

Access Traveller Series

Summary of Main Changes

1. All traveller events **are now open to all sailors** (see Special Rules for Access Dinghies March 2008 rule 7 para e).
 - a. The sailors will indicate on their entry form whether they are entering as a non disabled sailor.
 - b. The prize structure will be that main prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be sailed for by sailors with disabilities only and that an extra consumable prize will be available for any non disabled sailor who achieves overall first place.
 - c. For a broad guidance of what the ACA (UK) accepts as disabled for the purposes of sailing in that class of our racing see Special Rules for Access Dinghies March 2008 rule 7 para f).
 - d. **Please therefore make sure that the person calculating the results REMEMBERS** the following: A Non-disabled sailor cannot win the main 1st, 2nd 3rd place prizes and will only win the Open Class prize if he/she finish in first place overall. That is in front of all disabled and non-disabled sailors in their class.
 - e. A Disabled sailor can win any of the prizes including the Open Prize if they win overall. That is in front of all disabled and non-disabled sailors in their class. This means the main trophies are awarded to the first three boats sailed by disabled sailors.
 - f. I have included this as a note on the Overall Results Form so as to put a second reminder in the system as I believe this is a part of the day's proceedings that could easily be got wrong.
2. The access 303 wide, sailed single handed with a hard seat, will now be ballasted to 100 kg (15st 10lbs)
3. Hoisting Sailors into their boats on time for the race starts has proved a problem at some of our 2007 events so we have included a section on the entry form that will gather information on hoisting needs. This will enable a flow of information to the race officer so he/she can make timing calculations **regarding how long will need to be left between the end of his briefing and the start of the first race**. The briefing checklist lays out our recommendations on this.
4. There are **new checklists** for Race Entry Administration, Management of Jetty/Pontoon and Hoisting, Race Team, Protests and Briefing included in this events pack.
5. **All forms are new**. They are Fleet forms, Ballasting form, Hoisting form, race Timing forms, Overall Results form and Prize giving form. Please use all these as I have tried to put notes and colours on them to remind the users of the information that will be essential to a successful event.
6. The Race Entry Form now gathers information on sailors that need hoisting, non-disabled entrants and need for ballasting. The Race Entry administration team will need to accurately transfer this information to the appropriate forms (all provided in this events pack) and distribute these to the people who will need to know. You will find the details laid out in the Race Entry Administration checklist.
7. Both the **Sailing Instructions and the Special Rules** for Access Dinghies **have changed** so please **do not** use last year's. The new versions are included in this pack.
8. There are **new rules and advice regarding protests**. Please take special note of rule 12 of the Special Rules for Access Dinghies March 2008 and the advice we give in the Protests checklist.

If you have any questions regarding any of the Events Pack contents or any other issues regarding hosting our events please do not hesitate to contact me on 07710 527536.

Many thanks. **Ron Sawford**