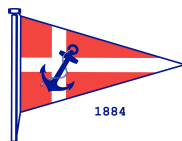


UPPER THAMES SAILING CLUB

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www.utsc.org.uk



BOURNE END WEEK REGATTA Saturday, 26th May to Wednesday 30th May 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority The organizing authority is The Upper Thames Sailing Club

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020 (RRS)*
1.2 Appendix P, as amended below, will apply to all classes.

Appendix P is changed to:

P1 Signalling a penalty: A member of the protest committee or its designated observer who sees a boat breaking rule 42 may penalise her by, as soon as reasonably possible, making a sound signal, pointing a yellow flag at her and hailing her sail number, even if she is no longer racing. A boat so penalised shall not be penalised a second time under rule 42 for the same incident.

P2 Penalties: When a boat is penalised under rule P1 her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to take it she shall be disqualified without a hearing; this changes rule 63.1.

P3 Redress limitation: A boat shall not be given redress for an action by a member of the protest committee or its designated observer under rule P1 unless the action was improper due to a failure to take into account a race committee signal or a class rule.

This measure does not prejudice a competitor's own right to protest a fellow competitor for breaking rule 42

2. Eligibility and Entry

The regatta is open to all boats of the following classes: the Thames A Rater, Merlin Rocket, Wayfarer, International OK, National 12, Solo, and dinghies with PY Numbers less than 1200.

Boats are ineligible for the Handicap class, if their class is listed above. However, if fewer than eight entries are received for a Class by 11.00 on Saturday 26th May 2018 that class will be started with the Handicap class.

Handicaps may differ from those published nationally. All handicaps will be available for inspection at Race Control prior to any affected race.

This event also comprises the Merlin Rocket class River Championship, which shall take place from Saturday 26th May to Monday 28th May 2018.

This event also comprises the International OK River Championship, which shall take place from Saturday 26th May to Monday 28th May 2018.

This event also comprises the UTSC Wayfarer Splashaway Challenge, which shall take place from Saturday 26th May to Monday 28th May 2018.

3. Condition of Entry

Approval of the Race Committee is required in order for a boat to use a sail number other than that allocated by its class association. This changes rule 77.

Boats are required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance cover while racing against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000 (three million pounds).

4. Entry Fees

Required fees are as follows:



	All Week	Daily
Thames A Rater	£169	£39
Two Handed	£72	£22
Single Handed	£45	£14
Helms Under 18	Half Price	Half Price

Competitors are strongly encouraged to enter and pay the UTSC bank account electronically at www.utsc.org.uk before midnight on Sunday 20th May 2018 to benefit from the online early booking discounts where the following prices apply:

	All Week	Daily
Thames A Rater	£148	£36
Two Handed	£62	£19
Single Handed	£38	£13
Helms under 18	Half Price	Half Price

5. Schedule

<u>Registration</u>	Wednesday 23 rd May	19.00 - 20.00	Friday 25 th May	19.00 - 20.00
	Saturday 26 th May	09.00 - 13.00	Sunday 27 th May	09.00 - 10.30
	Thereafter daily	09.00 - 10.00		

Early Registration

Registration via the UTSC website (<http://www.utsc.org.uk>) is encouraged as this makes administration easier for all concerned. A link to the online entry can be found from the website. Entry forms will also be available from Upper Thames Sailing Club.

Warning Signal Times The scheduled time of the warning signal for each race is:

Saturday 26th May 2018

Merlin Rocket	11.00	14.45
OK	11.10	14.55
Wayfarer, National 12, Solo, Handicap	11.20	15.05
Thames A Rater	13.15	16.30

Sunday 27th May 2018

Merlin Rocket	09.45	13.55
OK	09.55	14.05
Wayfarer, National 12, Solo, Handicap	10.05	14.15
Thames A Rater	11.45	15.45

Monday 28th May 2018

Merlin Rocket	09.45	13.55
OK	09.55	14.05
Wayfarer, National 12, Solo, Handicap	10.05	14.15
Thames A Rater	11.45	15.45

Tuesday 29th May 2018

Merlin Rocket	09.45	11.05
OK	09.55	11.15
Wayfarer, National 12, Solo, Handicap	10.05	11.25
Thames A Rater	13.55	

Wednesday 30th May 2018

Thames A Rater	10.55	13.15
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6. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available from 20th April 2018 on the club website www.utsc.org.uk and at registration.

7. Scoring

The following table determines the number of discards applying for all classes except the Thames A Rater Class.

8 races sailed, 6 to count
 6 or 7 races sailed, 5 to count
 5 or fewer races sailed, all to count.

8. Haul-out Restrictions

Thames A Raters shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

9. Trophies

Prize giving will take place on the Monday after sailing finishes for the Merlin Rocket River Championship, International OK River Championship and Wayfarer Splashaway Challenge, Tuesday after sailing finishes for all dinghy classes and Rater races completed to date. The remaining Rater prizes will be presented on the Wednesday after sailing. Trophies will be awarded as follows:

Thames A Rater

Thames Champion Cup and Dunn Cup, A minimum of 4 races are to be sailed and one discard is allowed. The Queen's Cup is not a qualifying race.

Ruby Salver, highest placed boat in the Thames Championship Cup races that was not placed first, second or third in any race.

Clayton Jackson Cup, one race 16.30 Saturday 26th May 2018.

Scamp Cup, two races 11.45 & 15.45 Sunday 27th May 2018.

Commodores' Cup, one race 15.45 Monday 28th May 2018.

The Queen's Cup and Vintage Rater Trophy, one race 13.55 Tuesday 29th May 2018. Time limit 4 hours.

Wokefield Challenge Cup, one race 13.15 Wednesday 30th May 2018.

Merlin Rocket

Yeves Plate, will be awarded to the leading boat in the Bourne End Week Regatta.

River Championship Trophy, (Wantage Trophy) will be awarded to the leading boat in the River Championship.

Vintage Trophy, (MROA), will be awarded to the leading vintage boat in the River Championship, as defined by MROA: A Vintage boat shall be any boat first registered pre-1985 (sail numbers 3357 and below).

Wayfarer

Founders Cup, will be awarded to the leading boat in the Bourne End Week Regatta.

Splashaway Cup, will be awarded to the leading boat in the UTSC Wayfarer Splashaway Challenge.

Splashaway Plaque, will be awarded to the leading UTSC boat in the UTSC Splashaway Challenge that is not the winner of the Splashaway Cup.

Notley Noggin, will be awarded to the leading boat sailed by a crew with a combined age of over 100 years.

International OK

Yeatman Trophy, will be awarded to the leading boat in the Bourne End Week Regatta.

Windfall Cup, will be awarded to the leading boat in the first race on Saturday 26th May 2018.

Yeatman Bowl, will be awarded to the leading boat in the International OK River Championship.



National 12	The Average Shield
Solo	Houseman Cup
Cadet Section	Walter Cup , awarded to the winning helm under 18 on 1 st Jan 2018 (with any crew) sailing any boat eligible to sail during Bourne End Week.
Handicap	Handicap Class Candlesticks , points will be awarded to the helm, not the boat. (PY not more than 1200)

All dinghies of less than 16 feet with a class start

Silver Jubilee Championship Trophy, all races to count that are sailed by at least three boats (no discards apply). All races completed by at least one boat will count. The declared entry will be equal to the number of entries of the class with the largest number at the time of the last race.

10. Rights to use names and likenesses

Competitors automatically grant to the organizing 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.

11. Risk Statement

RRS 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 omission;
- (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 in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefings held for the event.

Inspections

The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

Further Information (not part of the Notice of Race)

Social Events

The **Full Week** entry fee includes entry to the evening social event being held on Saturday 26th May 2018. This year's Cocktail Party will be a ticketed event. Please see the website for more information about other events during the regatta.

Camping

Camping will be available for £15.00 on selected days before and during the event for participants. It has to be pre-booked and no electrical hook up will be provided. Please visit the UTSC website (www.utsc.org.uk) for more details.

For more information please contact Bruce James, Sailing Secretary, sailing@utsc.org.uk.

Please see the notice on the following page regarding access to the club and use of the railway crossing.



RAILWAY SAFETY

UTSC ACCESS

Access to the club is across a Railway Line. At all times event participants, visitors, members and guests must adhere to the regulations regarding the use of the railway crossing, as displayed on the crossing gates and the club notice board. It is essential to the club's future that the continued use of the crossing is ensured and that the good relations with the railway authorities are maintained.

There are pedestrian gates and boat crossing gates.

All persons must use the pedestrian gates. If a train horn is heard you must stay outside the crossing gates with the gates closed. A train is approaching, even if out of sight, so do not cross, but wait for the train to pass, standing OUTSIDE the CLOSED gate.

When the line is clear please cross quickly and close all gates behind you. Do not try to carry too much kit across at one time.

Boat crossing gates: Railway rules state that both gates must be fully open before starting to bring boats across. Do not take a boat across on your own.

Please minimise repeat visits across the railway line to minimise risk.

There is a published railway timetable but trains do not always run to time.

Please ensure that all visitors and spectators who may arrive independently are thoroughly briefed about railway safety.

THANK YOU