



COMET Open Meeting

Notice of Race

Saturday 10th August 2024

RULES

Races will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 - 2024 except as they are changed by the Bowmoor Sailing Club sailing instructions, the prescriptions of the RYA and this Notice of Race.

Condition of Entry

The regatta is open to all boats of the Comet Class only. Eligible boats may enter by completing an entry form on arrival at the Registration Desk. Non Bowmoor Sailors must be a paid-up member of the Comet Class Association (joining is possible at registration).

The event is shared with the CVDRA which are holding a two day event with racing also on Sunday morning. Participants are welcome to join the Club racing programme on the Sunday which will take place after the CVDRA have completed two races.

Competitors must declare at registration which of the four rigs (standard, Xtra, White Xtra and mino) they wish to sail and they must stay with the same rig throughout the event. Rigs with reefing capabilities are allowed to reef/un-reef during the event.

The safety of the boat and its entire management, including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the competitor racing the boat.

All craft on the club premises (on land and on the water) must have full insurance cover, including third party liability to £3,000,000.

The race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.

To prevent the spread of non-native species boats and trolleys should be cleaned prior to arrival. Check Clean Dry: <http://www.nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry/index.cfm>.

Organising Authority

The organising authority is Bowmoor Sailing Club, Coln Park Lake, Fairford Road, Lechlade
GL7 3DT



Safety Regulations

All competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times whilst afloat. (Bowmoor SC SI 2.7).

Entry and Registration

There will be an entry fee of £10 per boat.

To assist the club with knowing how many boats and people to cater for, please can competitors with eligible boats pre-enter online via the Bowmoor Sailing Club Website. [Link here](#). It will still be possible to complete an entry form with the organising authority on the day of the event.

Event and Programme

Sailing instructions will be available at entry registration on at the registration desk, and a copy is posted on the club's notice board inside the clubhouse. They can also be found on the Bowmoor website under Calendar - Open Meeting Calendar

Hot and cold food and drinks will be available from the Galley which will be open from 09:00 until 15:30 on both days. Pre- ordering Lunch with your choices from the menu board after registering is essential. There will be a bring and burn BBQ on Saturday evening after racing or alternatively there are takeaway options in Fairford or Lechlade, both of which are less than a ten minute drive away from the club.

The club site will be accessible from mid-afternoon on Friday 9th August and there is ample space for Tents and Motorhomes/ Campers

Entry registration will commence from 9:30.am on Saturday in the clubhouse

There will be a briefing for all competitors at 11:00 am

It is intended to hold at least 3 . First warning will not be before 11:25am.

The race starting sequence shall be as defined in the Bowmoor 'Sailing Instructions for Open Meetings' instruction 6.1

The warning signal for the main fleet will be the Comet association flag, unless changed in Sailing Instructions.

Advertising and Sponsorship

Advertising will be restricted to Category C.

The Course

The courses will be set on Bowmoor Sailing Club water at Coln Park Lake. For directions to the club refer to the club's website at www.bowmoor.co.uk.



Scoring

Points: The low point scoring system will apply as set out in RRS A4.1. Boats that did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing or were disqualified shall be scored in accordance with RRS A4.2.

Series Ties: RRS rule A8 applies

Individual Scoring: Boats will be placed in order of their combined points. If 3 or more races are sailed, the worst score will be discarded.