



COMET OPEN

Comet Traveller Open Meeting: Winsford Flash Sailing Club
Saturday 18th May 2024

The Organising Authority is Winsford Flash Sailing Club
Event website www.winsfordflashsailing.com

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Competitors should note Winsford Flash Sailing Club and the Comet Class Association implement the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to boats of the Solo Comet class (Single handed Comet class only, not Zero, Duo, Trio or Versa) with Standard, Xtra, White Xtra or Mino rig. Entries shall be made via the event website.
- 2.2 Local host club Comet helms may compete, but their results will not count towards Traveller Series results unless they are Comet Class members.
- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form <https://www.winsfordflashsailing.com/event/comet-open-3> and paying the £15 entry fee via paypal (non members) or Go Cardless (members). If you are unable to entry online, please email your entry form to: Carl Ellis – ellisandk9s@aol.com pay on the day.
- 2.4 All competitors under the age of 18 years at the time of the event are required to complete a parental declaration form, signed by their parent or guardian, in addition to an entry form. The parental declaration form will be available at registration.

3 FEES

The entry fee for the event is £15 and includes Lunch & hot drinks throughout the day. Vegetarian option available.

Optional overnight camping available – link below and check to tick box as appropriate when booking <https://www.winsfordflashsailing.com/event/comet-open-3>

4 SCHEDULE

Gates will open from 8.30am on Saturday 18th May 2024

Registration will take place at Winsford Flash Sailing Club from 09.30 to 10.30am unless entered online.

There will be a briefing for competitors in the vicinity of the race office at 10:30 hours, or as soon as possible afterwards.

First race is scheduled to start at 11.00 hours, and the following races will be follow depending on the weather conditions.

3 races with 2 to count.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the day.

6 VENUE

Winsford Flash Sailing Club - WFSC , Stocks Hill, Darnhall, Winsford, Cheshire. CW74EE.

Link : [How to Find Us : Winsford Flash Sailing Club](#)

7 SCORING

The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply with A4.2 deleted and A9 changed to apply to all series.

8. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded on the day for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, overall. The organisers reserve the right to decide eligibility of prizes.

9 NOMINATION OF RIG

Competitors shall nominate which type of rig they will use (Standard rig, Xtra rig, White Xtra rig or Mino rig) before racing. A Competitor shall use the same type of rig for all races.

10 STATEMENT OF RISK

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;
- (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 briefing held at the venue.

11 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Carl Ellis Tel : 07734436840 –
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