

# Merlin Rocket Women's Championship

Sunday 21 May 2023

Hosted by Lymington Town SC

## NOTICE OF RACE

### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by the Merlin Rocket Owners' Association in conjunction with Lymington Town SC (LTSC).

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(a).

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the RYA Racing Charter.
- 1.2 Any amendment to this Notice of Race will be posted on the MROA website no later than 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023.
- 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](http://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 Sail numbers are not required on spinnakers

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at on the Merlin Rocket website by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023.

### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official noticeboard is located in front of the clubhouse.
- 3.2 [DP] 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 Merlin Rocket class with a valid measurement certificate.
- 4.2 Helms will need to be an Associate or Full Member of the MROA. For those not already a member of the association and taking part in the Women's Training and Championships, female helms will be gifted Associate Membership of the MROA for the duration of the event within your entry fee.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by submitting a completed entry form and paying the appropriate entry fee via the MROA website.
- 4.5 Any competitors aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form. This can be downloaded from the Merlin Rocket Website and should be completed and handed in at registration.

4.6 No entries will be accepted after midday on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

## **5 FEES**

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

- £35.00 for all female teams
- £40.00 for female helm and male crew
- £45.00 for male helm and female crew

## **6 CREW LIMITATIONS**

6.1 Merlin Rocket Class Rules will apply. (Shall consist of two persons)

## **7 ADVERTISING**

[DP] [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

## **8 EVENT SCHEDULE**

9.1 Registration - 0815-0915 Sunday 21 May

9.2 Briefing – A briefing will be held at 0930hrs on 21 May at LTSC

9.3 Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>First Schedules Start Time</i>
Sun 21/05/2023	Races 1 to 5	11:00

9.4 5 races scheduled

9.5 No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

## **10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

10.1 Boats may be inspected at any time.

## **11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**

RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

## **12 VENUE**

The Sailing Area will be Western Solent.

## **13 COURSES**

Details of the courses to be sailed will be in the SIs.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.2 The Exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the official notice board for details. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

## **15 SCORING**

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

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

(b) When three 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 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

16.1 Support boats may be launched on the Public Slipway. Owners are responsible for their own [launch fee](#) payable to the Harbour Office.

16.2 Support boats must abide by the [LTSC Support Boat Regulations](#).

## **18 BERTHING**

[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park/car park.

## **21 DATA PROTECTION**

The Class 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 £3,000,000 Pounds Sterling per incident or the equivalent.

## **24 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded for

- Top 5 helms and crew
- First female helm and crew sailing in the same boat for the weekend
- Combined Under 50 sailing the same boat for the weekend
- First ‘25 and Under’ female competing in the same boat for the weekend
- Spot prizes across the weekend

## **25 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact –

Merlin Rockets – Caroline Croft [fixtures@merlinrocket.co.uk](mailto:fixtures@merlinrocket.co.uk)

## END OF NOTICE OF RACE

This is a weekend event incorporating training on the Saturday. Both the training and the racing are booked as one event via the Merlin Rocket website.

Full **catering** will be available at the club. An evening meal for Saturday 20 May can be booked at registration.