

# UPPER THAMES SAILING CLUB

Riverside, Bourne End, Bucks SL8 5RF

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## MERLIN ROCKET OPEN MEETING

16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### Organising Authority

The organising authority is the Upper Thames Sailing Club

#### Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020 (RRS), this Notice of Race and any rules modified by the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions are available on the UTSC web site, [www.utsc.org.uk](http://www.utsc.org.uk) and at the club premises.

#### RYA Racing Charter

Competitors should note that UTSC implement the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020) or at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter).

#### Eligibility and Entry

The regatta is open to boats of the Merlin Rocket class.

#### Condition of Entry

Boats must have a valid certificate of measurement. Approval of the Race Committee is required in order to use a sail number other than that which is recorded on the measurement certificate. This alters Rule 77.

Boats are required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000 (three million pounds).

#### Entry Fees

Required fees are £15.00 for both days or £10.00 for one day.

#### Schedule

<u>Registration</u>	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	09:30 – 10:30
	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	09:30 – 10:30

Programme     **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September MROA De May Series** (Number up to 3357)  
Three races (one discard): 1<sup>st</sup> Warning Signal: 10:55

#### **The Spade Oak Bowl**

One race. Warning Signal: 14:30

(This will be the third race of the De May Series, but is open to all Merlin Rockets.)

#### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

**The Allen Challenge Cup** (one discard)

Three races: 1<sup>st</sup> Warning Signal: 10:55



## **Sailing Instructions**

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and on the club web site.

## **Scoring**

The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A will apply.

## **Rights to use Names and Likenesses**

Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

## **Risk Statement**

RRS 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:

- (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 omission;
- (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) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.

## **Camping**

Free camping will be available at the club and the galley and bar will be open throughout the weekend.

## **Further Information**

There will be an evening meal at 7pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available from the UTSC website ([www.utsc.org.uk](http://www.utsc.org.uk)).

For further information please contact:

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**Please also see the notice below regarding use of the railway crossing at the club**



# **RAILWAY SAFETY**

## **UTSC ACCESS**

**Access to the club is across the Railway Line. At all times members, event participants and guests must adhere to regulations regarding the use of the railway crossing, as displayed on the crossing gates and the club notice board. It is essential to the club's future that the continued use of the crossing is ensured and the good relations with the railway authorities are maintained.**

**There are pedestrian gates and boat crossing gates.**

**All members and guests must use the pedestrian gates. If you hear a train hooting you must stay outside the crossing gates with the gates closed. A train is approaching, even if out of sight, so do not cross, but wait for the train to pass, standing **OUTSIDE** the **CLOSED** gate.**

**When the line is clear please cross quickly and close all gates behind you. Do not try to carry too much kit across at one time.**

**Boat crossing gates: Railway rules state that both gates must be fully open before starting to bring boats across. Do not take a boat across on your own.**

**Please minimise repeat visits across the railway line to minimise risk.**

**There is a published railway timetable but trains do not always run to time.**

**Please ensure that all visitors and spectators who may arrive independently are thoroughly briefed about railway safety.**

## **THANK YOU**