

Notice of Race

Elton Sailing Club

Laser Open Meeting

Northern ILCA (Laser) Grand Prix series

Saturday 30th September 2023

Version 1

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The Organising Authority is Elton Sailing Club (ESC)

The event location is Elton Sailing Club, Elton Reservoir, Bury, BL8 2BR

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the current "*The Racing Rules of Sailing*" (RRS).
- 1.2 Competitors and their supporters should note that ESC implements the RYA Racing Charter and that by entering this event they undertake to compete in compliance with the Charter, which can be found on the RYA website www.rya.org.uk.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen by and supplied by the organising authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The event is open to Standard Lasers (ICLA 4), Laser Radials (ICLA 6) and Laser 4.7s (ICLA 7).
- 3.2 Boats participating in this event will conform to International Laser Class Rules. However, replica sails may be used. Replica sails will conform to the spirit of class rules.
- 3.3 A helm sailing more than one class of boat, or classes with varying PY numbers (e.g. Laser Standard and Laser Radial rig) will be scored as separate entries for each class of boat sailed.
- 3.4 Boats needing to sail with sail numbers differing from those under which they have entered must seek approval from the ESC Race Committee.
- 3.5 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £ 3,000,000 per incident or equivalent.

4 ENTRY

- 4.1 Eligible competitors must enter on the day using the ESC Open Event entry form.
- 4.2 Entry Fee per boat: £10
- 4.3 The Organising Authority or the Race Officer may cancel the event, cancel classes and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.

5 RACING SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The ESC Laser Open Meeting will be held on Saturday 30th September 2023.
- 5.2 Registration will be done as per point 4.1.
- 5.3 A briefing will be held by the Race Office at 10.30am.

- 5.4 The start time for the first race will be 11.00am.
- 5.5 The start time for subsequent races will be announced on the day.
- 5.6 The total number of planned races is three, with two to count.
- 5.7 The second and third race may be sailed back-to-back
- 5.8 It is intended that races will be around 50-60 minutes in duration.
- 5.9 The races will be run as a single start handicap fleet.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 ESC Open Meeting Sailing Instructions will be published on the ESC website prior to the start of the event. Printed copies will be available in the Race Office.
- 6.2 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the Race Office and will be explained at the briefing.

7 RISK STATEMENT

- 7.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or 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:

- 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, safety boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organisers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f. The provision of safety 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 competitor briefing held for this event.

8 PRIVACY STATEMENT

- 8.1 The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the events.
- 8.2 If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract.
- 8.3 If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest.
- 8.4 Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy.
- 8.5 When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing.
- 8.6 The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1 There are no scheduled equipment inspections.
- 9.2 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.

10 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 10.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat. Wetsuits, Drysuits and Harnesses are not considered personal flotation devices. This changes RRS 40.1.

11 COURSES

11.1 Courses for racing will be around fixed club marks. Further details are given in the current ESC Open Meeting Sailing Instructions.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 Details are given in the current ESC Open Meeting Sailing Instructions.

13 SCORING

13.1 Scoring will generally be in accordance with RRS Appendix A. Full details are given in the current ESC Open Meeting Sailing Instructions.

14 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

14.1 Only support boats authorised by the Race Officer will be permitted in the racing area.

15 PRIZES

15.1 The boats finishing in the first three places shall be awarded prizes.

15.2 Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of ESC and the event sponsor(s).

16 MEMBERSHIP

16.1 All visitors attending Open Events will become temporary members of Elton Sailing Club for the duration of the Event and will be bound by the rules of the club.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 For further information please contact:

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