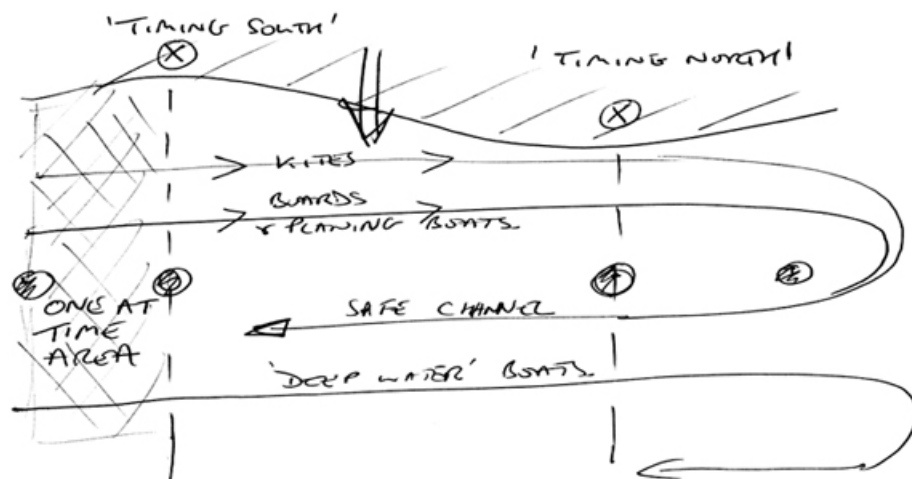
The course is under the direction of the Course Manager by agreement with the Safety Officer who has absolute discretion regarding all aspects of the conduct of the competition.

Boat course



To ensure that the timing crews can observe your start and finish you should sail between the boats and the buoys positioned behind the boats. At the far end competitors should continue to the outer marker buoy 150m beyond the course, they should then tack and make their way upwind of, and well away from, the course ready to make another run.

Shore course



If the shore course is being used with southwesterly winds then when reaching the marker buoy 150m beyond the course you should gybe the buoys will be set such that kite boards, sailboards and planing boats when on the speed course should sail on a line that is between the shore and the buoys. Sailboards should remain aware of the water depth. Those boats that require considerable water depth or have yet to test their controllability should sail well outside of the buoys thus leaving a 'safe channel' just outside of the buoys for other competitors to return to the course start. When on the shore course be aware of other types of sailing craft that may be competing on the course but in deeper or shallower water. This is especially important when starting to make a speed in order to avoid simultaneous starts.

Note: To take maximum advantage of the wind direction the shore course can be set at an angle to the shore. I.e. the course is not necessarily parallel to the beach. The buoys will be positioned along the track of the course; competitors are advised to follow this line.

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Sessions

The course opens at 11:00, 13:00, and 15:00 with each session lasting 90 minutes. These sessions can and will be extended if conditions are especially good. An extension will be signalled by yellow flags –see 'Flags' section below for details. In addition if the forecast and tides look exceptional then an early morning start may be declared.

By operating sessions the competitors and the timing and rescue crews can have a very welcome comfort break. In addition the 30-minute break provides the TV and press an opportunity to talk with competitors. A number of sponsors will be bringing demo equipment and the breaks will be a good time to view and try this. If by changing the angle of the course it is considered that speeds could be improved we will endeavour to accomplish this during the break period. If there are competitors with extreme or experimental craft that require a clear course then by arrangement we will try to provide them the opportunity to complete some runs during the 'break' periods. If the numbers and types of craft and the conditions dictate that we separate competitors for safety reasons then a particular session may be devoted to sailboats and or kites as necessary.

Flags

The meaning of the flags at either end of the course is as follows:

1. A Red flag at each end of the course - the course is closed.
2. Red and yellow flag at one end, green and yellow at the other - the course is open and the direction is from green to red. **Note:** Yellow flags flying in addition to the red and green flags signify that the course will remain open for at least 15 minutes. It is by means of the yellow flags remaining in place beyond 75 minutes from the start of a session that competitors will know that the course remains open beyond a normal session period.
3. When the yellow flags are not flying then the course will close within the next 15 minutes; on the hour, quarter past, half hour or quarter to the hour.

Results

The results are reviewed and approved by the official adjudicator whose decision is final. As Weymouth Speed Week is not controlled by any other organisation or governing body, any decisions taken by the committee are final and not subject to review by third parties. The ISA and UKWA will separately adjudicate any results utilised by these organisations.

Prizes

Once again the Amateur Yacht Research Society has generously donated prizes. These are glass tankards engraved with the date and are presented daily to the fastest boat, the fastest sailboard and the fastest kite rider. In addition sponsors are presenting additional prizes that we believe will include a holiday for two, a windsurfer, clothing, luggage, and sailing equipment.

Feedback

It is our intention to make Weymouth Speed Week an enjoyable World Class event for all who attend. If there is anything that you would like to bring to our attention or a suggestion for improvement then please do talk to any of the organisers.

Photographs

During the week both Dave White of White Boarders and Mark Deverell will be taking photographs. Pictures will be available from Dave and Mark, either speak to them during the week or contact them through their respective web sites www.63pix.com and www.racelines.org

PORTLAND HARBOUR AUTHORITY LIMITED

Portland Harbour Authority Limited as the Harbour Authority
gives the following Direction:

GENERAL DIRECTION

No 1 of 2005

KITE SURFING IN PORTLAND HARBOUR

1. This Direction is given to any person having or taking command, charge, management or conduct for the time being of any surf board or similar vessel powered by a kite. This Direction shall apply in all parts of Portland Harbour and shall apply at all times.
2. Before operating any surfboard or similar vessel powered by a kite in Portland Harbour any person to which this Direction is given must be in possession of a "Permit to Kite Surf", such permit having been issued by the Harbour Authority. Persons wishing to apply for a permit should telephone 01305 824044.
3. A "Permit to Kite Surf" will only be issued to persons holding a British Kite Surfing Association qualification or to persons undergoing training at the Paracademy situated at Blue Water Horizons.
4. Persons issued a "Permit to Kite Surf" must also register with the Paracademy before taking to the water at the commencement of each kite surfing operation.
5. Kite Surfing is not permitted during onshore winds. This is indicated by the flying of a red flag at Ferrybridge.
6. General Direction No 3 of 2002 is hereby revoked.
7. Failure to comply this Direction is an offence and offenders may be prosecuted.

J Davies
Director and Chief Executive
Portland Harbour Authority Limited
01 March 2005

Owners, Operators, Agents, Masters, Yacht Club and recreational sailing organisations are requested that this Direction is made known to all persons that use Portland Harbour

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Itinerary for the Week

Saturday 4th October

- Briefing 09:30
- Course opens 11:00, 13:00 and 15:00 for 90-minute sessions.
- Equipment demo and speed clinic followed by welcome party in the WPNSA Restaurant 18:00

Sunday 5th October

- Briefing 09:30
- Course opens 11:00, 13:00 and 15:00 for 90-minute sessions.
- 18:00 Junior Prize giving.

Monday 6th October

- Welcome & Briefing 09:30
- Course opens 11:00, 13:00 and 15:00 for 90-minute sessions.

Tuesday 7th October

- Briefing 09:30
- Course opens 11:00, 13:00 and 15:00 for 90-minute sessions.
- Evening meal at the WPNSA 19:00 for 19:30. Tickets can be bought from the event office.

Wednesday 8th October

- Briefing 09:30
- Course opens 11:00, 13:00 and 15:00 for 90-minute sessions.
- Amateur Yacht Research Society. Meeting at the Royal Dorset Yacht Club in Weymouth 19:00 for 20:00 all welcome. Individuals are invited to talk for 5 minutes on their chosen topic of interest. The Club has a bar and a small restaurant. Telephone 01305 786258 for a booking. www.rdyc.freeuk.com

Thursday 9th October

- Briefing 09:30
- Course opens 11:00, 13:00 and 15:00 for 90-minute sessions.
- Social evening at the Castle Cove Sailing Club 19:30 for 20:00 (not to be missed!) must be pre-booked. Tickets can be bought from the event office.

Friday 10th October

- Briefing 09:30
- Course opens 11:00, 13:00 and 15:00 for 90-minute sessions.
- 18:00 Grand Prize giving.



The venue: 50 deg 34' 12.05" N 2 deg 27' 10.84" W from 10 miles