

**Midland Sailing Club**  
Birmingham, UK  
*Organizing Authority: Midland Sailing Club (MSC)*

**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**2017/18 annual schedule for Club racing**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. Club racing will be subject to the Rules of MSC.
- 1.2. Club racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020. (RRS)
- 1.3. By sailing in Club events sailors agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern MSC membership and sailing on Edgbaston Reservoir.
- 1.4. Changes to any rules in the RRS are indicated in the MSC club racing Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5. Competitors should note that Midland Sailing Club abides by the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020).
- 1.6. Buoyancy aids shall be worn in accordance with the rules of the Club. The wearing of wets suits or dry suits is advised.

**2. ADVERTISING**

- 2.1. Boats will be subject to RYA Regulation 20.

**3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

- 3.1. The types of boats that may be sailed at MSC are restricted.
- 3.2. Races shall be held for monohull sailing dinghies with a maximum RYA handicap equal to that of the Laser 4.7 or a minimum RYA handicap equal to that of the Fireball. Other boats may be accommodated on a discretionary basis.
- 3.3. Club races are open to boats of MSC Members.
- 3.4. Visitors are welcome to sail occasionally subject to Club rules but their results will not be included in series results.

**4. FEES**

- 4.1. There is no additional entry fee to MSC members.

**5. VENUE**

- 5.1. The races will be sailed on Edgbaston Reservoir.

**6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 6.1. The sailing instructions are available in printed form at the Club and through the MSC website.

**7. SCHEDULE**

- 7.1. The number of races is indicative only and will depend upon weather conditions on each race day and other circumstances which may result in race cancellation.

- 7.2. No briefing for competitors is scheduled.

#### Saturday Racing

- 7.3. There will be four series designated Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer.
- 7.4. The participants in each race may be sub-divided into different classes of boat.
- 7.5. The participants for each race may be sub-divided according to a personal handicap determined by MSC sailing management.
- 7.6. The number of races to count in a series will be managed by the MSC sailing management according to ongoing circumstances. The majority of possible races will be discardable.
- 7.7. There are two races scheduled for each Saturday except those days identified as exclusive to other waters users or alternative MSC events.
- 7.8. The first race start will not be before 13:30 hours March to October, 13:00 November, December and January.
- 7.9. The format of each race may vary according to the scheduling of the MSC sailing management.
- 7.10. The format of the race will be made known in good time to competitors before the warning signal.

#### Wednesday Racing

- 7.11. There will be three series designated Flag Officers, Spring and Summer.
- 7.12. The number of races to count in a series will be managed by the MSC sailing management according to ongoing circumstances. The majority of possible races will be discardable.
- 7.13. There is one race scheduled for each Wednesday during the months of April to September except those days identified as exclusive to other waters users or alternative MSC events.
- 7.14. The first race start will not be before 18:30 hours April and September, 19:00 May, June, July, August.
- 7.15. The format of each race may vary according to the scheduling of the MSC sailing management.
- 7.16. The format of the race will be made known in good time to competitors before the warning signal.

### **8. MEASUREMENTS**

- 8.1. Each boat may be required to produce a valid measurement certificate.
- 8.2. Safety check measurements may be made at any time during the season.

### **9. COURSES**

- 9.1. The courses to be sailed will be a sequence around turning marks surrounded by water.

### **10. SCORING**

- 10.1. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2. A set number of races from the series will be aggregated to constitute the series score for each boat.

### **11. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 11.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.
- 11.2. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **12. PRIZES**

- 12.1. A trophy is awarded for first place and will remain the property of Midland Sailing Club.
- 12.2. The trophy must be returned prior to the same event the following year.
- 12.3. Prizes will be given according to the discretionary decision of MSC management.
- 12.4. The prize giving will be scheduled on an annual basis.

## **13. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES**

- 13.1. Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

## **14. RISK STATEMENT**

- 14.1. Rule 4 of the RRS states 'The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'
- 14.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.
- 14.3. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- 14.4. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew, their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
- 14.5. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- 14.6. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- 14.7. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- 14.8. 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.
- 14.9. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particular in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 14.10. 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 for this event.
- 14.11. The race entry form will contain a declaration regarding the RRS.

## **15. INSURANCE**

- 15.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per race or the equivalent.