



RS Aero UK River Championships - Avon SC, Gloucester, UK

Saturday, 8th June 2024

*Organizing Authority:
Avon Sailing Club
Chaceley Stock,
Chaceley,
Gloucestershire,
GL19 4EQ*

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 Documents governing this event, including this Notice of Race (NoR) and any amendments thereto, will be available at the Club website:
<https://avonsailingclub.co.uk/>
- 1.2 The Royal Yachting Association prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, except those changes detailed below or in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 Prohibited Area. A boat infringing the Prohibited Area (as defined in THE COURSE below) may exonerate herself in accordance with Rule 44.1 (Taking a Penalty)
- 1.5 Rule 40.1 shall always apply. All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits, dry suits are not considered personal flotation devices.

2 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1 The Aero UK River Championship is open to all boats of the RS Aero Class, sailed by a member of the class association.
- 2.2 The RS Aero Class Rules shall apply.
- 2.3 Entries will be taken on the day. All entrants are required to complete and sign an Open Meeting entry form.
- 2.4 Competitors are required to hold a valid and current certificate of insurance which covers for third party liability up to the sum of £5,000,000 while racing during the event.

3 FEES

- 3.1 Entry fee per boat is £10

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Registration will take place on the day from 09.30.
- 4.2 There will be a briefing for competitors on the day at 10.30.
- 4.3 The event will consist of a maximum of 4 races.
- 4.4 The first race is scheduled to start at 11.00.
- 4.5 The subsequent race start times will be at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 4.6 No warning signal will be made after 16.00.

- 4.7 The Race Officer reserves the right to start any race as a single mass start, or as separate flights.

5 **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 5.1 The Sailing Instructions will be made available for competitors during registration.

6 **THE COURSE**

- 6.1 The course shall consist of an upstream and a down-stream buoy or of these buoys, supplemented by intermediate marks.
- 6.2 The marks used; their approximate location will be displayed on a Course Board near the Race Officer's box.
- 6.3 Any change of course prior to the warning signal shall be signified by two sound signals and flying Flag 'A'
- 6.2 A Prohibited Area may be declared and denoted by marker buoys laid offshore.
- (b) In this event, no yacht may cross or sail inshore of the imaginary lines joining adjacent buoys. Boats approaching these may call for "room".
- (c) The existence of the approximate location of the Prohibited Area, if any, will be notified on the board adjacent to the Race Officer's box.

7 **SHORTENING COURSE**

- 7.1 Flag 'S' and if necessary, an identifying flag shall be broken out, accompanied by two sound signals. This will mean that the leading boat shall finish on the completion of the round she is sailing. Other boats shall sail the same course.
- 7.2 Flag 'F' and if necessary, an identifying flag shall be broken out, accompanied by two sound signals. This will mean that the leading boat shall finish the next time she crosses the finishing line from either direction. Other boats shall sail the same course.

8 **DECLARATIONS**

- 8.1 Declarations of retirement from the race are required to the Race Office. The time limit for declaration is 30 minutes from when the last boat (still racing) completes the race.

9 **TIME LIMIT**

- 9.1 A boat that fails to finish within 30 minutes of the leading boat will be deemed to have retired.

10 **SCORING**

- 10.1 When four or three races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10.2 When fewer than three races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3 Ties will be broken according to Appendix A8.

11 **PRIZES**

- 11.1 Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of Race Officer depending on the number of entrants.

12 **PRIVACY STATEMENT**

- 12.1 The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. 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.

13 RISK STATEMENT

13.1 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."

13.2 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 omission.
- (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 organizer 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 for the event.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

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