

Weymouth Speed Week 2005

To be held at the

Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy

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Introduction to Weymouth Speed Week

Last year saw a resurgence of interest in Speed Sailing and Weymouth Speed Week enjoyed the presence of some of the World's best windsurfers, kite boarders and yachtsmen. For 2005 the organisers are pleased to welcome many new sponsors and supporters. They will be assisting to make 2005 a very special Weymouth Speed Week. This year we will be operating from the new National Sailing Academy – the venue for the 2012 Olympics.

The event is centred on an accurately measured 500-metre course located in Portland Harbour. 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 earlier this year by Finian Maynard on a sailboard. Or, perhaps more realistically break the Weymouth Speed Week Record of 36.18 knots set by Bjorn Dunkerbeck last year.

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 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 efforts of all these organisations and individuals have made Weymouth Speed Week 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, but 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

Organising and Management Committee

Nick Povey
Norman Philips
Bob Spagnoletti
Pete Davis

With the assistance of:

Robert Downhill
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Hon Treasurer Norman Phillips
Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy Sandra Gollop
A.Y.R.S. representatives Fred Ball & Michael Ellison
Course Director Norman Phillips
Safety Officer Phil Gollop
Timing Bob Spagnoletti
Web Site Nick Povey

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
Bob Spagnoletti	07814 312997
Robert Downhill	07860 711127
Norman Philips	07763 224585
Pete Davis	07795 183243 (press and related enquiries)
Sandra/Phil Gollop	01305 860101

Weymouth & Portland Sailing Academy, Osprey Quay, Portland, DT5 1SA

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Details of the 2005 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. Weymouth Speed Week 2005 will be an International event with entrants being welcomed from Germany, France, the Netherlands, Gran Canaries and Austria as well as all parts of the United Kingdom.

The entry fees for the week have been set at £150 for Boats and £100 for 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, radios and surveying equipment, the boats used at each end of the course, rescue cover and the results presented to each competitor as a printed booklet.

There are three prizes each day, 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 this year a number of sponsors are presenting additional prizes these include holidays, luggage and equipment. Posters and leaflets will details these.

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.

Social membership of the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy is available for the week; all visitors must sign the visitor's book at reception.

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 Sandra Gollop of the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy telephone 01305 860101.

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.

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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.

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. The efforts of the many individuals that make Weymouth Speed Week happen each year are entirely voluntary. If during the week you were able to assist then your contribution would be very much appreciated by everyone.

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(s) 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 should 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. This is because the head of the sail twists off and if the numbers are positioned here they are very hard to read, from the timing stations upwind. The maximum sail number used is 999. Sail numbers are on sale at the registration desk. To distinguish Weymouth

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Speed Week competitors from other people on the water you will either be asked to wear a coloured bib or place a 'dot' behind your sail number. These will be available from the registration desk.

The Course(s)

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 should aim to cross the start at 30-second intervals from other competitors, if simultaneous starts occur then timed runs will be lost. With a little discipline no problems should be encountered. When returning back to the start of the course, this should **always** be done **well downwind of the course**. To ensure that the timing crew observe your start you should sail between the boat and the buoy that indicates the start transit line. The finish can be 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.

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 direction is one way from green to red.
3. Green flags at each end of the course - as there is not much wind or traffic timing is being done both ways.
4. A yellow flag flying in addition to the red and green flags signifies there are two courses in operation; a beach course and a harbour course.

Sessions

New for 2005 we are introducing 'sessions' The course will open at 10:00, 12:00 noon, 2:00pm and 4:00pm with each session lasting 90 minutes. This will provide a very welcome 30-minute comfort break for the timing and rescue crews, as well as allow 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 direction 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

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'extreme' craft that require a clear course then by arrange we will endeavour to provide them the opportunity to complete some runs during the 'break' periods.

Results

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 other prizes have been donated, these include holidays, luggage and equipment. These will be detailed on posters and flyers during the event. The results are reviewed and approved by the official adjudicator whose decision is final. As Weymouth Speed Week is not associated with any organisation or governing body, any decisions taken by the committee are final and not subject to review by third parties.

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 endeavour to photograph all of the competitors. He has superb professional equipment, pictures will be available from Dave; either speak to him during the week or contact him through www.63pix.com

Provisional Itinerary for the Week

Friday October 7th

- Dave White and Bjorn Dunkerbeck – Pre-event sailboard master classes.

Saturday October

- Registration from 9:00 am
- On the first day only; the course opens at 11:00, 13:00, 15:00 for 90-minute sessions*.
- Red Bull Party – see posters for details

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Sunday October

- Briefing 9:30 a.m.
- Course opens 10:00, 12:00, 14:00 and 16:00 for 90-minute sessions except the final session that will be 60 minutes*.

Monday October

- Briefing 9:30 a.m.
- Course opens 10:00, 12:00, 14:00 and 16:00 for 90-minute sessions except the final session that will be 60 minutes*.
- Local Tavern from 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday October

- Briefing 9:30 a.m.
- Course opens 10:00, 12:00, 14:00 and 16:00 for 90-minute sessions except the final session that will be 60 minutes*.
- Evening meal at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy 7:00 for 7:30 pm ***must be pre-booked***

Wednesday October

- Briefing 9:30 am
- Course opens 10:00, 12:00, 14:00 and 16:00 for 90-minute sessions except the final session that will be 60 minutes*.
- Amateur Yacht Research Society meeting at the Royal Dorset Yacht Club in Weymouth 7:00 pm for 8:00 pm all welcome. The Club has a good bar and restaurant. Telephone 01305 786258 for a booking.
www.rdyc.freeuk.com

Thursday October

- Briefing 9:30 a.m.
- Course opens 10:00, 12:00, 14:00 and 16:00 for 90-minute sessions except the final session that will be 60 minutes*.
- 'Chilli night' social evening at the Castle Cove Sailing Club 7:30 for 8:00 pm ***must be pre-booked***

Friday October

- Briefing 9:30 am
- Course opens 10:00, 12:00, 14:00 and 16:00 for 90-minute sessions except the final session that will be 60 minutes*.
- End of Speed Week dinner at Vaughan's new restaurant beside Weymouth Harbour ***must be pre-booked***

**Course times may be modified to suit weather and tide conditions.*