



Notice of Race



Noble Marine Solo Winter Championships **Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club** **Sat. 20th Feb. 2016** **Entry fee: £15 (Adults) £10 (juniors <18 years)**

The organising authority is Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club (www.chewvalleysailing.org.uk) and the National Solo Class Association.
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1. Rules

1.1 The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Rules of CVLSC, the NSCA Rules and the Bristol Water byelaws. Competitors will also behave in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter.

1.2 a. Rule 43.1(b) will be amended such that a competitor's clothing and equipment shall not weigh more than 10kg including footwear and clothing worn below the knee.

b. Competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times whilst afloat, except for short periods whilst changing clothing. Flag 'Y' will not be displayed; this changes Rule 40 and Race Signals Y.

1.3 The hull number must be displayed on the sail. In exceptional circumstances the Race Committee may accept a written application to use another distinguishing number on a sail.

No dogs are allowed on the premises.

2. Entries

2.1 Competitors must be full members of the NSCA or an overseas Solo Class Association recognised by NSCA.

2.2 Entries will be accepted at registration. (Competitors may join the NSCA at Registration).

2.3 Each boat shall produce at registration a valid measurement certificate with the name of the current owner, and a current buoyancy endorsement signed and witnessed in accordance with the NSCA rules.

2.4 Those competitors under the age of 18 years at the time of the event shall be required to complete and lodge the parental/guardian's consent form included in the entry form with the Race Committee prior to the start of racing.

3. Schedule of Races

3.1 Briefing 10.30am

3.2 Race 1 start 11.00hrs – the intention is to sail 3 races back to back.

3.3 The latest warning signal will be no later than 15.55.

4. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions, including the course to be sailed, will be available on registration.

5. Scoring System

5.1. The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

5.2. One Race is required to constitute a series.

5.3. When fewer than 3 races are completed, a boats score will be the total of her race scores.

5.4. When 3 races are completed, a boats score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

6. Prizes

6.1 Prizes will be awarded dependant on the number of entries after the conclusion of the last race.

6.2 Prizes will be awarded to age categories 50-59yrs, 60-69yrs and 70+yrs

7. Social Arrangements

7.1 Hot food and beverages will be available.

9. Rights to use Names & Likenesses

Competitors automatically grant to the organising 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.

10. Conditions of Entry

10.1 Competitors are entirely responsibly for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or, anywhere else reduces this responsibility.

10.2 It is for the competitor to decide whether their boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going afloat, the competitors confirm that their boat is fit for those conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them.

10.3 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club, the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach masters.

10.4 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat and her crew of their responsibilities.

10.5 Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000.

10.6 Due to the killer shrimp epidemic visiting boats may be required to be washed before being allowed onto Chew Valley Lake.