



## Notice of Race (NoR)

### Wayfarer National Circuit and Travellers Series event

*Sponsored by*

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and*

### Wanderer Class Owners Association 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary regatta

**5th & 6th April 2025**

The organising authority is  
Datchet Water Sailing Club,  
Queen Mother Reservoir, Horton Road, Slough, Berks. SL3 9NT

#### **Notation**

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1  
[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 – 2028* and relevant class rules.
- 1.2 The by-laws of Datchet Water Sailing Club shall apply to all competitors and support persons and to all craft afloat. These can be found <https://www.dwsc.co.uk/club-terms-and-policies/club-rules>

#### **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be posted on the Open Meeting Racing section of the website and in the Club Wet Bar. Any supplementary sailing instructions will also be posted on the website and in the Club Wet Bar. The web page link is [Datchet Water Sailing Club](https://www.dwsc.co.uk/club-terms-and-policies/club-rules)
- 2.2 If changes are made to the published sailing instructions during the event Flag Lima will be flown ashore.

#### **3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board will be located within the Wet Bar in the DWSC Clubhouse.

3.2 The race office can be contacted at the club office ([01753 683872](tel:01753683872)) or by email [sailing@dwsc.co.uk](mailto:sailing@dwsc.co.uk).

3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency or where used in relation to GPS tracking facilities, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

#### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The regatta is open to all Wayfarer Class and Wanderer Class boats. To be eligible for prizes the competitor must be a current member of the Wanderer Class Association or the UK Wayfarer Association and hold a valid measurement certificate.

4.2 Eligible boats can enter by completing the online registration form and submitting it, together with the required fee, via the DWSC website event page [Datchet Water Sailing Club](#)

4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.4 A boat wishing to substitute a helm or crew after registration shall make a prior written request to the race committee to do so. The decision to permit or deny such request shall be entirely at the discretion of the race committee. This request should be given to the Race Office.

4.5 Entries will be accepted up to 11:00hrs on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

#### 5 FEES

5.1 The entry fees will be as follows for each boat:

- £40 for visiting Wayfarers
- £40 for visiting Wanderers, £30 of which is reimbursable by the Wanderer Class Association upon application
- £20 for DWSC members

6-8 NoR Sections 6 to 8 are not used.

#### 9 SCHEDULE

9.1 On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April, registration of arrival will take place in the clubhouse between 0900hrs and 1100hrs

9.2 A race briefing is scheduled for 1030hrs on Saturday. This will occur in or next to the clubhouse as communicated on the day.

9.3 Six races are intended for the series, with three races sailed on Saturday and three races sailed on Sunday.

9.4 The race committee may, at their sole discretion, alter the number of races sailed in each day but may not sail more than four races on either day.

9.5 It is intended that on the Saturday there shall be one race in the morning then two races back-to-back in the afternoon. Races on Sunday will be sailed back-to-back.

9.6 The scheduled time of the first warning signal will be **1127** on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April and **1027** on

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

- 9.7 On the last scheduled day of racing, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April, no warning signal will be made after 1500hrs.

## 10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [NP]

- 10.1 All boats shall display on their mainsails their own sail number with which they were entered, except by prior permission of the Race Committee.
- 10.2 Each boat shall be fully equipped with sufficient buoyancy to enable it to float and to support its crew if capsized or holed (DWSC By-law).
- 10.3 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## 11 CLOTHING and EQUIPMENT [NP]

- 11.1 RRS 40.1 (wearing of personal Flotation Device) will always apply whilst afloat, on the pontoons, or near the water's edge.
- 11.2 A full wetsuit or a drysuit with suitable underclothing must be worn while afloat between 1st November and 30th April. (DWSC By-law)

## 12 VENUE

- 12.1 The race area will be a specified area on the Queen Mother Reservoir.

## 13 COURSES

- 13.1 The courses and racing marks will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

This will be covered in the Sailing Instructions.

## 15 SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Points Scoring System set out in RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 15.2 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.3

Number of Races Sailed	Total Number of Worst Scores excluded (Discards)
0 - 3	0
4 - 6	1

## 16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 [NP] Support Person Vessels will not be permitted.

## 17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

17.1 A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

## 18 BERTHING

18.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.

18.2 [DP] **Invasive Species:** In accordance with Environment Agency guidelines and to prevent the spread of invasive species, DWSC is adhering to the CHECK CLEAN DRY principle. Please make sure your boat has been clean and dry for 2 days prior to your arrival and is washed and dried before returning to other venues. A wash station is available on the exit ramp from the club.

19/20 NoR sections 19 & 20 are NOT USED

## 21 DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.
- 21.2 In order to manage the event, information provided by competitors will be held on a database. The management of personal information and images will comply with the General Data Protection Regulations.

## 22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) 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.
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own

actions or omissions.

- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- (e) 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.
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention on any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any briefing held for the event.

## 23 INSURANCE

23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## 24 PRIZES

Prizes will be covered in the Sailing Instructions.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1 Datchet Water Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and competitors are expected to sail in accordance with this charter. This can be found at the start of the RYA Rule Book or from [www.rya.org.uk/racingrules](http://www.rya.org.uk/racingrules)

25.2 The use of anchors at the reservoir is prohibited due to the installed aeration system. Boats are therefore not required to carry anchors.

25.3 Site opening and closing times are available on the club website.

25.4 **Reservoir perimeter:** Note that entering the perimeter of the reservoir beyond the club boundaries is not permitted

25.5 **No Dogs** are allowed on site – excluding guide dogs/assistance dogs

25.6 **No overnight Camping** or campervanning is available for this event

25.7 **No Vehicles** to be left on site over night

25.8 **Saturday evening pub venue;** The Ostrich in Colnbrook

25.9 **Accommodation.** The holiday Inn London Heathrow T5 is the nearest main hotel and is walkable to and from the evening pub venue. There are various guest houses and Airbnb in the area.

Further information can be obtained through the club website or the following contact details.

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Office [01753683872](tel:01753683872)

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