

RS100 Inland Championships 2026
Sailing Chandlery RS400 Southern Tour (Saturday 14th March Only)
RS700 Inland Championships 2025
Saturday 15th and Sunday 15th March 2026
Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club
Walley Court Road, Chew Stoke, Bristol, BS40 8XN

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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

This event will count in the 2026 Rooster National Tour for the RS100 and RS700. Not the RS400.

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.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-28, Class Rules, Rules of CVLSC and Bristol Water Byelaws.
- 1.2 Competitors will behave in accordance with the [RYA Racing Charter](#).
- 1.3 Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be issued for this event.
- 1.4 With the exception of assistance dogs, strictly no dogs are permitted onsite.

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 a minimum of 24 hours before the scheduled first warning signal at:
<https://webcollect.org.uk/cvlsc/event/rs100-rs700-inland-championships-rs400-southern-tour>.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official noticeboard will be located on the window of the training room in the South-East corner of the ground floor of the CVLSC clubhouse.
- 3.2 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 RS100 and RS700 classes.
- 4.2 Helm must be a member of the RS Class Association.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form by 23:59 on Wednesday 11th March 2026
<https://webcollect.org.uk/cvlsc/event/rs100-rs700-inland-championships-rs400-southern-tour>.
- 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 on the day of the event at the discretion of the Organising Committee, subject to the payment of a £10 late entry surcharge.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:
CVLSC members £15
Visitors £25
- 5.2 The Organising Authority may cancel the event at its absolute discretion. If the Organising Authority deems (due to weather forecast, water levels etc) that the event should not be held, this decision will be made and communicated to entered boats no later than 20:00 on Thursday 12th March 2026.
- 5.3 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event prior to the conclusion of race 1 the entry fee will be refunded.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply.

7 ADVERTISING

[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: Saturday 14th March in the clubhouse 0930 to 1100hrs.
- 9.2 Briefing: A briefing will be held at 1100hrs on Saturday 14th March in the clubhouse.
- 9.3 RS400s will race only on Saturday 14th March. RS100 & RS700s will race on Saturday 14th March and Sunday 15th March.
- 9.3 The RS400s will race a maximum of 4 races. The RS100 & RS700s will race a maximum of 6 races.
- 9.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Saturday 14th March is 1155hrs. The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Sunday 15th March is 1025hrs.
- 9.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1525hrs.

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 RACING AREA

- 12.1 The venue is CVLSC and the racing area will be described at the briefing.
- 12.2 A boat shall launch and come ashore only at the slipways and the adjacent shore unless in an emergency.

13 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward and a diagram of the course shown in Addendum A of 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.

15 SCORING

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

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

(b) When from four to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

This changes RRS A2.

16 [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 Support boats shall not be allowed.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

Does not apply.

18 BERTHING

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.

23 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 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 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and the RS Class Association 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.

26 INVASIVE SPECIES

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.

27 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact James Williams - vice-commodore@chewvalleysailing.org.uk

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

Hot food will be available immediately after sailing from Antonia's Deli (antoniasdeli@protonmail.com) at the club.

A limited number of Campervans may be permitted on site overnight on Saturday 14th March. Only if pre-booked by completing this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/zfu3qd87zi?origin=lprLink>
There will be a fee of £10.00. Camping (tents) is not permitted.