



NOTICE OF RACE

ICE BREAKER Winter Series

Weir Wood Sailing Club, Priory Road, Forest Row, East Sussex, RH18 5HT

Weir Wood Sailing Club (WWSC) are the organising authority for racing on Weir Wood Reservoir

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing unless amended by this Notice of Race or the WWSC Ice Breaker Sailing Instructions

1. The entry fee for the whole event, for visiting crews, if paid by 30th November, will be £50.00, the entry fee after this date will be £60.00
2. Visiting crews will be required to complete an on-line entry form to be found on the club website at wwsc.org.uk.
3. A berth ashore will be allocated to each boat which must be used throughout the event.
4. The series is open to one/two person centre board dinghies only, entries cannot be accepted for foiling dinghies, multihulls or dinghies larger than a Wayfarer,
5. The racing programme is-
 - a. Two fleets, a General Handicap and a Laser (all rigs).
 - b. Sixteen races are scheduled for each fleet
 - c. The best nine scores to count in the final result. If less than nine races, all will count.
 - d. Two races are scheduled for each fleet every Sunday morning from 14th January to 3rd March 2023
 - e. First starts- Handicap 11:00 hours, Laser 11:03 hours
6. Wearing a buoyancy aid and wet or dry suits is mandatory whilst afloat
7. All race results will be calculated using average lap times.
8. Racing is open to all members of Weir Wood Sailing Club and visiting crews. Visiting friends and family are extended club membership privileges for the duration of the event
9. Crews under 18 years old will have to complete a consent form signed by a responsible adult
10. ALL crews intending to race are required to sign on for EVERY race by entering their sail number on to the club's race computer BEFORE launching. (late or not signing on may result in the boat being declared DNS)
11. Race elapsed times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded. The starting procedure will use a three minute time sequence- See Sailing Instructions (SIs) for details
12. WWSC Ice Breaker SIs for the event will be published (in PDF) on the club website a minimum of 30 days prior to the event
13. Courses for racing will be round fixed club marks (Orange spherical buoys). The Race Officer may lay extra marks which will be Orange pillar buoys
14. A boat touching a mark or breaking a rule in RRS Part 2 shall take a one turn penalty

15. A boat that enters any race in the series, shall be entered and scored for the whole series
16. Each boat's score shall, subject to rule 90.3(b), be the total of all race scores
17. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance covering the whole period of the event, with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 Pounds Sterling per incident or the equivalent
18. Prizes will be awarded after the last race in the series as follows- First, Second and Third with the first in each series awarded an Ice Breaker trophy, in addition an Endeavour trophy may be awarded at the race team's discretion

RISK STATEMENT- 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.

PRIVACY STATEMENT-The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the events. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rule, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

Additional information

Social/Catering- The galley will be open for drinks, breakfasts and hot lunches

Parking- Is available in the club car park. Cars must not be left on the reservoir side of the sliding gate

Dogs- Under the terms of our lease, dogs are not permitted in the club grounds

Please remove your boat promptly after the event- The parking area for the event is normally used for club owned hire boats, any boat not removed will be re-located to a catchment area and may incur a charge.

For further information please email- racing@wwsc.org.uk