



NOTICE OF RACE

Oxford Blue – Saturday 17 February 2024

Part of the Selden SailJuice Winter Series

Venue : **Oxford Sailing Club**, Gate 3, Farmoor Reservoir, Cumnor Road, Farmoor, OX2 9NS

1. **Organising Authority:** Oxford Sailing Club, Farmoor Reservoir, Farmoor, Oxford OX2 9NS
NB: The office is not staffed – please use the website contact form at www.oxfordsailing.club or email: membership@oxfordsailingclub.com
2. **Rules:** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024, 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 must comply with ISAF 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 all monohull centreboard dinghies with a PY number equal or lower than the Topper and the K1 keelboat class.
 - b. The regatta is also open to accepted OSC keelboat classes (e.g. K1 and K6) that are either owned by an OSC member or will be helmed by a disabled member of a recognised Sailability Group, subject to prior consent from the Organising Authority.
 - c. 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.
 - d. Entries are restricted to 150.
6. **Registration:** Registration will be from **09:00** at the southern (training room) door to the clubhouse, with queuing outside.
7. **Briefing:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the point of registration. A briefing will be held at **10:00** in the main clubhouse.
8. **Schedule of Races:** 3 races are scheduled, with the first warning signal not before 10:55. The intention is to run all boats on the same course with, depending upon numbers and class splits, 2 or 3 starts at 5 minute intervals.
9. **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 discard will be allowed if all three races are sailed. The “Great Lakes” PY numbers will be used in scoring for the event.

10. **Entry Fees:** £31 for single-hander dinghies and £38 for other boats (inflation rise from last year). Oxford Sailing Club members with boats berthed at OSC will receive a 50% rebate from the Club. Entries are to be made online in advance at www.sailjuiceseries.com. Entries after midnight on Tuesday 14 February 2023 will attract a supplementary entry fee of £10, rising to £20 on event day.
11. **Prize giving:** Either at the Dinghy Show, or virtually once results confirmed by tracking data.
12. **Risk Statement:** 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". Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor (and their parent(s) or guardian(s) in the case of a competitor under 18 years of age) 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, safety 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.
 - g. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to Farmoor Reservoir or a particular event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitor briefing held for the relevant event.
13. **Insurance:** Competitors are required to hold third party insurance for racing of at least £3,000,000.
14. **Safety Regulations:** Life-jackets, buoyancy aids or other adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors at all times whilst afloat. Wet suits or dry suits must be worn but are not adequate personal buoyancy.
15. **Other Information:**

Before you come to OSC: Please enter on the Sailjuice site.

Arriving At Farmoor Reservoir (Gate 3):

- o **“Check, Clean,Dry”** For biosecurity if you are coming from fresh water and your boat is not dry **please wash your boat down** before you come, or use the pressure washers on the left-hand side of the car park. Please repeat this when you leave to prevent invasive species travelling to your home fresh water or dry the boat thoroughly (this is a Thames Water request).
- o **Unloading your boat:** As large numbers are expected and space at reservoir level is very limited, please pull your boat on its trolley manually up the ramp from the car park. Use the road that runs at the back of the clubhouse. Cars and trailers should be returned to the main car park. Roadways and footpaths around the reservoir must be kept clear at all times to allow unrestricted movement around the site.
- o **Boats Arriving Friday Evening:** Trailers may be left in the car park overnight at the owner’s risk, but no cars, camping or campervans (but <https://www.valleyfarmcampsite.com/> is round the corner). Gates will be locked at dusk and open at 08:00.
- o **Beach:** Please observe the instructions of the beach crew and wait for access if asked to do so. Look for details on the Official Noticeboard as the beach plan will depend on water level and number of entries.

On Site

- o **Parking** will be free and OSC marshals will shepherd arrivals to ensure the best use of space.
- o **The Waterside Café** is open all day for hot food and drinks. Pre-ordering hot dishes will save you time later. The bar will be open to members and event competitors after the race.
- o **Hand sanitiser** will be available at changing room entrances.
- o **Dogs** are permitted only at car park level – do not bring them up the ramp to the reservoir. There is a long countryside walk around the reservoir perimeter starting in the SE corner (signposted).
- o Thames Water prohibits the use of **drones** at the reservoir.