



**DRAYCOTE**  
~ **WATER** ~  
**SAILING CLUB**

## 2017 Inland Championships – Draycote Water

# NOTICE OF RACE

## 27th and 28th May 2017

### 1. Organising Authority

1.1 The organising authority is Draycote Water Sailing Club under the authority of the National School Sailing Association. The event will be based at Draycote Water Sailing Club.

### 2. Rules

2.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the relevant classes except as changed by the sailing instructions, and the sailing instructions. Appendix P will be used but P2.1 will apply to all penalties. RRS 61 is altered and boats intending to protest must inform the committee boat of their intention. RRS 41 will not apply to the Rookie Fleet.

2.2 Competitors should note that the NSSA implements the RYA Racing Charter and competitors will be expected to sail in compliance with the Charter which can be found at the front of the RYA Rule Book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020). If the Exoneration Penalty and Advisory Hearing of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures is to be used, details will be posted on the official Notice board.

### 3. Classes to race

3.1 Entries will be accepted for the following fleets:

Laser Radial Fleet Class racing. (Laser 4.7 and Standard will sail in the Handicap Fleet)

Topper Fleet Class racing. (Toppers using the 4.2 rigs will sail in Handicap Fleet)

Handicap Fleet General Handicap racing

(A class of more than ten boats within the Handicap fleet will be scored separately).

Rookie Fleet – Novice sailors. (Intention is a single start)

*There will be a separate course area and racing schedule for Rookies who will be competitors in their first season of racing who have never raced outside of their own club. Classes will be restricted to a PY of 1220 and above and spinnakers may not be used (three sail PY's will be adjusted). Outside assistance will be permitted from race officials & support boats (RRS 41 will not apply to this fleet) Entries for the Rookie fleet may be scaled down if the number and range of boats exceeds the safe control of racing areas and resources available*

### 4. Conditions of entry

4.1 The event is open to any competitor who is under 19 years of age on the 31 August in the year of the event. The competitor must also be an individual member of the National School Sailing Association.

4.2 All entrants shall complete an entry form and a declaration form, which must be signed by their parent/guardian. Entry Fees are set as £25 for Singlehanders and £35 for Crewed. Entry on the Day will be £35 and £45 respectively.

4.3 Parents/Guardians will be responsible for competitors under the age of 18 at all times.

### 5. Times of registration

5.1 Registration will be open from 09:30 hrs on Saturday 27th May



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### **6. Schedule of Races**

- 6.1 The warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 11.57. Up to four races may be sailed on Saturday.
- 6.2 The warning signal for the first race on Sunday is scheduled for 09.57. A maximum of four races may be sailed on this day. No race will be started after 15.00 on Sunday.
- 6.3 The Rookie fleet will sail on a separate course and may complete up to 14 races.

### **7. Advertising**

- 7.1 The organising authority may require boats to carry advertising as per World Sailing Regulation 20

### **8. Equipment and measurement checks**

- 8.1 Measurement Certificates will not be required, but all boats must conform to the spirit of their class rules. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time.

### **9. Time and place at which Sailing Instructions will be available.**

- 9.1 Sailing Instructions may be available at registration and hosted on the NSSA website.

### **10. Scoring**

- 10.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if four or more races have been completed. A minimum of one race is required for a valid series.
- 10.2 Handicap numbers will be as published on the RYA Website and new classes with trial numbers may be subject to revision during the series. Handicap fleet results will be based on average lap times. Class prizes will be based on extracted results.

### **11. Safety Regulations**

- 11.1 Competitors must wear a wetsuit or drysuit together with adequate (closed cell foam) personal buoyancy at all times when afloat. Wetsuits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.
- 11.2 All boats are advised to carry an adequate painter (for towing) at all times when afloat.

### **12. Briefing**

- 12.1 There will be a competitors briefing at 10.45 hrs on the Saturday in the clubhouse.
- 12.3 There will be a separate briefing for the Rookie fleet soon after the main briefing.

### **13. Replacement of crew**

- 13.1 Only the helm (and crew) named on the entry form will be eligible. If a different helm (or crew) completes a race in the same boat, then they will be considered a separate entry. In two person boats the crew may take over the helm for a short period in exceptional circumstances.

### **14. Coach and Support boats**

- 14.1 Coach and Support boats will not be permitted.



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### 15. Prizes

15.1 The following trophies may be awarded:

Topper Class - Oxford Trophy.

Laser Radial Class - Carnac Laser Trophy.

Handicap Fleet - Oxford Bell.

Rookie class Burning Ambition Trophy

15.2 Further prizes may be awarded at the organisers discretion.

### 16. Risk Statement

16.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone” Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that.

16.1.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

16.1.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

16.1.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

16.1.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

16.1.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

16.1.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

16.1.7 Each participating boat is required to hold adequate insurance against third party claims.

### 17. Further information

17.1 The Event Information Sheets and the Parent / Guardian Declaration Forms have been published on the NSSA website ([www.NSSA.org.uk](http://www.NSSA.org.uk)) The Sailing Instructions will also be published on the website nearer the event.