

# Chelmarsh Sailing Club

## Hampton Loade, Bridgnorth, Shropshire

*RS Aero Open Meeting - Saturday 19th June 2021*

### **NOTICE OF RACE AND COVID PROTOCOLS**

#### **1. Organising authority**

The Organising Authority is Chelmarsh Sailing Club (CSC).

#### **2. Rules**

The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

#### **3. Sailing Instructions**

Sailing Instructions have been sent to and published by the Class Association but will also be available at the pre-race briefing.

#### **4. Communications during the event**

All communications during the event will be made orally. There will not be an official notice board. This is to reduce the risk of any non-compliance with social distancing requirements.

#### **5. Eligibility**

The event is open to all boats of the RS Aero class. Competitors must be members of the RS Aero Class Association and must comply with the RS Aero Class rules.

The parents/guardians of any sailors under the age of 18 years at the time of the event are required to remain on the CSC site throughout the event and are responsible for the sailor throughout the event.

#### **6. Entries and registration**

Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and registering on the CSC website. The event will be limited to 30 competitors.

There will be no facility to enter the event on site. The event entry will also be the event registration.

To be considered an entry for the event, a boat shall complete all entry/ registration requirements and pay all fees by the time of the pre-race briefing.

The entry fee for the event is £20 which will include breakfast, sandwich lunch and hot drinks throughout the day.

#### **7. Invasive species**

Boats that have been launched at locations other than Chelmarsh Sailing Club in the 48 hours before the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race may not be sailed at Chelmarsh. This is to prevent the transmission of invasive species, which is best

achieved by boats being cleaned and dried for 48 hours before launching at a new location.

## **8. Schedule**

CSC gates will open from 8.00 am. Breakfast will be available from 9.30 am or thereabouts.

There will be a pre-race briefing for competitors no earlier than 10:30 hours, immediately prior to launching.

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 11:10 hours for an 11:15 start. The intended times of the warning signals for subsequent races will be communicated at the pre-race briefing.

The prize giving will follow as soon as possible after the final race.

## **9. Number of races**

It is intended to run 4 races. However, the number of races will depend on weather conditions.

## **10. Racing Area and course**

The racing area and the method of communicating the course will be explained during the pre-race briefing.

## **11. Scoring**

The event will be scored as provided in Appendix A of The Racing Rules of Sailing. A boat's event score shall be the total of her race scores from the event excluding her worst score.

When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's event score will be the total of her race scores.

## **12. Rights to Use Names and Likenesses**

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 all media 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 Chelmarsh Sailing Club website and in other subsequent publications.

## **13. Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded on the day in relation to the number of entries and the organisation of the races. The organisers reserve the right to decide eligibility of prizes and take into account the size of each fleet.

## **14. Coaches & Supporters**

No coach or support boats will be permitted. Coaches & supporters accompanying competitors are required to comply with the principles of good sportsmanship and behaviour, the rules of CSC and the RS Aero dinghy class. Failure to do so may result in investigation by the regatta organisers, and potentially in an instruction to leave the premises of CSC, disqualification, etc.

## **15. Safety**

Personal flotation must be worn by anyone going onto the beach, pontoons, launching ramps or the water.

## **16. Risk statement**

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. *Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.*

## **17. Insurance**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## **18. COVID19**

All sailors and visitors are required to comply with CSC's Covid19 policies at all times. Any sailor or visitor not complying with these policies may be asked to leave CSC's site. A sailor or visitor asked to leave will not be entitled to a refund of their entry fee.

## **19. Further information**

For further information please contact Robert England – RS Aero Fleet Captain.

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## Chelmarsh SC RS Aero Open 19/06/2021, Competitor and Guest Covid 19 Protocols

### **General:**

Do not visit the site if you are feeling unwell or you or anyone in your household are displaying symptoms associated with Covid-19.

It is recommended that those that are clinically vulnerable should consider their own individual risk and not visit the site under the current circumstances.

Visitors should NOT travel with anyone outside of their own household/bubble.

All entrants should comply with all recommended Government Guidelines around Covid-19 Protocols and those set by the club outlined within web collect on signing up.

A limit, at the time of publishing, has been set by the Committee of 30 competitors. Five camper vans will be able to stay on site but must be self contained. Please book a space in advance. Competitors can arrive in the afternoon of 18th June, where social sailing at the club may be taking place. TBC

No overnight camping in tents is allowed as per Government guidance.

No documents will be presented to competitors at the race briefing. Participants should refer to their own copies of details forwarded following online registration, also available on the event “webcollect” internet site.

### **At the Club:**

Park considerately to allow adequate space to maintain social distancing measures.

Whilst on site, maintain social distancing of 2m from all other persons outside of your household/bubble or 1m+ with mitigating controls as per government guidance.

### **Track and Trace:**

All visitors must be signed in using the Chelmarsh Sailing Club web collect portal. [webcollect.org.uk/chelmarsh/event/chelmarsh-aero-open](http://webcollect.org.uk/chelmarsh/event/chelmarsh-aero-open).

Track and trace information shall be captured and retained for 21 days.

Anyone that has visited the club and later tested positive for Covid-19 within 10 days of their visit should inform the club immediately.

The club will then inform all members and visitors.

### **Changing:**

The changing rooms and showers will remain closed to all users in line with current guidance.

Visitors should arrive and depart in sailing kit if at all possible. If there is a need to change on site, please do so discreetly out of the way of other visitors.

### **Clubhouse:**

There is a one-way system in operation please obey the signage inside and outside the clubhouse.

Please only use the service areas as indicated outside the club.

The club will operate a no payment on the day policy. Food and beverages will be provided as payment will have been made via the web collect portal on signing up.

When breakfast is served a list of sandwich orders will be taken to be provided at lunch time.

No signing up on the day will be accepted. The Web Collect portal must be used prior to arrival.

### **WC:**

The toilet facilities are limited to a maximum of two persons at any one time.

WC main entrance doors to be fixed ‘open’.

Wash hands using soap and water after using toilets.  
Hand Sanitiser will be provided at all entry points to the club.

### **PPE:**

Face coverings should be worn indoors.

Everyone on site is encouraged to consider their own protection and provide their own gloves, face coverings and hand sanitiser when using any indoor facilities.

Hand washing facilities are available in the club house and hand sanitiser provided.

### **Rigging Zones:**

Depending on numbers on site, allocation of specific rigging areas may be necessary in order to maintain social distancing and restrict numbers gathered in one area.

These will be pre-assigned. Colours to be determined.

Visitors should respect and adhere to their allocated area for rigging and maintain social distancing at all times.

### **Parking:**

No cars to be parked within the dinghy park.

Cars are permitted inside the dinghy park for loading/unloading only and should be moved to the car parking area as soon as possible.

### **Launching and Recovery:**

Competitors will be issued a launching and recovery flag colour relating to their rigging area zone.

Competitors should only launch/return to shore when their corresponding flag colour is flying.

Competitors must understand that this process may be more time consuming than under usual circumstances and everyone taking to the water is asked to be considerate, courteous and respectful to others whilst launching and recovering.

Full co-operation is the only way that we can ensure that open meetings are run safely and meet government guidance.

All trolleys must be clearly marked with the sail number and when supplied the launch flight / rigging zone colour.

### **Safety Boat Cover:**

Essential safety cover is defined as when a sailor/windsurfer is unable to retrieve a boat/windsurfer safely themselves and/or life is at risk.

No equipment will be rescued until conditions allow for it to be safe to do so by the safety team.

All those on site, on shore or on/in the water, must do what the safety team instructs at all times for their own and the safety teams safety.

### **Weather Conditions:**

Anyone taking to the water must only do so in conditions that are within their own capabilities to sail in and they must be confident of their own ability to self rescue in the event of a capsize.

Note: The maximum mean wind strength over the course for this event is 20 knots (for safety reasons related to the Covid 19 Pandemic).

### **Equipment Condition:**

All craft and equipment should be checked to be in good condition at the time of launching.

Failure of equipment not only puts yourself unnecessarily at risk but others too!

A clean boat policy will be in operation and competitors are asked to comply before arrival.

### **First Aid:**

A reasonable, practicable approach will be undertaken when administering first aid as a traditional approach is likely to contradict distancing requirements currently in force. As an example, it would be deemed acceptable in current circumstances for an injured person to self apply plasters and wash small cuts and wounds, but more serious injuries could be made catastrophically worse by not receiving first aid. First aiders should discharge their duties according to the risk assessed circumstances in each case.

A defibrillator is available at the club and is situated under the stairwell by the disabled toilet.

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