

## NOTICE OF RACE

**Grand Finals - Great British Sailing Challenge** – Date: 28 & 29 September, 2019

Venue: **Rutland Sailing Club**

1. **Organising Authority:** Rutland Sailing Club and Great British Sailing Challenge ([www.sailingchallenge.org](http://www.sailingchallenge.org) )
2. **Rules:** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020, the appropriate class rules, and the sailing instructions of the event. If there is conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, then the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
3. **Advertising:** No restrictions, but all advertising but must comply with World Sailing Regulation 20.
4. **Boat identification:** All boats shall compete under their registered numbers to comply with RRS rule 77. Exceptions as described in Appendix G3 do not apply for this event.
5. **Eligibility & Entry:**
  - a. Entry is open to **monohull dinghies, small multihulls and sports boats**
  - b. Entrants by those under 18 years of age on the day of the event must be countersigned by a parent/guardian and presented at registration.
  - c. Entry is by invitation only. Entries are restricted to 100 boats.
6. **Registration:** Registration will be from 0930am on the 28/9/2019 in the sailing club office.
7. **Briefing:** There will be a briefing for all competitors at 11am. Documents for the event will be published at <http://www.sailingchallenge.org> and displayed on the official notice board (ONB) at the club.
8. **GPS Tracking:** GPS tracking is an important part of the GBSC. To be included with GBSC series results, competitors must carry trackers onboard supplied by the Organising Authority. The tracker should be collected from the tracking registration area (at west end of upstairs club room) before going afloat and returned to the same place after the day's racing within the protest time.
9. **Schedule of Races:** Race 1 warning signal at 11.55am Saturday. It is intended to run a maximum of 4 races back-to-back on Saturday For Sunday, one Pursuit Race, briefing at 10am, Pursuit Start at 11am.
10. **Scoring:** Handicap races will be scored on average lap times. 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series. The low point scoring system will be used and ties will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A.8. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When three or more general handicap races have been completed, her

worst general handicap score will be excluded. The Pursuit race is non-discardable. "Great Lakes" PY numbers will be used in scoring for the event. Results and separate prizes will also be produced based on Great British Sailing Challenge Performance Indexes. In the event of no racing due to too much wind, sailors will be offered the opportunity to sail at their own risk, and to record a fastest lap around a simple two-mark course. The boat that records the fastest lap relative to its Great Lakes PY number will win the event.

11. **Fees:** Entry fees are indicated when the participant goes through the registration process. Entries are to be made online in advance at <http://www.sailingchallenge.org>. Online entry will close at 1159pm on the Thursday preceding the event. Entries made in person on the day of the event will be charged at a higher rate than online entry.
12. **Prize giving:** The prize giving will be held as soon as possible after the last race.
13. **Risk Statement:** Rule 4 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". 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 omissions;
  - 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 organiser 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.
14. **Insurance:** Competitors are required to hold third party insurance for racing of at least £3,000,000.
15. **Safety Regulations:** Life-jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors at all times whilst afloat.
16. **Other Information:**

- a. **Catering:** Catering services will be available throughout the weekend, including breakfast, lunch and evening meals. The bar will be open late into the evening.
  
- b. **Accommodation:** For information relating to accommodation Rutland SC web site ([www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk](http://www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk)) or telephone 01780 820292. This includes contact details for camping/caravan facilities adjacent to the Sailing Club, which you can also find by going to: <http://www.rutlandwatercampsite.co.uk>
  
- c. **Local Information:**
  - Camper Vans and Motor Homes are not permitted overnight on the Club premises.
  - RSC rules do not allow for dogs on site. However, guide dogs are welcome.
  - Anglian Water do not permit the flying of drones over Rutland Water.
  - No cycling on site. Thank you.