



## RS700 & RS800 Open Meeting 2022

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Sponsored by/Supported by Rooster

Oxford Sailing Club, Gate 3, Farmoor Reservoir, Cumnor Road, OX2 9NS

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Oxford Sailing Club in conjunction with the RS Class Association.

**This event will count in the Rooster National Tour.**

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(a).

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be issued for this event.
- 1.3 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 31, 33, 35, 44.1, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in this notice of race or in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

#### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The RS Class Association standard sailing instructions are available at <https://rs-association.com>
- 2.2 The event Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be available at [www.oxfordsailing.club](http://www.oxfordsailing.club)

#### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official noticeboard is located in the main corridor or the sailing club.
- 3.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

#### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the RS700 and RS800 classes.
- 4.2 Helm must be a member and crew must be either a member or crew member of the RS Class Association.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form at <https://rs-association.com> You will be asked to register contact details and log in. Please make arrangements to pay your invoice immediately after you register. Invoice viewable when you are logged in – use the invoice number when you pay by BACS.

- 4.4 To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Any competitors aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form. This can be downloaded from the RS Class Association websites and should be completed and handed in at registration.
- 4.6 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committee, subject to the payment of a late entry surcharge.
- 4.7 The Organising Authority may cancel the event, cancel classes and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.
- 4.8 Should the Organising Authority cancel a class or reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee in full.
- 4.9 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event within 36 hours prior to the scheduled start of race 1 any refunds will be at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.

## 5 FEES

Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Early entry fee until 19th May	Standard Fee
RS700	£30.00	£35.00
RS800	£30.00	£35.00

## 6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply.

## 7 ADVERTISING

[DP] [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

## 8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

## 9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Registration: Online in advance or Saturday 20th May 10:00 to 12:00hrs
- 9.2 Briefing – A briefing will be held at 12:00hrs on Saturday 20th May in the Clubhouse main room.
- 9.3 Racing:
 

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Races 1 to 3, back-to-back
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Races 4 to 6, back-to-back
- 9.4 Six races are scheduled.
- 9.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May is 12:55hrs. The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May is 10:25hrs.
- 9.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:00

## **10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

Boats may be inspected at any time.

## **11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**

RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

## **12 VENUE**

The Sailing Area will be Farmoor 2 Reservoir.

## **13 COURSES**

The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward. Details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

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

14.2 The Post Race Penalty and the RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the official notice board for details. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

## **15 SCORING**

15.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

## **16 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

16.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

16.2 When the engine of a support vessel is running, all support persons on that vessel, shall wear a personal flotation device and the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.

## **17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

Does not apply.

## **18 BERTHING**

[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

## **19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Does not apply.

## **20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Does not apply.

## **21 DATA PROTECTION**

The Data Processing Policy is available on the class website.

## **22 RISK STATEMENT**

22.1 RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone".

Sailing by its nature is 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 organiser 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 or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

## 22.2 [NP] [DP] COVID Statement

By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the venue/OA/sailing club COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to be unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

## 23 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 Pounds Sterling per incident or the equivalent.

## 24 PRIZES

Prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries and at the discretion of the Race Committee, in each class as follows:

First, Second and Third

## 25 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact [www.oxfordsailing.club](http://www.oxfordsailing.club)

## END OF NOTICE OF RACE

### Arriving At Farmoor Reservoir (Gate 3):

- For **biosecurity** if you are coming from fresh water, **please wash your boat down** using the pressure washers on the left-hand side of the car park. Please repeat this when you leave to prevent invasive species travelling to your home water (this is a Thames Water request).
- **Unloading your boat:** As large numbers are expected and space at reservoir level is very limited, please pull your boat on its trolley manually up the ramp from the car

park. Use the road that runs at the back of the clubhouse. Cars and trailers should be returned to the main car park. Roadways and footpaths around the reservoir must be kept clear at all times to allow unrestricted movement around the site. Car parking is currently free, only because the ticket machines are not operating.

- **Boats Arriving Friday Evening:** Trailers may be left in the car park overnight at the owner's risk, but no cars, camping or campervans (but <https://www.valleyfarmcampsite.com/> is round the corner). Gates will be locked at dusk and open at 08:00.

### **On site**

- **The Changing Rooms** are open. Please leave fans on to allow maximum air-changes.
- **The Waterside Café** is open from 09:30 to 17:00 on Saturday, 09:00 to 16:00 on Sunday for hot food and drinks. The bar will be open to members and event competitors after the race.
- **Hand sanitiser** will be available at entrances.
- **Dogs** are permitted **only** at car park level – do not bring them up the ramp to the reservoir. There is a long countryside walk around the reservoir perimeter starting in the SE corner.
- The use of **drones** is prohibited at the reservoir.
- Every attendee of the Oxford Sailing Club site (includes the whole of the Thames Water Farmoor site) must understand and adhere to the current restrictions in place as detailed on the UK Government website <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
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### **Club contact:**

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