



The Chase Sailing Club

Notice of Race

Polar Chase – 14th December 2024

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Venue: The Chase Sailing Club, Pool Lane, Chasetown, Walsall, West Midlands, WS7 3QY

1. **Organising Authority:** The organising authority is The Chase Sailing Club.
<https://www.chasesc.org.uk/>

2. **Rules:**

- 2.1. The event 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.
- 2.2. All boats will be required to sail according to their respective class rules, particularly regarding weight equalizing rules. However, under Rule 87, class rules which permit pumping, rocking and ooching in certain wind conditions and/or change penalty turns (rules 44.1 and 44.2) are suspended for the purposes of this event.
- 2.3. By entering this event, competitors grant the Organising Authority, event sponsors and their agents without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures or still pictures of, or relating to the competitors, unless otherwise advised in writing prior to the event.

3. **Sailing instructions:** Sailing instructions are available during registration & the club website.

4. **Communication:** The Official Noticeboard is in the clubhouse adjacent to the club galley.

5. **Eligibility & Entry:**

- 5.1. Racing will take place in any monohull, non-keel craft (Great Lakes Handicap 900 to 1380) that comply with their class rules.
- 5.2. Entries are to be made online in advance at www.sailjuiceseries.com.
- 5.3. The Entry Fee is £25 for single-hander dinghies and £35 for other boats. Members of The Chase Sailing Club will receive a discount by adding their discount code at entry online.
- 5.4. Entries after midnight on Sunday 8th December 2024 will attract a supplementary entry fee of £20.

- 5.5. No Entries will be accepted after midnight on Thursday 12th December 2024.
- 5.6. Entries by those under 18 years of age on the day of the event will not be accepted without the countersign by a parent or guardian who is present at the registration.
- 5.7. Entries are restricted to 90.

6. **Advertising:** No restrictions, but all advertising but must comply with ISAF Regulation 20.

7. **Schedule:**

- 7.1. The club entry gate on Pool Lane will be open at 08:00 14th December 2024
- 7.2. Registration will take place from 08:15 to 10:15 on entry to the club grounds when competitors will also receive their SailJuice GPS Tracker.
- 7.3. There will be a Briefing for competitors at 10:15
- 7.4. The schedule of races is as follows:

Race	Race Type	First Warning Signal	Duration
1	Pursuit	Not before 10.55	90 minutes
2	Handicap Race	As soon as possible after Race 1 - Pursuit	45 minutes approximately

8. **Racing Area**

- 8.1. The racing area will be Chasewater excluding the Powerboat Club area.
- 8.2. The racing marks will be yellow cone shaped buoys as required.
- 8.3. Starting and finishing marks will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.4. Courses will be displayed on the Committee Boat

9. **Scoring**

- 9.1. Scoring for the pursuit race will be the recorded position of the boat at the end of the race as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.2. The handicap race will be scored on average lap times. The Great Lakes handicap numbers will be used in scoring for the event.

10. **Prize Giving**

- 10.1. The Prize Giving will be held in the clubhouse Lichfield Room on finalising the results
- 10.2. Prizes will be awarded for the top 6 boats in each race.
- 10.3. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 under 18 helms, or under 18 helm and crew, in each race.

11. **Support Boats:** No support boats are permitted on the water.

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:

- 12.1. 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.
 - 12.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
 - 12.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
 - 12.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
 - 12.5. 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.
 - 12.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - 12.7. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to Chasewater 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:** All craft on the club premises (on land & on the water) must have full insurance cover including third party liability to £3,000,000. All craft intended to be used for racing must have appropriate insurance cover.
14. **Safety Regulations:** Lifejackets, 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. **Further Information:** For further information please contact:
thechasesailingclub@gmail.com

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