

**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**MERLIN ROCKET OPEN MEETING**  
**AT HOLLINGWORTH LAKE SAILING CLUB**  
**SATURDAY 6th & SUNDAY 7th OCTOBER 2018**

The organising authority is Hollingworth Lake Sailing Club.

The races on both Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th October count towards the Merlin Rocket Silver Tiller competition. It is an R category event.

**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 sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and Supplementary Sailing Instructions that will be on the official notice board located just outside the main entrance to the clubhouse.
- 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 Meeting Secretary 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 the entry form at registration on the day of the event
- 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 members of sailing clubs affiliated to the RYA or be members of the RYA and who are paid-up members of the Merlin Rocket Owners Association.

**4. Fees**

- 4.1. The entry fee is £20 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 registration from 9.30am on Saturday 6th October.
- 5.2. Entries close before the start of the first race. There will be a briefing at approx. 12.00 noon.
- 5.3. The Warning Signal for the first race on Saturday 6th October will not be before 12.25pm. It is intended to sail three races on the Saturday afternoon.
- 5.4. The Warning Signal for race four on Sunday 7th October will not be before 10.25am and it is intended to sail a further three races on the Sunday.

**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 measured sails shall be used.

## 7. **Sailing Instructions**

- 7.1. Copies of the Supplementary 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](http://www.hlsc.org.uk)
- 8.2. The sailing area is Hollingworth Lake

## 9. **Scoring**

- 9.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2. If three or more races are sailed, the worst score shall be discarded.

## 10. **Disclaimer of Liability**

- 10.1. 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.

## 11. **Insurance**

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

## 12. **Permission to Use Names and Likenesses**

- 12.1. In accordance with data protection law, competitors will be asked at entry to grant the organising authority permission in perpetuity to make, use and show any visual records of, or relating to the event. This may include the use of competitors' names, age category, club, boat details, photos, videos and audio recordings in results and reports, both on relevant websites and in publications.

## **Directions to HLSC**

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 the access being through the Lake Bank car park. (The entrance to which is the first right after the zebra crossing.)

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.