

RS500 Winters Sunday 7th March 2010

Organizing Authority: Alton Water Sports Centre.

NOTICE OF RACE

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The Event is open to RS500 class dinghies.
- 2.2 The maximum number of entries for the event 50 boats. Entries will be received by Alton Water Sports Centre (AWSC) on a first come first served basis.
- 2.3 Competitors, and guardians, as required shall complete the entry form at the race office. Forms will be available from 10:00 on 21st February 2010.

3.0 ENTRY FEES

- 3.1 The methods of payment of the entry fees are shown on the Entry Form.
- 3.2 No fees are refundable after commencement of the event. Before that date entry fees will be refunded after deducting 50% for administration expenses.
- 3.3 The Entry Fee per boat as follows

Members	Non Members
£12 for both days	£18 for both days
£8 for Open event only	£12 for Open event only

4.0 PROGRAMME AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

The event will consist of a series of up to four races held over the weekend of 7th March 2010.

- (a) A briefing will be held at 10:00 with the first start at 10:30
- (b) Two races to be sailed back to back before lunch and two after lunch again sailed back to back.

5.0 MEASUREMENT

All boats and equipment shall conform to their class association rules.

6.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available after completion of on-site registration and also in advance, on the AWSC website.

7.0 COURSES AND RACING AREA

- 7.1 Racing will take place on Alton Water Reservoir within the limits prescribed in the sailing instructions.

7.2 Courses will be laid using the fixed and portable marks as deemed appropriate by the OOD

7.3 Starting and finishing will generally be from a committee boat.

8.0 SCORING

8.1 One race will be sufficient to constitute a series.

8.2 The low points system of scoring will be applied

8.3 The number of races to be discarded will be as follows,
3 races completed or fewer no discards
More than 3 races completed one discard.

9.0 BERTHING

Noting that there is a training day scheduled for 6th March there is limited storage of competitors boats is available free of charge for the duration of the event.

10.0 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for first second and third placed boats in each fleet.

11.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See rule 4 Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after this event.

12.0 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000. Competitors will be required to sign a declaration of conformance to this requirement.

13.0 INFORMATION

13.1 Address

Alton Water Sports Centre Ltd
Holbrook Road
Stutton
Suffolk
IP9 2RY

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www.altonwater.co.uk

13.2 Local regulations

- a) WHEN WATER TEMPERATURE IS LOW; ALL PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO AVOID HYPOTHERMIA. ALL COMPETITORS MUST WEAR ADEQUATE PERSONAL BUOYANCY AND A WINTER WETSUIT OR DRY SUIT WHEN ON THE WATER BETWEEN 1ST NOVEMBER AND 31ST MARCH.
- b) THE INSTRUCTIONS OF AWSC STAFF AND SAFETY BOAT OFFICERS ARE TO BE COMPLIED WITH AT ALL TIMES.
- c) NO BOAT IS TO SAIL BEYOND THE LIMIT MARKS AT THE NORTH WESTERN END OF THE RESERVOIR