

**MERLIN ROCKET
NAUTILUS YACHTING INLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018**

***Organising Authority: Cardiff Bay YC (CBYC)
in conjunction with the Merlin Rocket Owners' Association (MROA)***

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the RYA Racing Charter.
- 1.2 Any amendment to this Notice of Race will be posted on the Merlin Rocket website; <http://www.merlinrocket.co.uk> no later than 17th Sep. 2018.
- 1.3 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply (for information on the procedures, go to www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.
- 1.4 Rule 40 is amended as follows. Personal buoyancy must be worn at all times. Wet/Dry suits do not constitute personal buoyancy.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising shall comply with WS Regulation 20 and the Merlin Rocket Class Rules.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display event supplied competitor advertising as per the Class Rule C.4.1.
- 2.3 The area of mainsail below the bottom batten shall be reserved for advertising by the event sponsor.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the Merlin Rocket class with a valid measurement certificate, and whose helm is a current member of the MROA at the time of the regatta.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by submitting a completed entry form and paying the appropriate entry fee during Registration at CBYC; 10.00 – 12.00 23rd Sep 2018.
- 3.4 Entry will close at 12.00 on 22nd Sep 2018
- 3.5 Helms and crews under 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations at the time of entry.
- 3.5 The Entry Fee for the event is £45.00.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Day:	Date:	Warning Signal	Event:
1	Sat 22 Sep	Not Before: 10:00 – 12:00 12.00 12.55 Back to back	Registration. Racing and safety briefing in CBYC Clubhouse. Warning Signal Race 1 (windward/leeward) Race 2 (windward/leeward)

			Back to back	Race 3 (sausage/triangle)
			Back to back	Race 4 (sausage/triangle)
2	Sun	23 Sep	09.55	Warning Signal Race 5 (windward/leeward)
			Back to back	Race 6 (windward/leeward)
			Back to back	Race 7 (sausage/triangle)

No warning signal will be made after 13:00 on Sunday 23rd Sep 2018.

5. REGISTRATION

Registration will take place at the Registration Desk in CBYC Clubhouse at the times prescribed in NoR 4 'Schedule of Events'.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available at registration.

6.2 At the discretion of the Organising Authority, Sailing Instructions may be released earlier on the MROA website.

7. MEASUREMENTS

7.1 All boats must present a valid Measurement Certificate at Registration.

7.2 All boats may be subject to spot measurement checks may at any time during the event.

7.3 The measuring authority referred to in rule 64.3(b) will be the Royal Yachting Association.

8. VENUE

Racing will take place within the non-tidal, freshwater basin created by the Cardiff Barrage.

9. COURSES

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be a mixture of Windward/Leeward and Sausage/Triangle courses. Example courses are at Appendix 1.

9.2 The target time for race duration will be;

(a) Windward/leeward – 30 minutes

(b) Sausage/triangle - 50 minutes

9.3 Starts will be made using a line start.

9.4 The finish line will normally be at the leeward end of the course, but at the end of the last race of the day, the course is likely to be shortened to finish at the windward mark in SW wind directions.

10. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A applies as follows:

- (a) One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (b) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (c) When six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (d) When seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

11. COACH & SUPPORT BOATS

11.1 Support boats shall register at the race office at the time prescribed in NoR 4 and shall be responsible for payment of their launching fees direct to CBYC.

11.2 Support boats shall be conspicuously identified and shall remain clear of racing, as specified in the Sailing Instructions, unless specifically directed by the RO.

11.3 All support boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving radio communications from the Race Committee on channel 37 (M1).

12. BERTHING

Boats shall be berthed on their launching trollies and trailers in their assigned places in the boat park.

13. SUBSTITUTION OF CREW AND EQUIPMENT

13.1 Substitution of the person named as helm on the entry form will not be allowed

13.2 Permission to substitute the person named as crew on the entry form will only be granted for reasons of injury, illness, serious unforeseen personal circumstances or pre-arranged crew substitutions approved by the Organising Authority at or before registration.

13.3 Requests for substitutions shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity and shall be confirmed in writing before the end of the protest time limit on the first day the substitution comes into effect.

13.4 Substituted equipment may be required to pass an equipment check.

13.5 'Request for Substitution of Crew' and 'Request for Substitution of Equipment' forms will be available at the Race Office and shall be delivered there.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications not available to all boats.

15. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Golden Touch Trophy	Winner of the Inland Championship
S. Yorks SC Trophy	Winner of Race 1 and Race 2 combined
Colne Cup	Winner of Race 3
Draycote Water Salver	Winner of Race 4
Colin Pitts Memorial Trophy	Winner of Race 5 and Race 6 combined
Grafham Water Trophy	Winner of Race 7

Additional Trophies

Maritime Plate	First Helm/Crew related by birth, marriage or civil partnership sailing in the same boat throughout the championship
Bald Head Trophy	First helmsman aged 50 or over on the first day of the championship
Fossil Bowl	First helmsman aged 21 or under on the first day of the championship
Tinker Trophy	First female competitor sailing in the same boat throughout the championship
Cookham Team Trophy	The Club scoring the lowest total points with their best 3 boats sailed by the same helmsmen throughout the championship
Old Boats Plate	First "Classic" boat (Sail No 3571 and below)

Blithfield Stick

First boat with both helm and crew aged 60 or over on the first day of the championship

Glassware

First 10 boats in the overall classification

16. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 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".

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- i) 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;
- ii) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- iii) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- iv) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- v) 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;
- vi) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- vii) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
- viii) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £5 million or the equivalent per event against third party claims.

17. INSPECTIONS

The fact that the race committee and/or Class Association conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

18. RIGHT TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

By participating in these championships, a competitor automatically grants to the organising authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition, without compensation.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

Merlin Rocket class website: <http://www.merlinrocket.co.uk>

Free camping is available directly adjacent to CBYC.

Campers requiring an electric supply should contact CBYC directly to confirm arrangements and charges.

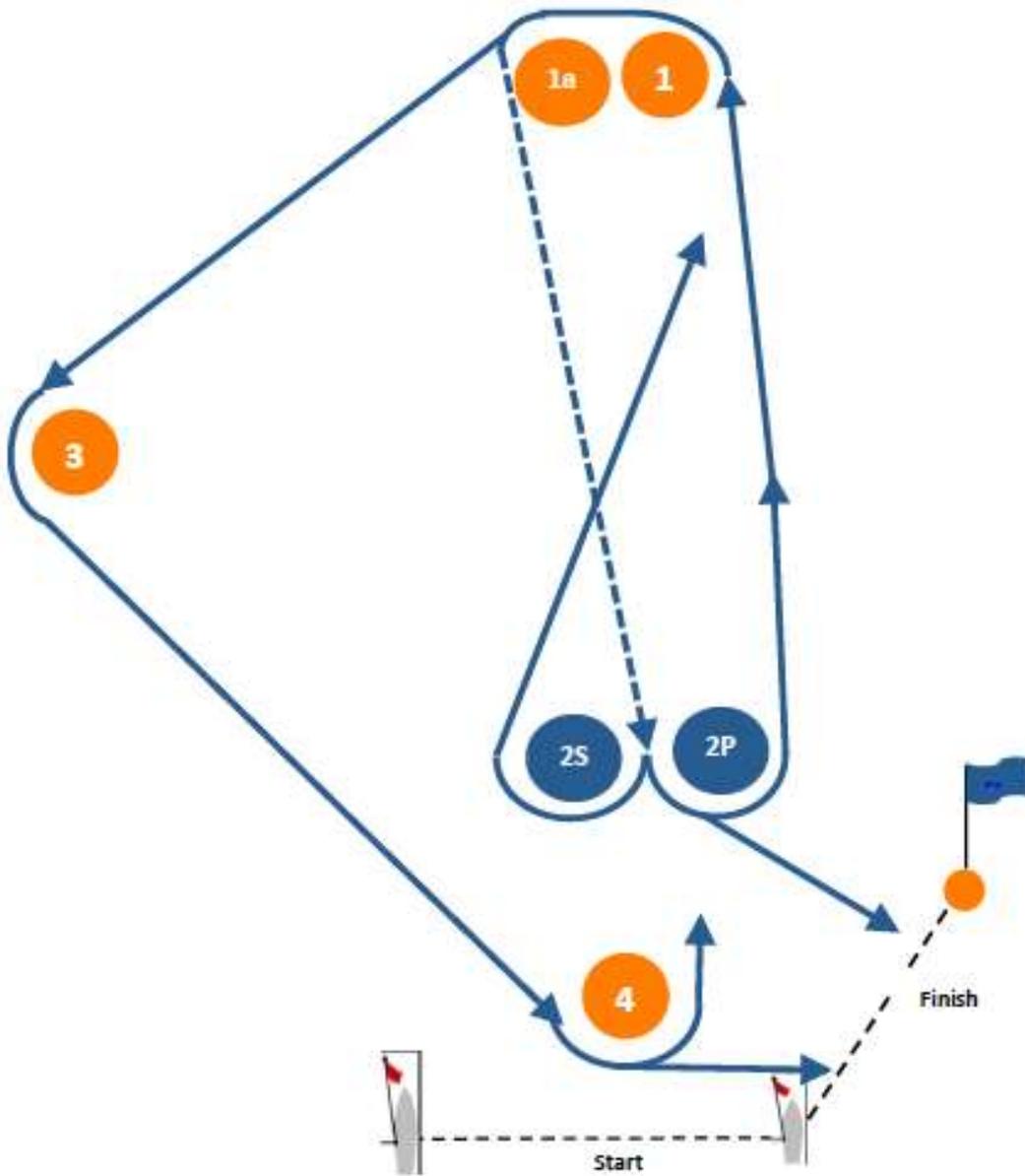
Campers requiring overnight access to toilet facilities will need an electronic pass. These are available for a refundable deposit.

Meals will be available over the weekend. Tickets can be obtained at Registration. Further details will be posted on the MR website.

There will be a disco on Saturday night.

APPENDIX 1 – COURSES

Windward/Leeward (W) and Sausage/Triangle (S)



COURSE	Sausage/Triangle
S2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – 3 – 4 – finish
S3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – 3 – 4 – 1 – 1a – 2P – finish
S4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – 3 – 4 – 1 – 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – 3 – 4 – finish

COURSE	Windward/Leeward
W2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – 2P – finish
W3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – 2P – finish
W4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – 2P – finish