



# **WALDRINGFIELD SAILING CLUB**

[www.waldringfieldsc.com](http://www.waldringfieldsc.com)

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **LASER OPEN MEETING**

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**

**4 Races for Standards and Radials**

**Entry through club website    Entry fee £10**

**Briefing 10.30am**

**First start at 11:30**

**High water 15:10**

**All rigs will start together unless decided otherwise on the day.**

**Replica sails will be permitted.**

**Subject to the Race Officer's discretion the intention is to race all four races back to back, weather permitting.**

**Sailing instructions will be available from the club or on the website**

## General instructions

**Waldringfield Sailing Club is the organising authority.**

### 1. Rules

All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the RYA Racing Charter principles and objectives, and class rules, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions alter RRS 26 Warning/Preparatory signals, 29.2 General Recalls, 35 Time Limits, 40 Personal Buoyancy, 44.3 Scoring Penalties, 46 Person in charge. The Sailing Instructions detail the changes and will be available on the club's website.

### 2. Start Sequence

The starting sequence will be **3 - 1 minute sequence.**

### 3. Scoring System

The series will be scored as provided in RRS Appendix A, A4.1 Low Points System. If 4 or more races are completed, one discard allowed; 3 or fewer completed, all will count. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

### 4. Rig Swapping

Sailors must use one rig throughout the event to qualify for an overall position.

### 5. Trophies

On receipt of a trophy, the trophy winner must sign an acknowledgement of receipt and an agreement to return the trophy to Waldringfield Sailing Club within 1 year and before the start of the next Laser/Topper Open Meeting, whichever is sooner. The Trophy must be returned in good condition and engraved with the winner's details. Failure to return the trophy by that date, or return of a damaged trophy, will incur a penalty of *the insured value of the trophy plus £20*, payable by the same date.

### 6. Safety

Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn by all competitors in dinghies when afloat. Wet suits and non-inflated inflation type buoyancy aids are not sufficient. As a minimum, keelboats shall carry adequate personal buoyancy for the number of crew aboard. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of junior members to ensure compliance with this rule. Failure to comply with any safety rule will result in immediate disqualification from the associated race.

### 7. Membership of Waldringfield Sailing Club

Entrants will become temporary members of Waldringfield Sailing Club for the duration of the event. Attention of members is drawn to club General Rule A3 as follows.

Neither the Club nor its Officers, General Committee ("the committee"), servants, agents or members will accept any liability for:

- (i) damage direct or consequential to or loss of property belonging to members, competitors, their guests or visitors or other persons;
- (ii) personal injury direct or consequential arising out of the use of Club premises and any other facilities of or used by the Club, whether sustained by members, competitors, guests or visitors, whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to or was occasioned by the act, neglect, default or negligence of the Officers, Committee, servants, agents or members of the Club.

Before inviting any guest or visitors onto Club premises or to use Club facilities or to participate in events organised or authorised by the Club, members and competitors will draw their attention to this rule.

### 8. 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 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of safety 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 £2,000,000 against third party claims.