



CHEW VALLEY LAKE
SAILING CLUB



NOTICE OF RACE

ILCA (ILCA UK Wessex Grand Prix Series) Open Meeting Saturday 9th May 2026 Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club

The organising authority is Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club Ltd and ILCA UK.
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Venue Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club, Walley Court Road, Chew Stoke, Bristol, BS40 8XN

1. Rules

- 1.1. The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, Class Rules and the Bristol Water byelaws.
- 1.2. Competitors will behave in accordance with the [RYA Racing Charter](#).
- 1.3. With the exception of assistance dogs, strictly no dogs are permitted onsite.

2. Entries

- 2.1. Entries should be made in advance through the Chew Valley Lake SC website at <https://webcollect.org.uk/cvlsc/event/ilca-open-meeting-2026>
- 2.2. The entry fees per boat are as follows (prior to deadline for early entries):

CVLSC Member	Visitor
£10	£15

- 2.3. The deadline for early entries is 23:59 on Wednesday 6th May 2026. Late entries to be accepted on Saturday 9th May no later than 10:30 subject to decision by the Host Club and Class Association and will be subject to an additional £5 fee per scheduled day of racing.
- 2.4. Those competitors under the age of 18 years at the time of the event shall be required to complete and lodge the parental/guardian consent form included in the entry form with the Race Committee prior to the start of racing.
- 2.5. If an entry is cancelled by a competitor:
 - a) Prior to the early-entry closing date, any entry fee paid will be refunded in full, less a £5 administration charge.
 - b) After the early-entry closing date, no entry fee paid will be refunded.

3. Cancellation

- 3.1. The Organising Authority may cancel the event at its absolute discretion.
- 3.2. Should the Organising Authority cancel the event prior to the conclusion of race 1, the entry fee will be refunded.

4. Communication

4.1. The official notice board will be located on the window of the training room in the South-East corner of the ground floor of the CVLSC clubhouse.

5. Schedule of Races

5.1. Racing to take place on Saturday 9th May

- a) Briefing at 10:30.
- b) 1st Warning signal not before 11:25.
- c) The intention is to sail 3 races.

5.2. No warning signal will be made after 16:00.

5.3. A maximum of 3 races will be sailed.

6. Sailing Instructions

6.1. Sailing Instructions will be available on the CVLSC WebCollect entry site no later than 24 hours before the first warning signal. <https://webcollect.org.uk/cvlsc/event/ilca-open-meeting-2026>

A single hard copy will be posted in the training room on the South-East corner of the ground floor of the clubhouse on the day of the event.

7. Clothing and Equipment

7.1. RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

8. Scoring System

8.1. 1 Race will constitute a series.

8.2. A boat series score will be the total of the races.

This changes RRS A2.

9. Prizes

9.1. Prizes will be awarded, depending on the number of entries, after the conclusion of the last race.

10. Rights to use Names & Likenesses

10.1. 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.

11. Risk Statement

11.1. 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 competitors briefing held for the event.

12. Insurance

12.1 Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000.

13. Invasive Species:

13.1 CVLSC and Bristol Water are committed to the prevention of the spread of invasive species. We are following the Environment Agency and RYA guidelines – ‘CHECK CLEAN DRY’ <http://www.nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry>

Please make sure your boat has been clean and dry for at least 2 days prior to your arrival. The entry form will require you to self - certify that this is the case. You may be required to check and wash your boat before leaving Chew.

14. Social Arrangements

14.1 Hot food will be available all day with Antonia's Deli (antoniasdeli@protonmail.com) at the club.