



## **START OF SEASONS**

DATCHET WATER SAILING CLUB

WASP UK CLASS ASSOCIATION

29-30 MARCH 2025

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.*

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

### **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available on the Official Noticeboard prior to the first day of the event.

### **3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The online Official Noticeboard (ONB) is located at <https://racehub.waszp.com/eventdetail/487>.
- 3.2 A WhatsApp group may be used for unofficial communication: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/J2AxkOtuZFW7tPr2b2oG5q>
- 3.3 Boats shall carry a tracking device where requested by the Organising Authority. The device will be supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 3.4 [DP] The Tracking device shall be used in accordance with the instructions contained in the event Sailing Instructions.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the WASZP class.
- 4.2 All competitors shall be a member of the WASZP UK Class Association. Membership can be purchased at <https://racehub.waszp.com/memberships>.
- 4.3 Boats may enter by registering online at <https://racehub.waszp.com/eventdetail/487>.
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Entry closes on 22 March 2025. Late entries may be considered at the discretion of the Organising Authority. To request late entry contact [class@waszp.com](mailto:class@waszp.com).

## 5 FEES

- 5.1 Before 15 March 2025, the entry fee is £60. From 15 March 2025, the entry fee is £75. *Note: entry includes dinner on Saturday night and a debrief session from class coach Ross Harvey.*
- 5.2 Cancellations received before 22 March 2025 will receive a full refund minus 3.5% to cover merchant fees. Cancellations from 22 March 2025 will not receive a refund.

## 6 CREW LIMITATIONS

In accordance with the class rules.

## 7 ADVERTISING [NP] [DP]

If requested by the Organising Authority, boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

## 8 EVENT FORMAT

- 8.1 All rigs will race in a single fleet on the same rating.
- 8.2 Racing may consist of Course racing, NASCAR racing and Sprint racing.

## 9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 The table below outlines the provisional event schedule:

Date	Activity	Time
29 March	Competitor Briefing	1030
	Racing	1200
	Dinner and Debrief	~1830

<b>30 March</b>	Call your mothers for Mother's Day Racing	Immediately 1030
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- 9.2 Any format of racing may be sailed on any day.
- 9.3 A maximum of six Course races may be sailed on one day.
- 9.4 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

## **10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 10.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the *rules*.
- 10.2 The penalty for infringement of a class rule may be less than disqualification.

## **11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**

In accordance with the class rules.

## **12 VENUE**

- 12.1 The event will be held at Datchet Water Sailing Club, Queen Mother Reservoir, Horton Road, Horton, Berkshire, SL3 9NT.
- 12.2 The racing areas will be the Queen Mother Reservoir.

## **13 COURSES**

- 13.1 The courses will be described in the SIs.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 and P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## **15 SCORING**

- 15.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 15.2 All race formats will count towards the championship.
- (a) The final ranking of each Sprint Racing series will count as a single race in the overall championship.
- 15.3 The series will be scored as follows:
- (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 4 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

- (c) When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **16 SUPPORT VESSELS**

- 16.1 Support vessels are prohibited at this event, except for the class-supplied coach.

## **17 BERTHING**

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

## **18 DATA PROTECTION**

The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the *rules*), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the *rules*, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

## **19 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS**

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.

## **20 RISK STATEMENT**

- 20.1 Rule 3 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.'
- 20.2 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:
  - (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 organizer 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 in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitor briefing held for the event.

## **21 INSURANCE**

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

## **22 PRIZES**

- 22.1 Prizes will be awarded for the following positions. Ages are taken as of 31 December 2025:

- Top 3 men
- Top 3 women
- Age group winners: Junior (U19), Youth (U21), Core (21-29), Master (30-49), Super Master (50+)
- Winners of rig divisions

## **23 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact [class@waszp.com](mailto:class@waszp.com).