



Notice of Race  
for the  
Winter Warm UP Series  
On 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>  
February 2010

Organised by Datchet Water Sailing Club, (the Organising Authority) at Queen Mother Reservoir,  
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**1. The Rules**

Racing will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the RYA, this Notice of Race (except as any of these are changed by the sailing instructions), and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of there being a conflict between the notice of race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

**2. Conditions of Entry**

- 2.1 The Series is open to the following classes and such other classes as Datchet Water Sailing Club may approve.  
29er, 420, 49er, B14, Blaze, Buzz, Cadet, Contender, Dart 18, Europe, Fireball, Flying Fifteen, Formula 18 Cats, Hobie 16, Hobie FX1, Hurricane 5.9, ISO, Laser, Laser 2, Laser 4000, Musto Skiff, RS Vision, RS200, RS300, RS400, RS500, RS600, RS700, RS800, Stealth, Spitfire, Topper and Wayfarer.
- 2.2 To be eligible to enter the series or any race in the series, Competitors must either:
- be paid up members of Datchet Water Sailing Club and have completed the relevant entry form: or,
  - have completed the relevant entry form for an Open Meeting and paid the entry fee
- 2.3 All sailors under 18 must produce a completed Parent / Guardian consent and declaration form. Without a completed form, sailors aged under 18, will NOT be allowed to complete registration or take part in the series.

**3. Responsibility and Disclaimer**

- 3.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 3.2. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going afloat, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 3.3. The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000.
- 3.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters.
- 3.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.
- 3.6. The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph.

**4 Entry Fee**

The Entry fees (for non-members of Datchet Water Sailing Club) which include boat parking or wet mooring for the month of February will be:

	<b>Paid on or before 24 January 2010</b>	<b>Paid after 24 January 2010</b>
Single handed boat	£35.00	£37.50
All other boats	£50.00	£55.00
Junior (under 18 on 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2010) single handed	£25.00	£27.50
Junior all other boats	£30.00	£35.00

## 5. Entry Procedure

Competitors may enter (i) in advance by downloading the entry form and forwarding it with the appropriate fee to the Club at the address above, or (ii) on 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> February 2009 from 09.00 but no later than 10.30 on 14<sup>th</sup> February. Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto will be issued on registration.

## 6. Provisional Schedule of Races

- 6.1 8 races are scheduled. It is the intention that 2 races will be sailed back to back each day, but the Race Committee may in its absolute discretion sail more than 2 races on any one day.
- 6.2 The starts, classes, courses to be sailed, start flags and number of laps will set out in the sailing instructions.
- 6.3 The Race Committee may in its absolute discretion allocate any class, permitted to enter the Series, to a particular start.

## 7. Scoring System

- 7.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 7.2 When 3 or less races are completed all races shall count. When 4, 5 or 6 races are completed, there will be 1 discard; when 7 or 8 races are sailed there will be 2 discards.
- 7.3 Members of Datchet Water Sailing Club who undertake a club duty will be awarded average points of all races they started for the race or races they missed because of the club duty. This will be indicated by scoring code OOD in the published results.
- 7.4 Points for race ties will not be divided. This changes Appendix A7.
- 7.5 The race committee may, in their absolute discretion:
- ..... Vary any handicap rating;
  - ..... Allocate a rating to any class not listed in YR2 or SCHR system.

## 8. Prizes

- 8.1 Prizes will be awarded:
- for any class with 6 or more boats entered by 10:30 AM on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2009 provided that a minimum of 6 boats of that class started 50% of the races sailed in the series;
  - in respect of classes with less than 6 or more boats, for the overall handicap within each of the designated starts.
- 8.2 The number of prizes in each category will be the square root, rounded up, of the number of entries in each class or of the number of handicap entries in each start.

## 9. Handicaps

- 9.1 Handicap ratings will be as published in the current edition of RYA YR2 except that the Race Committee may in their absolute discretion vary any handicap rating and/or allocate a rating to any class not listed in RYA YR2
- 9.2 ISAF Small Cat handicap system (SCHRS) will be used for Catamarans, except that the penalty for the use of carbon masts will not apply. Competitors must declare the SCHRS rating under which they propose to race on the entry form, and also declare any change before sailing the race concerned. Any competitor sailing under a rating different to that declared may be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 9.3 The race committee may, in their absolute discretion:
- ..... Vary any handicap rating;
  - ..... Allocate a rating to any class not listed in YR2 or SCHRS system.

## 10. Equipment or measurement checks

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. Official boats**

Official boats will not be marked.

**12. Radio communication**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

**13. Rights to use name and likeness**

By participating in the Series, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any (still) motion picture, live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the competitors and its material, during the period he/she participates in the Series without compensation.