

Supernova Open Meeting 2009

Blithfield Sailing Club

Saturday 25 July 2009

Notice of Race

1. Organising authority

The organising authority is Blithfield Sailing Club and the Supernova Class Association.

2. Rules

The *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) will govern this regatta.

Competitors should note that Blithfield Sailing Club supports the RYA Racing Charter & that, when entering, competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter.

The prescriptions of the Supernova Class Association will also apply, except if these are changed by this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.

Local Rules: Sailing on Blithfield Reservoir is subject to the requirements of South Staffordshire Water PLC.

Advertising will be restricted to Category C.

3. Classes and eligibility

Racing will take place in Supernova Class dinghies. All competitors must be members of the Supernova Class Association. All boats must comply with the Supernova class measurement rules as amended by the class association.

4. Times

All boats must register. Registration will take place at Blithfield Sailing Club starting at 09.30 Saturday 25 July 2009. Registration will close at 11:00 Saturday 25 July 2009.

There will be a briefing for competitors in the vicinity of the clubhouse at 11:00 hours, or as soon as possible afterwards.

Racing is scheduled:

Date	Race	Warning Signal
Sat 25 th July	1 - Supernova Fleet	Not before 11:25
	2 - Supernova Fleet	Not before 13.25
	3 - Supernova Fleet	Not before 14.25

The number of races is indicative and will depend on weather conditions.

No warning signal shall be made before 11:25 hours or after 15.55 hours.

5. Entries

The entry fee for the event is: £10.00

Entries must be made on the event entry form and must be received together with cash or cheque, payable to Blithfield Sailing Club, for the entry fee on or before the 25th July 2009 – 11:00. Entries after this time will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

All competitors under the age of 18 years at the time of the event are required to complete a parental declaration, signed by their parent or guardian, at the foot of the event entry form..

6. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be issued upon registration at Blithfield Sailing Club from 9.30 hours 25th July 2009

7. Racing Area

The racing area will be Blithfield Reservoir, limited as defined in the Sailing Instructions.

8. Disclaimer of Liability

A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going afloat, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her crew is competent to sail and compete in them. The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000. Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the boat, nor will it make the organizers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organizers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach masters. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

9. Scoring

The event will be scored using the low points system in RRS Appendix A.

A maximum of three races will be sailed. If more than two races are sailed the worst score shall be discarded.

Where there is a tie on total points between two or more boats, each boat's scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the boat with the best score(s). If a tie still remains the discarded race shall be counted. Where all races count then the tie shall be broken by counting the score in the last race. Any remaining tie shall be broken by counting the score in the next to last race etc. until broken.

10. Rights to Use Names and Likenesses

Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of, or relating to the event. They also allow their names, age category, club and boat details to be displayed in competitors lists prior to the event and in results, on the Blithfield Sailing Club website and in other publications.

11. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded down to at least 4th place and include the Blithfield Open 'Hartley Laminates' Trophy.

14 Coaches & Supporters.

No coach or support boats will be permitted. Coaches & supporters accompanying competitors are required to comply with: The principles of good sportsmanship and behaviour, the rules of Blithfield Sailing Club and South Staffordshire Water. Failure to do so may result in investigation by the regatta organisers, and potentially in an instruction to leave the premises of Blithfield Sailing Club & South Staffordshire Water.

End of Notice of Race.

None Racing Matters

Camping will be available adjacent to the club house

There will be food & beverages available in the clubhouse throughout the regatta.

The club contact is Roger Woodhead, General Fleet Rep Tel: 01785 761775(evenings).

Email: roger@woodheads.me.uk

The club has a web site www.blithfield.org.uk which details directions to the club and information on local accommodation

Accommodation- Blithfield SC is close to a number of hotels and B&B's. An internet search on the area reveals extensive lists of accommodation to suit all tastes and pockets.