

Comet Open Sailing Event



1. Rules.

Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing [RRS 2013-2016](#), the prescription of the RYA and the rules of appropriate class associations, except where changed by these sailing instructions or by specific instructions of the race officer prior to the start of a race.

2 Entries

Eligible boats may be entered by registration on the race form prior to the race and payment of fee where required. Eligibility requirements for boats are boats: entered by members of RYA affiliated clubs having third party insurance for at least £3,000,000 and appropriate class certificate.

All persons on the water must wear approved lifejackets or buoyancy aid. No boats may sail on the reservoir unless a manned powered safety boat is in attendance.

3 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the white board in the clubhouse.

4 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board at least 30 minutes prior to the start or communicated orally to each competitor entered.

5 The race schedule will be displayed on the notice board.

6 The racing area is the whole reservoir a diagram of which is displayed on the course board. The racing marks are marked on this diagram and are a series of buoys around the reservoir marked 1 to 4, B, E and L. Additional temporary marks may be used.

7 The Course.

The course will be indicated by a series of boards displayed on the wall of the race hut. Marks indicated by their number on a green background must be passed on the starboard side and those with a red background on the port side.

8 Starting and Finishing line

The start line may be a transit from the start hut to an outer distance mark, or be between a committee boat and a designated mark. The start line will be defined on a board on the side of the race hut.

9 The Start

Rules 26 and 29 will be applied with the warning signal 5 minutes before the start.

10 Shortening Course

The course may be shortened by the race officer when he deems it necessary. A shortened course will be signalled as soon as is practicable when the leading boat is on the last leg of the shortened course. This will be signified by the S flag and by 2 sound signals.

12 Protests

Protests shall be made on the forms provided and delivered to the race officer within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing.

13 Scoring

Scoring will be by the low point system as defined in rule A4 with A9 replacing A4.2. There will be 3 races 2 to count.

In the event of a tie the result shall be decided in accordance with rule A8.

14 Disclaimer of liability

Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for competitors to decide whether their boat and its helm and crew are fit to sail in the conditions that they might find. By launching competitors confirm their boat is fit for those conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the event. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the owners and competitors of their responsibility.

Cransley Sailing Club takes no liability for damage or loss of boats, equipment or personal belongings.

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