



# Rutland Sailing Club Catamaran Open 2023

## Notice of Race

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20th and 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023

**A-Class TT Series**

**Catapult TT Series**

**Dart 15 TT Series**

**Dart 18 Inlands**

**F18 TT Series**

**Hurricane Inland Nationals**

**Nacra 15 GP**

**Nacra 20 TT Series**

**The event is also open to other catamarans.**

Entry online only at:

<https://www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk/event/rsc-catamaran-open>

ends 17:00 hours Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

Organised by Rutland Sailing Club Edith Weston, Rutland, LE15 8HJ

[www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk](http://www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk)

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-24* (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, and the Association rules for each class.
- 1.2 The Class Rules of the relevant class shall apply, unless amended by this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 Boats must sail every race of the event in the format used in the first race. Boats may not change formats during the event.
- 1.4 Competitors shall comply with the Recreational Byelaws of Anglian Waterways. All boats and trailers brought to the regatta shall be free of Aquatic Invasive Species and shall comply with the procedure described in the annex to this Notice of Race.
- 1.5 Competitors should note that the host sailing club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter.
- 1.6 Personal floatation devices shall be worn at all times whilst afloat. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

## 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available by the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023. They will be available at: [www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk/event/rsc-catamaran-open](http://www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk/event/rsc-catamaran-open)
- 2.2 Note that printed Sailing Instructions will **NOT** be available at the event.

## 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board shall be located in the cafeteria of Rutland Sailing Club.
- 3.2 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Entry is open to all classes of sports catamarans with an overall length of 20 feet (6.096 metres) or less.
- 4.2 Competitors must enter online at [www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk/event/rsc-catamaran-open](http://www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk/event/rsc-catamaran-open) before 17:00 on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Late entry is available but may be subject to maximum numbers and is subject to a late entry fee.

- 4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4 Individual Class Association entry and eligibility criteria will apply.
- 4.5 All catamarans must be fitted with a strop to assist in the righting of the capsized boat. [DP].
- 4.6 By registering for the event, competitors grant the Organising Authority, event sponsors and their agents without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, recorded video of, or relating to the competitors, unless otherwise advised in writing prior to the Regatta.

## 5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fees include a live band on Saturday. The fees are:  
*Single-handed: £43.00*  
*Double-handed: £55.00*
- 5.2 There will be a late entry fee of £10 per boat.

## 6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 There will be a competitor briefing at 11:30 am on Saturday in the Wet Bar.
- 6.2 The regatta will consist of a maximum of 6 races.
- 6.3 Three back-to-back races are scheduled for each day.
- 6.4 At the discretion of the race committee, races may be moved between Saturday and Sunday to maximise the opportunity to complete all races in the event. A maximum of four races may be sailed on one day.
- 6.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 12:55 pm on Saturday and 10:25 am on Sunday.
- 6.6 The last warning signal on the Sunday will be no later than 15:00 hours unless that start has been delayed by a general recall.
- 6.7 A prizegiving will be held after racing on the Sunday.

## 7 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 7.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid certificate if requested by the Race Committee.

## 8 VENUE

- 8.1 The regatta will be held at Rutland Sailing Club, Gibbet Lane, Edith Weston, Rutland, LE15 8HJ.
- 8.2 Racing will take place on Rutland Water. The location of the racing area will be shown on the Official Notice Board and on the chart outside the main clubhouse entrance.

## 9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.2 The racing will be on windward/leeward or trapezoid courses or other courses described in the Sailing Instructions. There will be separate starts for fleets with a sufficient number of entries.
- 9.3 The course, that each fleet will be allocated to, will be published on the Official Notice Board before the briefing.

## 10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## 11 SCORING

- 11.1 The current SCHRS rating will be used for boats competing in handicap racing.
- 11.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3 (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 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 12 RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1 Rule 4 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."
- 12.2 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;
  - e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser 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 familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information prepared for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

## 13 INSURANCE

- 13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident.

## 14 PRIZES

- 14.1 There will be a prize for the overall winner of each fleet. The number of prizes for further positions in the fleet will be dependent on the number of entries.

John Fothergill, Principal Race Officer  
02 February 2023

## FURTHER INFORMATION

The cafeteria will be open during the day on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday evening meal tickets can be booked alongside your event ticket for yourself and guests costing £12.50 per head. The bar will be open after 12:00 on both days.

Further information about the event will be provided on the event webpage at:

[www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk/event/rsc-catamaran-open](http://www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk/event/rsc-catamaran-open)

This includes Information about booking the clubhouse accommodation and motorhome spaces, and information about a campsite near the Club,

## ANNEX



### CHECK, CLEAN AND DRY PROCEDURE FOR VISITING RIBS, DINGHIES AND CRUISERS

In order to comply with Anglian Waters' byelaws for Rutland Water you must:

**BEFORE ARRIVING** at Rutland Sailing Club: comply with the CHECK, CLEAN & DRY procedure (see below), and

**BEFORE LEAVING** the site: Wash your boat: wash stations are located at the cruiser park, the main gate, and the boatswain's workshop.

**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 will 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. By registering, you confirm that you have Checked, Cleaned and Dried your boat before arriving at RSC.

Trolleys and trailers should not be left in the water for any longer than is necessary to launch & recover the boat.

Further information can be found at:

<http://www.nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry/index.cfm>