



Notice of Race

Flying Fifteen Open Meeting, Wayfarer Western Championship, Wanderer Open Meeting

14th & 15th March 2026

The organising authority is
Datchet Water Sailing Club,
Queen Mother Reservoir, Horton Road, Slough, Berks. SL3 9NT

Notation

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1
[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 – 2028* and the relevant class rules
- 1.2 The RYA Appendix T Arbitration process will apply.
- 1.3 [NP][DP] Full wetsuits or drysuits with appropriate thermal undergarments shall be worn by all competitors while sailing.
- 1.4 The by-laws of Datchet Water Sailing Club shall apply to all competitors and support persons and to all craft afloat. These can be found at <https://www.dwsc.co.uk/club-terms-and-policies/club-rules>

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be published on the DWSC website event page and on the official noticeboard. As part of our Green Policy printed copies will not be available at registration. Any supplementary sailing instructions will also be posted on the website and in the Club Wet Bar. The web page link is: <https://www.dwsc.co.uk/sailing/club-racing>

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board will be located within the Wet Bar in the DWSC Clubhouse.
- 3.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency or when used in relation to GPS tracking facilities, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.3 The Race Office can be contacted at the club office (01753 683872) or by email sailing@dwsc.co.uk.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Wayfarer, Wanderer and Flying Fifteen Classes. At least one crew member of each boat entered must be a member of the respective UK Class Association.
- 4.3 Eligible boats can enter by completing the online registration form and submitting it, together with the required fee, via the DWSC website event page.
- 4.4 Entries will be accepted up to 1200hrs on Saturday 14th March.
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 A boat wishing to substitute a helm or crew after registration shall make a prior written request to the Race Committee to do so. The decision to permit or deny such request shall be entirely at the discretion of the race committee. This request should be given to the Race Office.
- 4.6 All craft entering the event must be in a good state of repair and adequately prepared for sailing in racing conditions. Any craft deemed by the Organising Authority or Race Committee to present a danger to its crew or the event may be excluded from the event or prevented from going afloat.
- 4.7 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.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fees will be as follows for each boat:
- £40 for visitors
 - £20 for DWSC members

Competitors may also pay this event's entry fees as a combined entry fee with the DWSC Winter Warm Up Open series. Refer to the Winter Warm Up Notice of Race.

- 6-8 NoR Sections 6 to 8 are not used.

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 On Saturday 14th March, registration of arrival will take place in the clubhouse between 0900hrs and 1200hrs
- 9.2 Six races are intended for the series with three races sailed on Saturday and three races sailed on Sunday with separate starts for each class.
- 9.3 The Race Committee may, at its sole discretion, alter the number of races sailed in each day but may not sail more than four races on either day.
- 9.4 It is intended that the races will be sailed back-to-back on both days.
- 9.5 A race briefing is scheduled for 1130hrs on Saturday in the clubhouse wet bar.
- 9.6 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is **1257hrs** on Saturday 14th March and **1027hrs** on Sunday 15th March

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION [NP]

- 10.1 All boats shall display on their mainsails their own sail number with which they were entered, except by prior permission of the Race Committee.
- 10.2 Each boat shall be fully equipped with sufficient buoyancy to enable it to float and to support its crew if capsized or holed (DWSC By-law)

11 Not Used

12 VENUE

- 12.1 The race area will be a specified area on the Queen Mother Reservoir.

13 COURSES

- 13.1 The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 13.2 The racing marks used will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

This will be covered in the Sailing Instructions.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Points Scoring System set out in RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 15.2 One race is required to constitute a series.

15.3

Number of Races Sailed	Total Number of Worst Scores excluded (Discards)
0 - 3	0
4 - 6	1

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1 [NP] Support Person Vessels will not be permitted.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 17.1 A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

18 BERTHING

- 18.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.
- 18.2 [NP] **Invasive Species control:** In accordance with Environment Agency guidelines and to prevent the spread of invasive species, DWSC is adhering to the “*Check, Clean, Dry*” principle. Boats are required to have been clean and dry for two days prior to your arrival and to be washed and dried before returning to other venues. There is a washing station at the club.

19/20 NoR sections 19 & 20 are not used.

21 DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.
- 21.2 In order to manage the event, information provided by competitors will be held on a database. The management of personal information and images will comply with the General Data Protection Regulations.

22 RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1 RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

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.

- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention on any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any briefing held for the event.

23 INSURANCE

- 23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

24 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places in each class. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 25.1 Datchet Water Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and competitors are expected to sail in accordance with this charter. This can be found at the start of the RYA Rule Book or from www.rya.org.uk/racingrules
- 25.2 Rubbish shall not be put overboard; however, it may be put in support or safety boats.
- 25.3 The use of anchors at the reservoir is prohibited due to the installed aeration system. Boats are therefore not required to carry anchors.
- 25.4 Site opening and closing times are available on the club website.
- 25.5 **Reservoir perimeter:** Note that entering the perimeter of the reservoir beyond the club boundaries is not permitted
- 25.6 **No Dogs** are allowed on site – excluding guide dogs or assistance dogs
- 25.7 **No Camping** is available for this event
- 25.8 **No Vehicles** to be left on site over night

Further information can be obtained through the club website or the following contact details.

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