

# Comet Open

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Hosted and Organised by

**The Nottingham Sailing Club**

This event will be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing with exceptions as listed in The Nottingham Sailing Club Open Meeting Sailing Instructions, available from the clubhouse on the day. These will be in the form of written instructions with any alterations given verbally at the pre-race meeting/briefing, to be held at **10:30am**.

The event is for single handed Comets.

**Registration / entries** to be completed on the day, before 10:30am. Entry forms will be in the clubhouse on the morning of the event. Entrance fee: £10. **All fees to be paid by cash.**

**Catering and Bar.** A lunch will be available for an extra cost, to be paid in cash on the day. Teas, coffees and snacks will be available for most the event. The bar will be open at lunch time and after the final race.

**Planning to Attend the Open Meeting?** If possible, please let us know you are going to attend our Open Meeting by the Tuesday evening before the event by sending an email to: [comets@nottinghamsailing.club](mailto:comets@nottinghamsailing.club) (Sue Jones). This helps us with catering and race organisation.

**Race Format and Times:** 3 scheduled races of approx. 1 hour duration with one discard only if all 3 races are sailed. **First Race:** scheduled to start at 11am. No warning signal will be given on the day after 3:40pm.

**Sailing Area and Landing Stages:** The event is to be sailed on the River Trent. There are good landing stage / slipway facilities at the club.

**Location:** The Nottingham Sailing Club, Adbolton Lane, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 5AS.

**Note** - Do not use the postcode in a SatNav when you are close to the venue.

See <https://www.nottinghamsailing.club/Location/> for further info about finding the club.

**NB:** We are very close to the National Watersports Centre, but we are not part of it.

We are based on the river with our entrance just **BEFORE** the road splits for the Watersports Centre car entrances.

**Parking:** There is plenty of free parking space on-site. Just drive into the Club, past the Nottingham Sailing Club sign, and follow the track round the boat-park. This will bring you close to the river and you can park where there is space.

**Clubhouse.** We have a good clubhouse with good changing facilities.

**Note** - Please see our Covid statement below as to which facilities are likely to be available.

**Covid Statement:** By entering the event you agree to follow any Covid rules of The Nottingham Sailing Club which are in force on the day of the event. Non-observance of the rules could result in disqualification.

As of June 26<sup>th</sup> 2021 these rules include current social distancing rules, limits on numbers in changing room areas, limits on numbers in main club room, and non-availability of showers.

With regard to catering, food/drinks are by table service (inside or outside) or by order and collect (for eating outside).

**Masks** need to be worn inside the clubhouse building, apart from when seated (following social distancing rules) in the club room.

If government restrictions change in mid-July (as expected) the Club Covid sub-committee will review removing formal restrictions at the club, after receiving guidance from the RYA. It is hoped that the showers will be back in operation by the Open Meeting, but we cannot guarantee it at present.

**Camping / Accommodation:** There is a large “proper” camping and caravan site opposite the entrance which is open to the general public. See <https://www.nwscnotts.com/hpcp/campsite/>. This campsite is likely to be very busy this year due to general holiday restrictions – please book beforehand. We do not provide camping accommodation on-site before or after an open meeting.

**Conditions of Entry:** The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner / competitor, or his crew as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner / competitor warrants the suitability of his dinghy for the race or races.

**Insurance:** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.

**Prizes:** will be awarded on the day of racing, after racing has been completed. The prize giving will be held either in the clubhouse, or in the immediate vicinity of the clubhouse.

**Starts:** The width of the river limits the number of boats starting at one time. If there are more than a minimum of 15 competitors, the race committee may decide to start the race remotely at a wider point on the river (to our normal start line) or divide the competitors into flights. The starting method will be decided on the day, taking into account number of competitors, general wind/weather/river conditions, start fairness and safety.

**Data protection.** Please see our club policy online: <https://www.nottinghamsailing.club/gdpr/>

**Further information?** Is available on the club website [www.nottinghamsailing.club](http://www.nottinghamsailing.club) or from Sue Jones ([comets@nottinghamsailing.club](mailto:comets@nottinghamsailing.club) )

**Rules and Rule Changes:** A summary of some of the exceptions are as follows:

**Sail Numbers:** Under exceptional circumstances the Sailing Committee may permit a dinghy to use sails carrying a number other than that required by RRS 77.

**Personal Buoyancy:** A personal flotation device must be worn at all times while on the river. This changes RRS 40.

**Course Marks:** Course marks are orange spherical buoys. A mark may be moved during the leg being sailed, but only in a manner that will not prejudice the results. This amends RRS 33.

**Starting Procedure:** This changes RRS 26. Races shall be started using signals at 3 minute intervals. Times shall be taken from the audible sound signals. If there is more than one flight, flights will start at 3 minute intervals. Full procedures are in our Sailing Instructions available on the day.

**Individual Recalls:** Flag X shall be used as defined in RRS 29.1. The Race Officer may hail the Sail Number(s) of the offending dinghy(s).

**General Recall:** RRS 29.2 is changed as follows. Where there are other classes or flights still to Start, the offending class or flight will start three minutes after the previously scheduled last Start. Otherwise, the next signal will be the class or flight's Preparatory Signal.

**Starting Penalties:** RRS 30.3 may be applied only after a General Recall. RRS 30.1 and 30.2 will not apply.

**Shorten Course:** Code flag S flown and two sound signals indicate the course will be completed when the leading dinghy in each race next crosses the finish line from either direction. Every other dinghy will complete the course sailed by the leading dinghy in her race. This modifies RRS 32.2(b).

In a split fleet race, where the leading dinghies of each flight may be approaching the finish line in different directions, a shortened course indication is only applicable to the leading flight. To indicate this the S flag will be accompanied by the specific flight flag of the leading flight. As all flights must complete the same course, at an appropriate point in the race the shortened course sound signals will be repeated with the relevant flight flag being raised for each subsequent flight.

**Lapped Boats:** After the leading dinghy in any fleet or flight has finished, every other dinghy in that fleet or flight shall finish the next time they cross the finishing line in the same direction as the leading dinghy in that fleet or flight. Boats which have been lapped will be allocated points in sequence behind those which have completed the full course sailed by the leading dinghy.

**Touching a Mark/ Re-rounding:** Re-rounding. A dinghy touching a mark shall re-round the said mark and when exonerating herself shall keep clear of all other dinghies until she has rounded it completely and has cleared it and is on a proper course to the next mark. A dinghy touching a mark, while continuing to sail the course and until it is obvious that she is returning to round it completely shall be accorded rights under the Rules of Part 2. This changes RRS 44.1 with respect to RRS 31.

**Scoring Systems:** Scoring shall be as provided in Appendix A of the RRS using the Low Points System, except that DNS, OCS, DNF and RAF shall score Number of Boats in the Event (B) plus 1, DSQ and DNE shall score B plus 2 and DNC shall score B plus 3. Three Races shall be scheduled. Each Boat's score shall be the total of its race scores, excluding its worst only if three races are sailed. This changes RRS A5.