



Notts County Sailing Club RS400 Open Meeting 2025

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th September 2025

At Hoveringham Lake, Hoveringham, Notts NG14 7JX

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NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Notts County Sailing Club in conjunction with the RS Class Association.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be issued for this event.

1.3 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 31, 33, 35, 44.1, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in this Notice of race or in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The RS Class Association standard sailing instructions are available at <https://rs-association.com>.

2.2 The event Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be available at <https://ncsc.org.uk>

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 See Supplementary Sailing Instructions for location of official notice board for Notices to competitors.

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.



4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to boats of the RS400 class.

4.2 To compete in the Northern Tour, the helm must be a member and crew must be either a member or crew member of the RS Class Association. To compete in the open meeting only, membership of the association is not a requirement. Results will be categorised accordingly.

Entries are to be made online by ticket entry on Sailing Club Manager using the following link:-
<https://members.ncsc.org.uk/event/1052767>

Entry fee payment is by the NCSC website or on the day.

4.3 Late entries will be accepted at the club from 09.00 until 10.30am on the first day subject to the payment of a £5 late entry surcharge. To be considered an entry at the event, a boat shall complete the NCSC Open meeting entry form and pay all fees. Credit card payment may be possible via the club's credit card reader.

4.4 Any competitors aged under 18 years shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form. This can be downloaded from the RS Class Association website and should be completed and handed in at registration.

4.5 The Organising Authority may cancel the event, and reject or cancel entries at its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.

4.6 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event or reject an entry up to 36 hours prior to the scheduled start of race 1 they shall refund the entry fee in full.

4.7 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event within 36 hours prior to the scheduled start of race 1 any refunds will be at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.

5 FEES

Adult entry fee is £35.00 per boat up until 17.00 hrs on 5th September 2025. Thereafter the Adult late Entry Fee will be £40.00 per boat. Under 19's (on 31st December 2025) entry fee is £15 per boat.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply.

7 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.



9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Registration Saturday 6th September 0900 to 10:30hrs

9.2 Briefing – A briefing will be held at 11:00 on Saturday 6th September

9.3 Racing: The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Saturday 6th September is 11:55. The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Sunday 7th September is 09:55.

9.4 Over the two days, a maximum of 12 races will be sailed should the Sprints option be chosen by the Race Team Officials. Saturday 6th September: 8 Races maximum. Sunday 7th September: 4 Races maximum.

9.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 12:55. (note two back to back club races are planned in the afternoon. Visitors are welcome to join in the RS start which is first in the sequence. 6:3:0)

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Boats may be inspected at any time.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

12 VENUE

The sailing area will be Notts County Sailing Club main lake

13 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward or Trapezoid and will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

14.2 The Exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

15 SCORING

15.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.1.

15.3 If four or five races are completed, a boats series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score

15.4 If six races or more are completed, a boats series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. This changes RRS A2.1.



16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 Support Person Vessels are not permitted.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

Does not apply.

18 BERTHING

Please berth boats on the foreshore and secure them overnight. Do not use vacant spaces in the dinghy park.

19 DATA PROTECTION

The Data Processing Policy is available on the class website.

20 RISK STATEMENT

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

Sailing by its nature is 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 or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.



20.2 [NP] COVID Statement

By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the venue/OA/sailing club COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to be unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

21 INSURANCE

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

22 PRIZES

Prizes may be awarded, dependent on entries and at the discretion of the Race Committee to the first, second & third boats overall.

23 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Nicola Willars on 07923511110 or RS400@ncsc.org

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1 Camping will be permitted on the evenings of Friday 5th and Saturday 6th September. Please park your vehicle and/or pitch your tent as directed. Note that the club does not have facilities for the disposal of waste from portable toilets.

2 Refreshments will be available over the lunchtime Saturday 6th and Sunday 6th September

3 A meal will be available on the evening of Saturday 6th September. It will be necessary to book all meals prior to the first race on Saturday. Price is £7.50

4 The bar will be open after sailing on both days.