



Rutland Sailing Club

Catamaran Open Notice of Race

Saturday 16th - Sunday 17th May 2026

Open to all Classes of Sport Catamarans up to 20ft (6.096 metres) overall length

Organised by Rutland Sailing Club, Edith Weston, Rutland LE15 8HJ
Telephone 01780 720292 (press 1)

Further information, including Local Accommodation, Meal
Booking,
Motor Home parking [*restricted*] is available at:
www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk

Online Entry at
<https://www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk/booking>

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1. Rules:

a) The Event will be governed by the Rules as defined in the RRS, the prescriptions of the RYA and Class Rules of boats competing unless modified by the Event Sailing Instructions

b) All visiting boats must comply with Anglian Water Byelaws:

<https://anglianwaterparks.co.uk/water-park-rules-and-terms>

c) **Rutland Check, Clean & Dry Procedure for all visiting ribs, dinghies & cruisers.**

In order to comply with Anglian Water byelaws for Rutland Water all visiting boats must comply with the CHECK CLEAN & DRY procedure BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT RSC.

Check your equipment and clothing for living organisms. Pay particular attention to areas that are damp or hard to inspect.

Clean and wash all equipment, footwear and clothes thoroughly, use hot water where possible.

If you do come across any organisms, leave them at the water body where you found them.

(Cleaning & washing must be done away from Rutland Water when visiting the Club)

Dry all equipment and clothing – some species can live for many days in moist conditions. Make sure you don't transfer water elsewhere.

Visiting boats may be randomly checked on arrival and if found to be in a condition that causes concern, will not be allowed to be brought on site. All sailors & rib drivers will be expected to

sign a statement to confirm that they have Checked, Cleaned and Dried their boats before

arriving at RSC. This will be normally included with the race entry form or the rib registration

form that must be signed before racing starts. **Launching Trollies/Trailers should not be left**

in the water for any longer than is necessary to launch & recover the boat.

d) RRS 40.1 (Personal Flotation Devices) applies at all times afloat and on the RSC pontoons

2. Eligibility & Entry:

a) All recognised Catamaran Classes up to 20ft LOA with a current SCHRS rating are eligible –

See: <https://www.schrs.com/ratings/>

b) Cost of Entry:- SINGLE-PERSON - **£47.00** 2-PERSON - **£60.00** PER BOAT

c) Entry is **only** through the website. <https://www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk/event/1198455> .

Entries after 17:00 hours Thursday 14th May will be subject to a Late Payment Supplement

1. Find "Create an account now"

2. Fill in your *name, email, phone number*

3. Invent and enter a *password* (write it down or remember it) Tick *I'm not a robot*

4. Click *Create Account* to log in and complete the on-line entry and booking forms

d) **Data Protection:**

1. The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the RRS and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract.

If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is

legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the

organising authority's privacy policy ([https://www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk/governance/gdpr-](https://www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk/governance/gdpr-consent)

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World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be

published.

2. **Visual Images Consent** – By signing the entry form [*entering online*], Competitors grant the Organising Authority or their agents, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show or publish any motion pictures, still pictures and live or recorded coverage in any media of, or relating to, the Regatta, unless they advise the organizers otherwise in writing prior to the Event.

e) **Sailing Instructions:** will be available **online-only** at:

<https://www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk/event/1198455>

3. SCHEDULE OF RACES

3.1. The schedule is shown below:

Saturday 16 th May	Registration @ RSC Club Office	From 09:30
	Competitor Briefing, Wet Bar, 1/F Clubhouse	11:30
	Racing	First warning signal 12:55
Sunday 17 th May	Racing	First warning signal 10:25
	Prizegiving	After racing

4. Prizes: Depending on entries, there will be a First Place prize for each fleet plus other rewards

5. Risk Statement:

Rule 3 of the Racing rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate, including survival in the water, taking into account any disability they might have;
- (e) The provision of a Race Management Team, Patrol Boats or other officials and volunteers by the Event Organizers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of Patrol Boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue;

6. Insurance:- Each participating boat shall be insured with valid Third Party Liability insurance cover of at least £3,000,000.



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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 See Notice of Race (NoR) 1.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 60 minutes before the start of the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) located in the Wet Bar on the 1/F of the clubhouse.
- 3.2 The race office is located in the Club Office, G/F of the clubhouse.
- 3.3 [DP] While racing a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE



- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the halyards located on the balcony on the north-west corner of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 **See NoR 3.1 & 3.2**
- 5.2 The event will consist of a maximum of 6 races.
- 5.3 3 races are scheduled each day. At the discretion of the race committee, 1 additional race may be sailed on either day in order to maximise the opportunity to complete all races in the event.
- 5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6 CLASS/FLEET FLAGS

The class/fleet flags will be:

Class/Fleet	Flag	
Dart 15 Class	D	
Catapult Class	E	
Red Fleet (Dart 18, Nacra 15)	Red flag	
Yellow Fleet (A Class, F18, F20, F16, Spitfire)	Yellow flag	

7 RACING AREA

The racing area is Rutland Water.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in SI Appendix 1 show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The course to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the committee boat prior to the warning signal.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be yellow spherical buoys. Mark 1a will be a black spherical buoy.
- 9.2 The starting marks will be a race committee boat at the starboard end of the line and an orange dan buoy with an orange flag at the port end.
- 9.3 The finishing marks will be a race committee boat at the starboard end of the line and a blue dan buoy with a blue flag at the port end.

10 OBSTRUCTIONS [DP]

- 10.1 A line between the outer limits of the West and East Creek mooring areas shall be treated as a continuing obstruction.
- 10.2 Boats shall keep clear of fishermen (on the bank or afloat) and limnological towers by approximately 50 metres.
- 10.3 Boats shall keep clear of the passenger carrying vessel "RUTLAND BELLE" which has right of way at all times due to its limited manoeuvrability.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started as follows:

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
3	Class/fleet flag	One	Warning signal
2	P / U / Black	One	Preparatory signal
1	P / U / Black removed	One long	One minute
0	Class/fleet flag removed	One	Starting signal

Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

11.2 The starting line is between the staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.

11.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.4 A boat that does not start within three minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11.5 When a boat is subject to RRS 29.1 (individual recall) Flag X accompanied by a single sound signal will be displayed for up to one minute. This changes RRS 29.1

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

12.2 The race committee is not required to signal the change when the next leg of the course is changed by less than 10 degrees in angle or less than 100 metres in length. This changes RRS 33.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line is between the staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

13.2 The race committee may issue finishing positions reflecting competitors' race positions at any time after the first boat in their class/fleet finishes. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 The Target Time for the leading boat to finish is 40 minutes. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

16 HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the ONB.

16.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

16.4 Hearings will be held in the protest room which will be identified on the official notice board.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 The Dart 15 and Catapult classes will be scored as individual classes.
- 17.2 Scoring for the Red and Yellow fleets will be based on SCHRS ratings.
- 17.3 One race is required to be completed to constitute a Series
- 17.4 a)- When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
b)- When 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

[DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

In accordance with class rules.

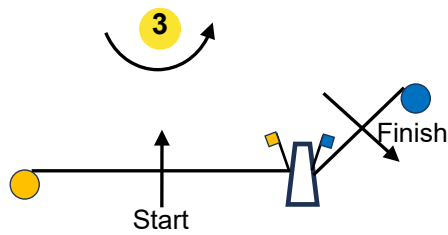
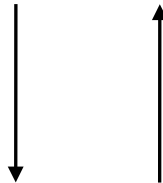
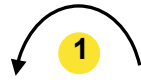
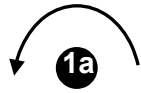
20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the *rules*.
- 20.2 The penalty for an infringement of a class rule may be less than disqualification.

21 INSURANCE

See NoR 6.

Appendix 1 - Courses



Course L - Windward/Leeward (using yellow Mark 1)

Signal *Mark Rounding Order*

L2 Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

L3 Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

L4 Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

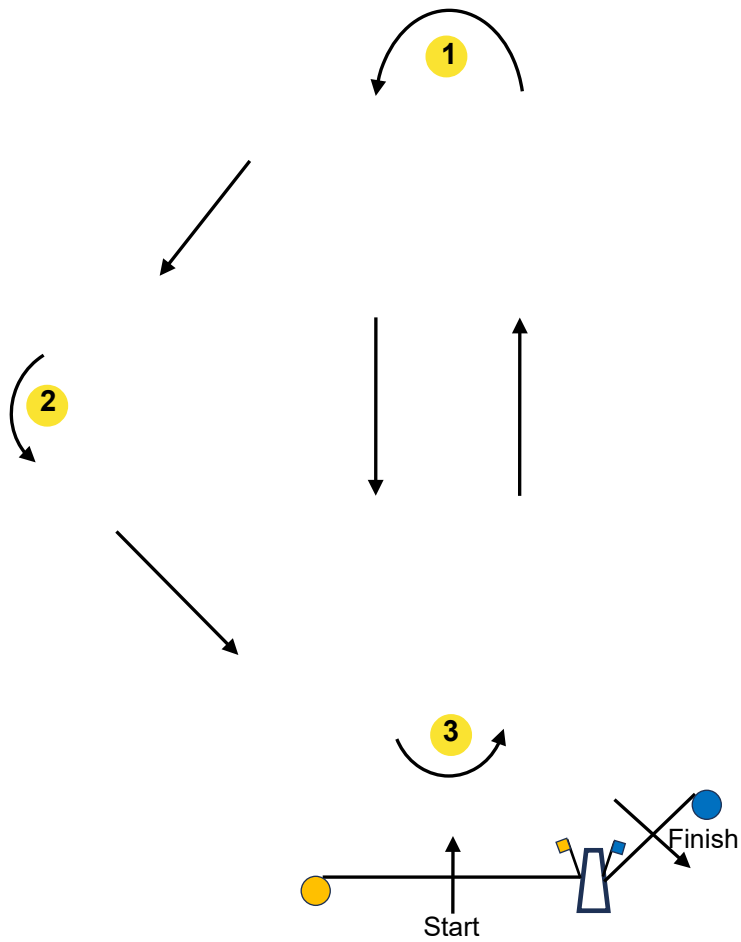
Course La - Windward/Leeward (using black Mark 1a)

Signal *Mark Rounding Order*

La2 Start – 1a – 3 – 1a – 3 – Finish

La3 Start – 1a – 3 – 1a – 3 – 1a – 3 – Finish

La4 Start – 1a – 3 – 1a – 3 – 1a – 3 – 1a – 3 – Finish



Course T - Triangle

Signal Mark Rounding Order

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T3 Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish

T4 Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish