



Merlin Rocket Open Meeting 2016

A Merlin Rocket Silver Tiller Event

Saturday March 26th 2016

Organising Authority: Chichester Yacht Club.

Event Location: Chichester Yacht Club, West Sussex

Notice of Race

1 Rules

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016. Boats participating in this Open event shall conform to the ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2013-16, and the National Merlin-Rocket class rules as maintained by the RYA Technical Department.

Competitors should note that Chichester Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and expects competitors to sail in compliance with the charter.

2 Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority in accordance with ISAF regulation 20 and the Merlin-Rocket class rules. The area of mainsail below the bottom batten shall be reserved for advertising by the event sponsor.

3 Eligibility and Entry

3.1 The event is open to all boats of the National Merlin Rocket class. The Silver Tiller is open only to helms that are members of the MROA. Non-members may sail in the Open Meeting at the discretion of the organising authority.

3.2 During the event the parent's or guardian's of young competitors shall either be in or around Chichester Yacht Club or afloat participating in the event, or will inform the event organisers in writing who is acting in loco parentis on their behalf. During the event any persons acting in loco parentis shall either be in or around Chichester Yacht Club or afloat participating in the event.

3.3 Eligible competitors may enter at the entry desk in the sloop at Chichester Yacht Club on any day of the event. A parent, guardian or person acting in loco parentis of all young competitors shall sign the entry form accepting the "Parent's or guardian's declaration regarding young competitors".

3.4 Entry Fees:

Entry fee per boat: £20 plus, Harbour dues, if not already paid: £2

3.5 Boats needing to sail with sail numbers differing from those under which they have entered must seek approval from the race committee via the entry desk prior to the first race in which they sail with the changed numbers.

4 Racing Schedule:

The CYC Merlin Rocket Open Meeting 2016 will be held on Saturday March 26th 2016.

Registration will take place at CYC in the Sloop from 10:00hrs.

A briefing will be held at CYC in the Sloop at 10:45hrs.

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of the event will be 11:40hrs

Subsequent races will be timed at the Race Officer's discretion and the timing will be confirmed at the briefing.

The total number of races planned is three.
High water details: 13:16hrs, height 4.6m.

5 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available electronically on CYC's web sites at www.cyc.co.uk, from 1st February 2016 at the latest, and on paper during registration on the day.

6 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for the competitors to decide whether their boat and those that will sail it during the event are fit to sail in the conditions they might find. Each competitor is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing and is also responsible for wearing adequate clothing for the conditions. By launching competitors confirm that their boat and those sailing it are competent to sail and compete in the event and are adequately clothed for the conditions.

The event organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the competitors or accompanying persons as a result of attending or taking part in this event and those attending this event indemnifies the event organisers against all and any costs, claims, demands and liabilities in respect of the same.

The provision of patrol boats does not relieve persons in charge, competitors and those accompanying competitors of their responsibilities.

7 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 that is valid for this event and those sailing the boat.

8 Supporting Information

8.1 Young competitors are those under 18 years of age on the 26th March 2016.

8.2 Courses will be set and races will be held on the waters known as Chichester Lake.

8.3 To sail to the starting area once launched should take no more than 20 minutes.

8.4 Prizes will be awarded as detailed in the sailing instructions.

8.5 Results will be posted on CYC's web sites - www.cyc.co.uk

8.6 The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available during this event.

8.7 Support boats attending this event shall register at the entry desk during any registration period.

8.8 Competitors shall accept that photographs of their boat and its crew could be taken while attending this event.

8.9 In entering this event, competitors automatically grant the organising authority and Class Association the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and any other reproduction of them taken during the event, without compensation.

8.10 The event organisers encompass the organising authority, the race committee and the event support team. The race committee encompasses the principal race officer, the committee boat crew, the patrol boat personnel and the beach master, while the event support team encompasses all others that help run this event.

8.11 Competitors are asked not to leave road trailers in the car park, but to move them to the dinghy park or other area designated for the purpose.

8.12 The harbour dues paid at this event are for vessels less than 6.3m LOA taking part in open races organised by a local Chichester Harbour club for up to 2 days.

9 Contact Details

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