



MERLIN ROCKET NAUTILUS YACHTING INLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 25th-26th September 2021

Organising Authority: Bala Sailing Club 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 20th September 2021.
- 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 RRS 40.1 will apply at all times when afloat.

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
- 3.2 MR class boats must have a valid measurement certificate. The helm must be a current member of the MROA.
- 3.3 Online entry will be available on the MROA website.
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter by submitting a completed entry form and paying the appropriate entry fee online
- 3.5 Entry will close at 11.30 on 25th September. 2021
- 3.6 Helms and crews under 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations at the time of entry.
- 3.7 The Entry Fee for the event is £45.00.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4.1 Race schedule:

Day:	Date:	Event:
1	Sat	25 Sept
		11.30 Racing and safety briefing in Clubhouse.
		12.55 Warning Signal Race 1
		Back to back Race 2
		Back to back Race 3
2	Sun	26 Sept
		10.25 Warning Signal Race 4
		Back to back Race 5

4.2 No warning signal will be made after 13:25 on Sunday 26th Sept, 2021.

5. REGISTRATION

Online entry form will constitute registration.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the MROA website no later than 23rd September 2021.

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

7. MEASUREMENTS

7.1 All Merlin Rockets must hold a valid Measurement Certificate at Registration.

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

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

8. VENUE

Racing will take place at the North East end of Bala Lake.

9. COURSES

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be a combination of sausage and triangle laps or make use of fixed club marks.

9.2 The target time for race duration will be 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 the course may be shortened to finish at another mark.

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 fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

c. When three or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11. COACH & SUPPORT BOATS

11.1 Coach and support boats are not allowed.

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

Merlin Rocket Class - Prizes will be given as follows:

Golden Touch Trophy Winner of the Inland Championship

S. Yorks SC Trophy Winner of Race 1

Colne Cup Winner of Race 2

Draycote Water Salver Winner of Race 3

Colin Pitts Memorial Trophy Winner of Race 4

Grafham Water Trophy Winner of Race 5

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 Highest placed boat with a sail number 3603 or below.

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

Glassware First 6 boats in the overall classification

Three highest placed boats in silver and bronze fleets

16. RISK STATEMENT

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".

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.

End of Notice of Race.

Other Information.

COVID-19: Bala SC request that all visitors to the club take a lateral flow test the day before travelling.

Track & Trace – please use the following link for track and trace purposes on arrival at the club.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd1HA9G0a1II_DK6e0Op0Gd2hdG98CkhZz57IQSebKxwsVkyA/viewform

Inlands page on class website – <https://www.merlinrocket.co.uk/index.asp?pg=fixtures&eid=1062>