

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Notice of Race</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">For the</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Laser Thames Valley Open</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">on</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>24<sup>th</sup> October 2009</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Organised by Datchet Water Sailing Club at Queen Mother Reservoir Horton Road, Slough, SL3 9NT</b></p>	

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**1. The Rules**

Racing will take place under the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of the RYA, and the Sailing Instructions of the Datchet Water Sailing Club. If there is conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, then the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

**2. Conditions of Entry**

Entry is open to any competitor who is a member of the UK Laser Class Association. The race committee may require proof of membership.

**3. Responsibility**

- 3.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither the sailing instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management.
- 3.2 The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races.
- 3.3 It shall be the sole responsibility of those sailing each boat to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.
- 3.4 Boats shall be insured for a minimum of £2,000,000 Third Party Liability.

**4. Entry Fee**

The Entry fee for all competitors will be £15.

**5. Entry Procedure**

- 5.1 Competitors may enter (i) in advance by down loading the entry form from the DWSC website <http://www.dwsc.co.uk/> and forwarding it with the appropriate fee to the Club at the address above, or (ii) from 10:00 hrs on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2009. Sailing Instructions will be issued on registration.
- 5.2.1 All boats shall have a valid measurement certificate which may be required to be shown on registration.

**6. Schedule of Races**

- 6.1 4 races are scheduled, of which 1 must be completed to constitute a series.
- 6.2 The warning signal for Race 1 on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2009 will be not before 10:55 hrs.

6.3 The courses that may be sailed and how they are indicated to competitors will be set out in the sailing instructions.

**7. Scoring System**

7.1 The Low Points Scoring System set out in RRS Appendix A will apply.

7.2 Points for race ties will not be divided. This changes Appendix A7

7.3. 1 race must be completed to constitute a valid series.

7.4 The following discards will apply:

- If fewer than 3 races are sailed, no discard will be allowed;
- If 3 or more races are sailed, 1 discard will be allowed

**8. Support Boats**

Support boats are not allowed.

**9. Safety**

The Sailing Instructions will require all competitors to wear adequate personal flotation devices at all times while racing. Neither a wetsuit nor a drysuit constitute adequate personal flotation devices. This changes Rule 40.

**10. Marketing and Promotion**

Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.