



NORTHAMPTON SAILING CLUB

Notice of Race

Steve Nicholson Memorial Trophy at Pitsford Reservoir 25th January 2025

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be classified Category "C".
- 1.2 The races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, and the event sailing instructions Class Rules shall apply as standard.
- 1.3 Competitors should note that Northampton Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book.

2. Conditions of Entry

- 2.1 The event will be open to recognised national or international dinghy, monohull and keelboat classes with a Great Lakes handicap number equal or lower than 1365 (Topper) up to 7m subject to the following restrictions:
 - a. Craft using hydrofoils and /or with a Great Lakes handicap lower than 800 are not permitted unless specific permission has been given. Specific permission has been given to 49ers, 49erFXs, Cherubs, International 14s, International Moths, RS800S, RS900S, and Waszps.
- 2.2 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat, who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither the sailing instructions, nor the inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for his/her crew his/her boat and the management thereof.
- 2.3 All competitors are required to wear personal floatation devices while afloat and on any club pontoons.
- 2.4 The race organizers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.



- 2.5 All competitors shall be deemed temporary members of Northampton Sailing Club and shall comply with the clubs and Anglian Water rules and adheres to all current Government COVID-19 guidelines.
- 2.6 Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid Third-Party Liability Insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million.

3. Risk Statement

- 3.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”
- 3.2 By taking part 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 or water, 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.

4. Entries

- 4.1 Entries can be made online at: <https://webcollect.org.uk/nsc/event/steve-nicholson-annual-open>
- 4.2 Online entries will close at midnight on the 23rd January 2025, entries on the day will be allowed but will be subject to a £5 single hander/ £10 double hander additional charge
- 4.3 A maximum total entry of 90 boats will be capped at 45 single hander and 45 double handers.
- 4.4 Please note that your entry will only be accepted once full payment is received.
- 4.5 Entry Fee - Double Handers £30.00 - Single Handers £25.00
- 4.6 Northampton Sailing club reserves the right to cancel the event if minimum entries of 35 boats are not reached by the closing date or if National Covid-19 restrictions prevent the event taking place. In the event either of these apply, full refunds will be made to any paid entries.

5. Advertising

- 5.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority or the class association.

6. Programme schedule

- 6.1 Registration – please register online where possible, on the day entries are subject to an extra fee. Please register yourself at reception on the day.
- 6.2 Briefing will be made 10.30am at the club house
- 6.3 The fleets will be divided into double and single handers, with separate starts for each fleet. If numbers are low then this is subject to change to a combined start, to be decided by the Race Officer.



Double Handers		Single Handers	
Race 1	11:00am	Race 1	11:05am (approx.)
Lunch		Lunch	
Race 2	To follow lunch	Race 2	To follow lunch
Prize Giving	As soon as possible after racing is completed	Prize Giving	As soon as possible after racing is completed

7. Measurement

7.1 A boat or equipment may be subject to inspection on a random check to ensure compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

8. Course

8.1 The course will be set by the Race Officer on the day and displayed on the back of the committee boat as described in the sailing instructions. Full details will be provided within the Sailing Instructions

9. Venue

9.1 The venue is Northampton Sailing Club, Pitsford Reservoir, Brixworth, Northants NN6 9DG

9.2 The sailing area will be Pitsford Water

10. Scoring

10.1 One race per fleet minimum must be completed to constitute an event result.

10.2 When fewer than two races are completed per fleet the boats score will be the single score.

10.3 When two races are completed per fleet the boats score will be the total of her two scores.

10.4 No discards are allowable.

11. Support Vessels

11.1 Support boats will not be allowed.

12. Data Protection

12.1 Results – As part of this event your results will be published in the public domain and to your class association, this is a condition of entry. Data likely to be published with results may include such information as; Name, sail number, class of boat and sailing club.

12.2 Photography – By competing in this event, competitors grant to the organisers without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any non-identifiable motion pictures, still pictures and live taped or filmed television of or relating to the event. Competitors consent to these being published in class, club, sponsor and other publications and associated websites.

13. Prizes

13.1 Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of NSC, having regard to the number of boats entered.

13.2 The Steve Nicholson Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the event.



BIOSECURITY – You will be required to confirm that your boat has been ‘Checked, Cleaned and Dried’ for a minimum of two days prior to arriving at Northampton Sailing Club.

For your information

Northampton Sailing Club

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Tel: 01604 880248

Email: info@northamptonsailingclub.org

See website for further information, how to find the club, etc.

www.northamptonsailingclub.org

Local Accommodation includes:

The Stags Head - www.stagshead-maidwell.co.uk

Sedgebrook Hall – www.sedgebrookhallnorthampton.co.uk

Please note: Visitor dogs are allowed on site (external areas only) but must be kept on the lead at all times.



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