

Waveney and Oulton Broad Yacht Club (WOBYC)

Merlin Rocket Open Meeting

NOTICE OF RACE Merlin Rocket Silver Tiller - Saturday 27th August 2022

Organising Authority: Waveney & Oulton Broad Yacht Club (WOBYC) in association with Merlin Rocket Owners Association (MROA)

1 RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), RYA prescriptions and the relevant Class rules.

1.2 In the case of conflict between the Notice of Race (NoR) and the sailing instructions (SIs), the sailing instructions shall prevail. This changes rule 63.7.

1.3 RRS 40.1 (personal buoyancy) applies at all times whilst racing

1.4 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.

2 ELIGIBILITY

2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Merlin Rocket class which have a current measurement certificate.

2.2 Boats competing for Silver Tiller prizes must be entered by members or associate members of the MROA

2.3 Entries will be accepted from non-members of the MROA provided they are members of WOBYC but they will not be eligible for Silver Tiller prizes.

2.4 A boat wishing to substitute a helm or a crew after registration shall make prior written request to the race committee to do so. The decision to permit or deny such request shall be entirely at the discretion of the race committee.

3 ENTRIES AND FEES

3.1 Entries shall be made on the official Entry Form available online (www.wobyc.com).

3.2 The entry fee is £15.00 per boat for the complete event.

3.4 Entries and payments will be accepted up to 20:00 on Friday 28th August if via email or 10:00 on Saturday 29th August if a paper entry. Entry payments on Saturday will be cash only.

4 COMMUNICATION

4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted online at www.wobyc.com and on the official notice board located in the main upstairs room of the clubhouse.

4.2 While racing, from the 1st warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration will take place in the club house on Saturday 27th August between 09.00 and 10.15.

5.2 The event comprises of a three (3) race series.

5.4 The scheduled time for the race briefing will be 10:15

5.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal will be 11:00

5.6 Lunch break will be after race 1, with races 2 and 3 'back to back' after lunch (approximately 13:00)

5.7 No warning signal will be made after 16.00

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Sailing instructions will be published on the WOBYC and class websites on or before 20th August 2022 (www.wobyc.com). Printed copies may be available at registration.

6.2 Course maps showing approximate position of marks will be available at registration.

8 VENUE

8.1 Waveney and Oulton Broad Yacht Club, Nicholas Everitt Park, Lowestoft NR33 9JR.

8.2 The main entrance for the dinghy park and slipway is opposite St Mark's Church on Bridge Rd, Oulton Broad. The postcode for St Mark's is NR33 9JX. Drive through the car park and you will find the WOBYC dinghy park and slipway. The clubhouse is approx. 200 metres walk away overlooking the Broad.

8.3 The car park is 'Pay and Display, either with a cash payment or the RinGo App.

8.2 Racing will take place on Oulton Broad.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 RRS Rules 44.1 and 44.2 will apply.

10 SCORING

10.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series

10.2 When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.3 When three have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11 PRIZES

The Club will provide prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

12 RISK STATEMENT

2.1 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'.

12.2 By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that: they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event; they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore; they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions; their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate; the provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities; the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances 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 at the venue; their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 or the equivalent per event against third party claims.

13 RIGHTS AND COPYRIGHT

3.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

14 DATA PROTECTION

14.1 The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the RRS 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 Organising 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.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

15.1 Please contact Kyle Beamish - sailing@wobyc.com