



Comet Association Championships Sailing Event

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028.
- 1.2. Competitors should note that Cransley Sailing Club and the Comet Class Association implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter.

2. Entries

- 2.1. All persons on the water must wear approved buoyancy aid.
- 2.2. No boats may sail on the reservoir unless a manned powered safety boat is in attendance.

3. Communications with Competitors

- 3.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the white board in the clubhouse.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 4.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be notified to all competitors at the briefing meeting.

5. Racing Area

- 5.1. The racing area is the whole reservoir, a diagram of which is displayed on the course board. The racing marks are marked on this diagram and are a series of buoys around the reservoir marked 1 to 5, B, E and L. Additional temporary marks may be used.

6. The Course.

- 6.1. The course will be indicated by a series of boards displayed on the wall of the race hut. Marks indicated by their number on a green background must be passed on the starboard side and those with a red background on the port side.
- 6.2. On each lap, boats must pass through the start/finish line after rounding the last mark of the course. When the first boat has finished, all other boats shall be finished when they next cross the finish line. Those who have completed more laps will be placed ahead of those who have completed fewer laps.

7. Starting and Finishing line

- 7.1. The start line may be a transit from the start hut to an outer distance mark or be between a committee boat and a designated mark. The start line will be defined on a board on the side of the race hut.

8. Shortening Course

- 8.1. The course may be shortened by the race officer when he/she deems it necessary. A shortened course will be signalled as soon as is practicable when the leading boat is on the last leg of the shortened course.
- 8.2. Boats may be finished on the course. Flag W will be displayed and the boat's sail number called.

9. Protests

- 9.1. Protests shall be made on the forms provided and delivered to the race officer within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing.

10. Disclaimer of liability

- 10.1. Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for competitors to decide whether they and their boat is fit to sail in the conditions that they might find. By launching competitors confirm their boat is fit for those conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the event. The provision of a safety boat/s does not relieve the owners and competitors of their responsibility.
- 10.2. Cransley Sailing Club takes no liability for damage or loss of boats, equipment or personal belongings.

11. Check, Clean, Dry

- 11.1. Cransley Sailing Club supports the policy set by Anglian Water and the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs to help restrict the spread of on-native species in our water. The principle of Check Clean Dry already applies to craft and equipment leaving our premises and the Club members would like our visitors to support this initiative by ensuring that their boats and equipment are washed down before they leave other sites and are dry before being used on Cransley's water. As a guide there should be a minimum of two days drying time between washdown and being used on another water.

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