

NOTICE OF RACE
MERLIN ROCKET OPEN MEETING
ORGANISED BY HOLLINGWORTH LAKE SAILING CLUB
Sat Oct 14th - Sun 15th 2023

The organising authority is Hollingworth Lake Sailing Club. On both days, the races count as a restricted category event as part of the Merlin Rocket Silver Tiller Competition.

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, and the supplementary sailing instructions of the Hollingworth Lake Sailing Club.
- 1.4. The change to RRS 40 – Use of personal buoyancy will appear in the supplementary sailing instructions.
- 1.5. The Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures may be available

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 Merlin Rocket Class Dinghies.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form at registration on the day of the event
- 3.3. Boats must be helmed by paid-up members of the National Merlin Rocket Owners Association and be members of sailing clubs affiliated to the RYA or be members of the RYA.

4. Fees

- 4.1. The entry fee is £35 per boat. The entry fee includes tea on Saturday and Sunday lunch for competitors.

5. Schedule

- 5.1. Hollingworth Lake Rowing Club will be open for registration from 1100hr on the Sat. Oct. 14th 2023.
- 5.2. Entries close before the start of the first race. There will be a briefing at approx 1145hr.
- 5.3. Both the Silver Tiller event and the Felucca Trophy event are planned to be a 5 race series, with the first race not before 1230hr on Sat.Oct. 14th .

6. Measurements

- 6.1. Before a boat is eligible to race, her valid Certificate of Registration & Measurement must be available to be viewed. Only sails compliant with class regulations and fully certified shall be used.

7. Sailing Instructions

- 7.1. The Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be available at registration. They may also be made available ahead of the event

8. Venue

- 8.1. Directions to the Club Dinghy Park are given below, and are also available on the Club website, www.hlsc.org.uk
- 8.2. All administration, changing and refreshment arrangements are being held in the Hollingworth Lake Rowing Club, adjacent to the Dinghy park with entry from the car park.
- 8.3. The sailing area is Hollingworth Lake

9. Disclaimer of Liability

- 9.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. 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.

10. Insurance

- 10.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per event.

11. Permission to Use Names and Likenesses

- 11.1. 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

For Sat Nav use postcode OL15 0DQ

Hollingworth Lake Sailing Club is situated alongside the B6225 Milnrow to Littleborough road. From J21 on the M62 (Milnrow) turn left at the 2nd (from E) or 3rd (from W) exit roundabout towards Rochdale. Follow the brown tourist signs to Hollingworth Lake for approximately two miles. This entails a right turn at the first set of traffic lights, 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 round a corner. The Sailing Club is on your right hand side in 150m, with access from the car park ('Pay & Display'). No cars may park in the dinghy park. Alternative car parking facilities are available on Hollingworth Road.

Parking

Cars must not be parked in the dinghy park. Access will be provided for loading and unloading only.

There is a pay and display car park directly adjacent to the dinghy park. The fee is £5 per day, payments made at the machine by card or contactless.

Overspill car parks are at Hollingworth Road and Hollingworth Lake Country Park

Limited free on road parking is available in the surrounding area, but please note the resident only areas as fines will be given for people parking there without a permit.