

Notts County Sailing Club

The County Cooler Open Meeting

Saturday and Sunday 25th /26th January 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

1.1. Racing will be held under the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, The Open Meeting Sailing Instructions of NCSC, and the principals and practices of the RYA Racing Charter.

2. Eligibility and Entry

2.1. Competitors may enter for 2 days by completing an entry online via the following link:-
<https://members.ncsc.org.uk//event/1028817>

2.2. Fees are paid using the Stripe Credit card system upon completion of the appropriate entry "Ticket" when entering online.

2.3. Entries will be allowed on each day from 9.00am and must be made 60 minutes prior to the first race start. Credit card entry payment will be available in the clubhouse.

2.4. A competitor under 19 on the 1st March 2025 is classified as a Junior.

2.5. Open to Dinghies with a PY between 896 and 1213 (and Windsurfers at Notts County SC)

2.6. Where a boat may be equipped with different rig sizes (eg Aero, ILCA) the same rig shall be used throughout the event.

2.7. Sailors aged under eighteen on the first day of the event will need to have the Parent/Guardian Declaration completed and signed by a parent or guardian on the online or paper entry form. This confirms that the parent/guardian understands and accepts that their sailors are entirely responsible throughout the event for themselves and their boats on land and on the water.

2.8. If parent/guardians are not available at the venue, they must appoint loco parentis before the start of the event using this online form.

3. Fees

3.1. There is no entry fee for members holding valid membership of NCSC, Staunton Harold SC, Ogston SC or Burton SC. For NCSC members this means that the 2025 subscription must be fully paid up for each competitor.

3.2. £30 per Adult double handed boat for 2 days

3.3. £15 per Adult single-handed boat for 2 days

3.4. £15 per Adult double handed boat for 1 day. (Entry on the day only)

3.5. £8 per Adult single-handed boat for 1 day. (Entry on the day only)

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3.6. Junior entry half these fees.

4. Schedule

4.1. A briefing will be held at 10.45am on Saturday 25th January 2025

4.2. The 1st warning signal shall not be before 11.25am on the Saturday

4.3. The 1st warning signal shall not be before 10.25am on the Sunday

4.4. 5 races are intended over the 2 days of the event. Race times are subject to change and any variation will be posted on the chalk board near the Race Office.

4.5. The last start will be no later than 3.30pm each day

4.6. It is envisaged that the final race will be a 60 minute duration pursuit race, though this is subject to the conditions on the day.

4.7. One result discard will be allowed once 4 races have been sailed.

4.8. See sailing instructions for Starting signals and sequence. Pursuit start times will be posted on the Notice board outside the Race Office in the Conservatory.

5. Sailing Instructions

5.1. The County Cooler Sailing Instructions of NCSC can be downloaded via a link on the club website. www.ncsc.org.uk

6. Scoring

6.1. 2024 RYA Portsmouth Yardstick handicaps will be applied, calculating the results on Average lap time and determining the start times for the Pursuit race.

7. Prizes

7.1. Prizes will be awarded for the first three places for dinghies, first windsurfer and first Junior.

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8. 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:

- 8.1. 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;
- 8.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 8.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 8.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 8.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 8.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 8.7. 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 produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

9. Insurance

- 9.1. All participants shall be listed on the entry form, they or their representative pay the entry fee (if applicable) and sign the entry form to confirm that their craft is insured for third party liability to a minimum of £5 million.

10. Privacy Statement

- 10.1. The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the events. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing 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 organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

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11. Access to the Clubhouse, Toilets & Changing rooms

11.1 The Clubhouse and its facilities will be open for use by competitors.

12. Catering

12.1 Food and hot drinks will be available from the Galley prior to racing and until lunchtime on each day.

John Sears Sailing Secretary

December 2024.