

Notice of Race

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9th & 10th April 2022

Part of the **Great British Sailing Challenge**

Bristol Corinthian Yacht Club @ Cheddar Reservoir

1. **Organising Authority:** Bristol Corinthian Yacht Club
2. **Rules:** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024 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 ISAF regulation 20.
4. **Boat identification & Distinguishing Numbers:** 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.
 - Under exceptional circumstances, a boat may be permitted to carry sail numbers or letters in contravention of her class rules provided that written application, stating the circumstances, is made to the Race Committee prior to the event's on-line registration closing date (Wednesday 1st April). If such permission is granted, no further change will be permitted.
 - If a competitor enters with the same sail number as that of another class, the race committee might ask to add (and will provide) an extra digit. This will applied to both sides of the sail in front of the actual number for the duration of the event.
5. **Eligibility & Entry:**
 - a. Entry is open to recognised national or international dinghies (multihulls and keelboats are not permitted on the reservoir with the sole exception of the Challenger Trimaran) with a Great Lake Handicap (GLH) equal or lower than 1364 (Tera Pro), subject to the following restrictions
 - Craft using hydrofoils and/or with twin trapezes and/or with a GLH lower than 799 are not permitted with the exception of the 49er, 49erFX, Cherubs, International 14, International Moth, RS800 and Waszp.
 - b. Eligible boats should enter online through the GBSC website sailingchallenge.org.
 - Online entry is £45 (single-handers or double-handers) payable any time up to 11.59pm Wednesday 6th April. Late entry costs an additional £10 on the standard entry fee and can be made up to 11.59pm Friday 8th April. Entry can be made at the club on the day at an additional £20 on the standard entry fee.
 - No refunds will be made on entry fees unless there is a waiting list and the place is taken by another boat.
 - As well as entering on-line, competitors must also register at the Club before going on the water on Saturday 9th April.
 - c. Entry forms for 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 70

6. **Class:** All competitors shall sail in the class (and version of that class) stated in their entry. Under exceptional circumstances, a competitor may be permitted to change their class provided that written application, stating the circumstances, is made to the race committee prior to the event's on-line registration closing date (Wednesday 6th April). If such permission is granted, no further change will be permitted.

7. **Pollution & Non-native Invasive Species:** A disclaimer must be signed before launching for each visiting boat to state that the Check, Clean, Dry programme has been observed prior to arriving at Cheddar Reservoir and will be overserved afterwards. This is a condition of entry.

Important: All visiting boats must be washed down at rear of club **BEFORE** launching on first day

8. **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.

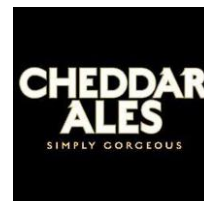
9. **Series:** It is intended that the event will consist of:

- Up to four average-lap handicap races (target each 35 to 45 minutes)
- One pursuit race (target 120 minutes)

10. **Briefing:** There will be a briefing for all competitors at 10:00 on Saturday. Documents for the event, including Sailing Instructions, will be published on the Sailing Challenge website: <http://www.sailingchallenge.org> and displayed on the official notice board (ONB) at the club. Competitors requiring their own copy should print them from the website.

11. **Planned Schedule:**

Saturday	08.30-10.45	Registration in Clubhouse
	10.00	Briefing
	Not before 11.00	Race 1 Warning Signal



	ASAP after Race 1	Race 2 Warning Signal
	ASAP after Race 2	Race 3 Warning Signal
	ASAP after Race 3	Race 4 Warning Signal
Sunday	11.00	Pursuit Race Datum

The Average-lap Races will have three starts with the Great Lake Handicap splits published on the day. The Pursuit Race delays will be published on the day.

12. **The Courses** : The courses will be as follows:

- Average-lap races – Trapezium with start-finish line 1/3 of the way up the beat.
- Pursuit Race – Round the club marks (Course shown on board in front of clubhouse)
- NB: In the Average-lap races, competitors, even in the same class, may sail a different number of laps.

13. **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. Results will also be produced based on Great British Sailing Challenge Performance Indexes.

- Any competitor in a class where there are multiple GLH numbers must sail with the same configuration/handicap throughout the whole event
- And must provide sufficient information on their entry to identify which number they are sailing under. If they do not, they will be scored according to the lowest handicap for that class.

14. **Discards**: will be applied as follows:

- Where 1 or 2 average-lap races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- Where 3 or more average-lap races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst average-lap score.
- When run, the pursuit race result will always be included in a boat's series score.

15. **Prize giving**: The prize giving will be held as soon as possible after the last race.

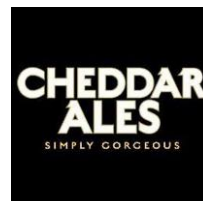
- Prizes will be awarded as described on the Sailing Challenge website.

16. **Insurance**: Competitors are required to hold third party insurance for racing with cover of at least £2,000,000.

17. **Support boats**: Only BCYC-authorized support boats are permitted on Cheddar reservoir. Other support boats are not permitted.

18. **Safety Regulations**: Life-jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors at all times whilst afloat. Wet suits or dry suits are advised, but do not comply with the requirement for adequate personal buoyancy.

19. **Photography**: By competing in the event, competitors grant to the organisers, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any non-identifiable motion pictures and live, taped, or filmed, television of or relating to the event and consent to



these being published in Class, Club, Sponsor and other publications and/or Class, Club, Sponsor, or other, websites.

20. Other Information:

- a. The **clubhouse** will be open from 08:30 on Saturday and Sunday morning. The clubhouse will also be open on Friday evening from 17:00 until 21.00 when boats can be dropped off.
- b. **Catering:** Food from the galley will be available from 09.00 until 18.00 on Saturday and Sunday. There will be a meal, which must be pre-booked, on Saturday evening from 18:00 onwards.
- c. **Accommodation:** Please see GBSC website <http://www.sailingchallenge.org> There is ample accommodation within the Cheddar & Axbridge area for which a search of the internet give comprehensive results.
- d. **Local Information:**
 - Camping, or campervanning, is permitted on site.
 - Cars can only be parked in the designated car park.
 - Dogs are permitted, but must be kept on a lead and under control at all times.
- e. **Club information:**

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