PHANTOM OPEN MEETING 1st APRIL 2023

Entries are invited from competitors for the Phantom Open at Bowmoor Sailing Club.

1. **Rules:** Races will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021– 2024 except as they are changed by Bowmoor SC Open Meeting sailing instructions, the prescriptions of the RYA and this Notice of Race.

   Racing Rule 40.1 will be changed to the effect that buoyancy aids are compulsory. The changes appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. Competitors should note that Bowmoor Sailing Club implements 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 and at the point of event entry.

2. **Eligibility:** The regatta is open to all boats of the Phantom Class only. Eligible boats may enter by completing an entry form on arrival at the Registration Desk. Sailors must be a paid-up member of the Phantom Class Association, join here. Participants are welcome to join the Club racing programme on the Sunday.

3. **Entry & Fee:** Entry is through online Registration here by Tuesday 28 March. The online Registration Fee includes tea/coffee on arrival and hot lunch & drink.

   Entry can be paid on the day from 09:00 with a fee of £20 payable at the registration desk (card or cash). Entry on the day does not include food as we need to give suitable notification to the Galley.

4. **Schedule:** Four 45-minute races are scheduled for the event, with two results to count. A competitors' briefing will be held in the club house at 10:30. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 10:55.

5. **Start times** will be approximately as follows: -
   - 1st Race start: 11:00
   - 2nd Race start: as soon as possible after 1st Race (back-to-back)
   - 3rd Race start: 14:00
   - 4th Race start: as soon as possible after 3rd Race (back-to-back)

   A '5-4-1-0' starting sequence will be used.

6. **Sailing Instructions:** The Sailing Instructions are available on the club website: https://bowmoor.com/documents/OpenSIs2020.pdf under 'Calendar/Open Meeting Calendar. Additional copies will be made available at the time of entry.

7. **Courses:** The course for each race will be set by the OOD at least 10 minutes prior to the start of each race and will be displayed on the starboard side of the committee boat, or front of the race hut.

8. **Scoring:** The low points scoring system will be used. 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series. When 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score as the discard. For series ties - RRS rule A8 applies. In the event that only one race is sailed, the Championship prizes will be awarded based on the result of that race.

9. **Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded for 1st – 3th places. Other spot prizes may be awarded.

10. **Disclaimer of Liability:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk; see RRS Rule 4 'Decision to Race'. *Bowmoor Sailing Club will not accept any liability for material damage, accident or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.*

11. **Insurance: Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of at least £2,000,000 or the equivalent.**

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Further Information:

The online entry fee includes a tea/coffee after registration, and a hot lunch with drink at 13h00 approximately. Any special catering needs must be advised at least 48 hours in advance.

On-site camping (£5 per adult - per night) is available (please select this option when entering online), access from 5pm on Friday 31st March or by prior arrangement. The entry gate is locked and will need to be opened, so notice of your arrival time will be required.

Directions: https://bowmoor.com/contact/contact-us/

Bowmoor Sailing Club Entrance is on the South side of the A417 Cirencester to Lechlade road approximately 1.9 miles West of Lechlade town center and 2 miles East of Fairford town center. The entrance is signposted to Bowmoor Sailing Club.

For sat nav systems use coordinates 51.698870, -1.730710 or 51° 41' 56.06" N, 1° 43' 51.49" W. The nearest postcode is GL7 3DT, which is a little East of the entrance. OS grid reference is SP 1869000052.

For further information about the event please contact Tom Whittingham - Commodore by email on commodore@bowmoor.com

Bowmoor BioSecurity Policy:

Please note that visiting boats must be clean and emptied of water (including launching trolleys) with all visible and obvious signs of contamination (such as mud and weed) removed well away from the Club premises.

Lake statistics:

Area: 330,000 sq.m, 85 Acres. Useful racing area approximately 60%. Average depth 3m but the lake is 5 – 6m deep in parts near marks 3 and 4. The lake is marked with 12 permanent buoys (1 – 12) with movable buoys (V, W, X, Y, Z) used for racing marks. Even numbered marks are coloured red with odd numbered marks being yellow.