



To be held at the

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

Monday 1st October to Sunday 7th October 2007

“Rules of Entry”

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Important Notice to all Competitors

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

Neither the Event Organisers, the Host Club nor any Class Association shall 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.

Note

In an effort to ensure that we can make a prompt start on the Monday morning registration must be completed on-line and payment made before the event.

The total number of competitors is limited to 120 and as this will be oversubscribed, book early to avoid disappointment.

For people who want to camp on the site it is important that arrangements are made with Caroline at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy telephone 01305 866000. Due to limited space camper vans are by appointment only.

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Introduction to Weymouth Speed Week

There has been an enormous resurgence of interest in Speed Sailing. Weymouth Speed Week enjoys the presence of some of the World's best windsurfers, kite boarders and yachtsmen and a record number of competitors. The organisers were pleased to welcome many new sponsors and supporters in 2006. In 2006 the harbour record fell to Nigel Bowley, a kite boarder at 36.85 kts. In 2007 Weymouth Speed Week will again be based at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy – the venue for the 2012 Olympics.

The event is centred on an accurately measured 500-metre 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 last year by Finian Maynard on a sailboard. Or, perhaps more realistically, raise the Weymouth Speed Week Record to over 40 kts.

In the 1970's and 1980's Weymouth Speed Week attracted many thousands of pounds of sponsorship money and competitors attended by invitation. 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. People made their sailing boats available for use as 'course boats' during the week. The effort of all these organisations and individuals has ensured that Weymouth Speed Week survives to be the enjoyable and exciting event that it is today.

The lack of rules provide 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.

With ever increasing controls, costs and commercial pressures we find that in the 2000's to ensure that Weymouth Speed Week continues for all to enjoy we have to move the event from a purely amateur one, to one that is World Class and well funded, our aim is to achieve this without losing the spirit of the event. This we are achieving with the considerable help and goodwill of many people and organisations. This journey isn't complete yet; there are many opportunities for sponsorship and for individuals to provide assistance.

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The Organisers

Chairman	Nick Povey
Timing Co-ordinator	Bob Spagnoletti
Promotions Manager	Pete Davis
Event Co-ordinator & Hon Treasurer	Norman Phillips
Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy	Rosie Julian
A.Y.R.S. representatives	Michael Ellison
Safety Officer	Phil Gollop

Contact details during Weymouth Speed Week

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

Nick Povey	07740 948174
Norman Philips	07763 224585
Pete Davis	07795 183243 (press and related enquiries)
WPNSA Reception	01305 866000
Weymouth & Portland Sailing Academy, Osprey Quay, Portland, DT5 1SA	

Details of the 2007 Event

The event will be based at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy that is located at the Portland end of Chesil Beach on the site of the old naval helicopter base. This is the new purpose built sailing venue that will host the 2012 Olympics.

This year we have Dakine as event sponsor and this has enabled us to invite the International Speed Sailing timing crew to run the shore course for sail and kite boards and for the boats to have a dedicated off shore course. Due to this generous sponsorship it has been possible to set the entry fees for the week at £150 for Boats, Sail and Kite Boards. These charges 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.

This year's event sees major improvements for all competitors with new timing equipment and two courses. In addition 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 9:30 am briefing if appropriate. In addition sponsors are presenting prizes that will include holidays, luggage, clothing and sailing equipment.

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 please contact the organisers.

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 Caroline at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing

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Academy telephone 01305 866000. Due to limited space camper vans are by appointment only.

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. Tickets will be on sale at the registration desk.

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.

To all competitors of old from previous Weymouth Speed Weeks please note that the 2007 event starts on a Monday and finishes on the Sunday.

This year to avoid the difficulty of registering 120 competitors, collecting signed disclaimers and receiving payments and deposits when we would rather be on the water, we are following the success of last year's trial and stipulating that Registration must be completed on-line at www.speedsailing.com/registration/register2007.asp and if desired payment can also be [completed on-line](#), details for payment by cheque can also be found here.

Identifying rash vests will be made available at the briefing in the mornings.

Tickets for the social events will be available from the organisers throughout the week.

The total number of competitors is limited to 120, the event is heavily oversubscribed, it is necessary to book early to avoid disappointment.

We are looking forward to having a great week. All the competitors will be making the effort to demonstrate that Portland Harbour is the premier venue for speed sailing and Weymouth Speed Week is the showplace for wind-powered craft.

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Important Information for Competitors

Insurance

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

Briefing

A daily briefing will be held in the Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy clubhouse each day at 9:30 a.m. Please ensure that you attend.

Safety

If you intend to go on the water ensure that you have adequate protection from the weather. Life jackets or buoyancy aids must be worn at all times when on the water. 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 and rescue boat 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 999. 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 made available during the briefing and from the event office.

The Course

The form the competition takes is based on a 500-metre course with transits at each end. The transits can be 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. When the course is open a green flag will fly at the start end of the course.

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. With a little discipline this problem can be minimised. When returning back to the start of the course, this must be done well downwind of the course. To ensure that the timing crews observe your start you should sail between the boat and the buoy that indicates the start line. The finish can be

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made either side of the boat at the end of the course, thus enabling the competitor to take their best line.

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

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 start may be declared the day before.

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. Red flags at each end of the course - the course is closed.
2. Red flag at one end, green at the other - the course is open and the direction is from green to red.
3. 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.
4. 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.

To aid competitors with visual difficulties we will provide other indications in addition to the coloured flags.

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 have generously donated prizes. These are glass tankards engraved with the date and are presented daily to the fastest boat and the fastest sail and kite board. In addition sponsors are presenting additional prizes that we believe will include holidays, luggage, clothing and sailing equipment. Email newsletters and posters at the event will details these.

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Feedback

It is our intention to make Weymouth Speed Week an enjoyable event for all who attend. To assist us in this aim we will provide 'comment forms' which will be available on the clubhouse bar. If at the end of a day there is anything that you would like to bring to our attention or a suggestion for improvement then please jot it on a form and post this in the box provided.

Photographs

During the week Dave White of White Boarders will be taking photographs. Pictures will be available from Dave; either speak to him during the week or contact him through www.63pix.com

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

Monday 1st October

- Welcome & Briefing 09:30
- Course opens 11:00, 13:00 and 15:00 for 90-minute sessions.
- Drink at the Club House Bar 18:00

Tuesday 2nd October

- Briefing 09:30
- Course opens 11:00, 13:00 and 15:00 for 90-minute sessions.
- Evening meal at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy 19:00 for 19:30 must be pre-booked

Wednesday 3rd 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. The Club has a good bar and small restaurant. Telephone 01305 786258 for a booking. www.rdyc.freeuk.com

Thursday 4th 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.

Friday 5th October

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

Saturday 6th October

- Welcome for Youth Competitors and Briefing 9:30 a.m.
- Course opens 11:00, 13:00 and 15:00 for 90-minute sessions.
- Party at the WPNSA

Sunday 7th October

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



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