



**OSPREY MIDLAND & WELSH CHAMPIONSHIP 2018
BLITHFIELD SAILING CLUB
NOTICE OF RACE**

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The event is to be held at Blithfield Sailing Club.
- 1.2 The date of the event is 28th & 29th April 2018.
- 1.3 This event is organised by Blithfield Sailing Club on behalf of the Osprey Class Association.
- 1.4 Competitors should note that Blithfield Sailing Club supports the RYA Racing Charter (<http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/RacingCharter.aspx>) & that, when entering, competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter.
- 1.5 Any changes to this Notice of Race will be posted on the Blithfield SC website (<http://www.blithfield.org.uk>) not less than 23:59 on the Thursday immediately prior to the event.

2 THE RACE SERIES

- 2.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of Blithfield Sailing Club, the Sailing Instructions, this Notice of Race and the rules of the Class Association.
- 2.2 The number of races is indicative only and will depend upon weather conditions.
- 2.3 Registration will be on arrival at Blithfield Sailing Club.
- 2.4 Entries forms must be submitted with the £30.00 fee (cash or cheque only) before racing.
- 2.5 Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.
- 2.6 There will be a briefing for competitors in the vicinity of the clubhouse not more than 45 minutes before the proposed first start.

3 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 3.1 Saturday - 3 races, the warning signal for Race 1 will not be before 12:55hrs. Races 2 & 3 to follow.
- 3.2 Sunday - 2 races, the warning signal for Race 4 will not be before 09:55hrs and race 5 will follow.

4 CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 All boats entered must hold valid class registration certificates with current buoyancy endorsements where applicable.
- 4.2 Helms must be bona fide members of the Class Association but may join at registration on the day of the event.

5 RESTRICTION AND CONDITIONS OF SAILING

- 5.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." 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 this.
- 5.2 Responsibility – 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.
- 5.3 Competence – It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail or continue to sail in the prevailing conditions. By launching, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 5.4 Class requirements – All boats, crew and equipment must comply with the measurement and sailing requirements of the Class Association.
- 5.5 Insurance – The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular hold insurance against third part claims to the sum of at least £2,000,000.
- 5.6 Organisers responsibility – 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 event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer and patrol boats.

- 5.7 Patrol boats – The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.
- 5.8 Inspections – Class association membership, measurement certificates or boats may be inspected before or after any race at the discretion of the Principle Race Officer (PRO), who may stop a competitor from entering or racing if the PRO considers an inspection unsatisfactory. An inspection does not absolve the boat owner or sailors of any of their responsibilities set out above.
- 5.9 Minors – All competitors under the age of 18 years at the time of the event are required to complete a parental declaration, signed by their parent or guardian.
- 5.10 Boat Wash – All visiting boats and launching trolleys must be washed with disinfectant/water before proceeding to the beach.
- 5.11 Personal floatation devices - must be worn at all times when afloat. (RRS 40 is amended.)

6 SCORING SYSTEM

- 6.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 6.2 A minimum of 2 races will be sailed to constitute the event. When 3 or more races are sailed one discard will be allowed.

7 SHARING AND CHANGING CRAFT

- 7.1 *Change of helm* – A change of helm is classified as a new entry.
- 7.2 *Change of craft* – Any change in craft should be notified to the PRO in writing before sailing. Points earned in the former craft will be retained.

8 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- 8.1 The Blithfield Open Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner and will remain the property of Blithfield Sailing Club.
- 8.2 The maximum number of prizes to be awarded will be the square root of the number of qualifiers. (rounded down)

9 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

- 9.1 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. They also allow their names, age category, club and boat details to be displayed in competitors lists prior to the event and in results, on the Blithfield Sailing Club website and in other publications.

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End of Notice of Race.

None Racing Matters

Free camping will be available adjacent to the club house on Friday & Saturday night. Anyone wishing to arrive on Friday night should contact the Club to make arrangements. (see below)
There will be food & beverages available in the clubhouse throughout the regatta.

A Hog Roast will be served on Saturday night.

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+Please see www.blithfield.org.uk (Location / Local Accommodation) for information on local accommodation and directions to the Club (please refer to this and do not follow 'satnav' for final stage of your journey)

Visitors are welcome to join club races on Sunday.