

NOTICE OF RACE

MERLIN ROCKET OPEN MEETING at HOLLINGWORTH LAKE S.C.

SATURDAY 28th and SUNDAY 29th OCTOBER 2017

The organising authority is Hollingworth Lake Sailing Club.

Only the races on Saturday 28th October count towards the Merlin Rocket Silver Tiller competition. The races on both Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th October count towards the Hollingworth Lake SC Merlin Rocket Open Meeting (the Felucca Trophy).

1. Rules.

- 1.1. The Open Meeting will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The RYA prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.3. The Open Meeting Sailing Instructions (2008 Rev 1) of Hollingworth Lake Sailing Club will apply.
- 1.4. The change to RRS 40 – Use of Personal Buoyancy will appear in full in the sailing instructions.
- 1.5. The Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures may be available. See the official notice board for details.

2. Advertising

- 2.1. Advertising will be restricted in accordance with Class Association rules.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the Merlin Rocket Class.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing an Entry Form and sending it, together with the required fee, to Merlin Rocket Open Secretary, Hollingworth Lake Sailing Club, Lake Bank, Littleborough, OL15 0DQ
- 3.3. Entries are limited to Merlin Rocket class dinghies. All boats shall have a valid Certificate of Measurement, which may be required to be shown at registration.
- 3.4. Boats must be helmed by paid-up members of the Merlin Rocket Owners Association.

4. Fees

- 4.1. The entry fee is £25 per boat. The entry fee includes Saturday and Sunday lunch for all competitors.
- 4.2. Dinner on the Saturday night is booked separately.

5. Schedule

- 5.1. Hollingworth Lake SC will be open for entry forms and registration from 9.30 hrs on Saturday 28th October.
- 5.2. Entries close before the start of the first race. There will be a briefing at approx. 12.30 hrs.
- 5.3. The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race is at 12.55 hrs on Saturday 28th October. It is intended to sail race one, then sail races two and three back-to-back.
- 5.4. The scheduled time for the Warning Signal for race four is at 10.55hrs GMT on Sunday 29th October and it is intended to sail races four and five back-to-back.

6. Measurements

6.1. Before a boat is eligible to race, her valid Certificate of Registration and Measurement must be available to be viewed. Only Certified Sails shall be used.

7. Sailing Instructions

7.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

8. Venue

8.1. Directions to the Club are given below, and are also available on the Club website, www.hlsc.org.uk

8.2. The sailing area is Hollingworth Lake.

9. The Courses

9.1. The courses to be sailed will be displayed on the course-board located near the entrance to the Clubhouse. That course-board may indicate that the course is, in fact, to be displayed onboard the Club Committee Boat.

10. Scoring

10.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply. 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series for both the Silver Tiller (R category event) and Felucca Trophy events.

10.2. If three or more races are sailed, the worst score shall be discarded.

11. Disclaimer of Liability

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

12. Insurance

12.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million per event.

13. Rights to Use Names and Likenesses

13.1. Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any visual records of, or relating to the event. They also allow their names, age category, club and boat details to be displayed in competitors' lists and in results, both on relevant websites and in publications.

Directions

Hollingworth Lake Sailing Club (Postcode OL15 0DQ) is situated alongside the B6225 Milnrow to Littleborough road.

From Junction 21 on the M62 (Milnrow) turn left at the 2nd (from East) or 3rd (from West) exit roundabout (which is controlled by traffic lights) towards Milnrow (A640[N]). Follow the brown tourist signs to Hollingworth Lake for approximately two miles. This entails a right turn at the next set of traffic lights (just after Aldi), a left turn at the mini roundabout by The Bobbin pub and then another left turn at the top of the hill before the Gallows pub, following the B6225. At the next mini roundabout turn right and follow the road as it swings left (by the Beach Hotel) round a corner. The Sailing Club is on your right hand side in 150m, with access being through the Lake Bank car park. The Sailing Club is the building between the Rowing Club and the Beach Hotel. No cars may park in the dinghy park and particular attention is drawn to the issue of cars being parked overnight on the slipway nearest the clubhouse blocking the deployment of our RIBs early on the Sunday morning.