



NOTICE OF RACE SWARKESTONE SAILING CLUB CLUB RACING - 2018 SEASON ONWARDS

1. Swarkestone Sailing Club will be the Organising Authority for racing at Swarkestone during the 2018 season and onwards. The Club Programme gives details of the races to be run, including dates and times. This Notice of Race covers all club racing, including one day “trophy” days and open meetings.
2. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
3. The Club Handbook contains general requirements for racing at Swarkestone. These general requirements apply to all of the Club’s racing during the 2018 season and onwards. It should be noted in particular that wet or dry suits are mandatory between 1st November and the last Saturday in March.
4. Racing is open to all full Club members. The Club Handbook defines the specific eligibility criteria for particular series and trophies that will be run during the season, including the scoring arrangements for each series and prizes that will be awarded. Additionally, racing at Open Meetings is open to visitors to the Club who are sailing in the classes, or as members of the clubs, for whom the Open Meeting is run.
5. With the exception of class racing, handicaps will be used. The handicaps approved by the Club Committee for 2018 and onwards will be published on the official notice board, and copies are available from the Club office. For the Personal Handicap series, personal handicaps will be used in place of boat handicaps - these will be calculated using a procedure that will be published by the Sailing sub-committee in advance of the series.
6. The racing programme identifies the start time for each race. Sailors intending to participate in a race shall complete the signing on sheet for that race before going on the water for the start of the race.
7. The Club Standard Sailing Instructions 2016 changes the following rule from the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS):
 - a. Rule 40 such that adequate buoyancy must be worn at all times - wet and dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy.
8. Full Club members do not need to enter for a race or series in advance, but shall sign on before participating. The signing on sheet will contain specific statements covering:
 - a. That sailors agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Sailing Instructions, and the relevant parts of the Club Handbook;
 - b. That boats have valid insurance to participate in the racing of not less than £2,000,000; and
 - c. The specific configuration (e.g. number of crew, rig, sail configuration, etc.) that will identify the appropriate PYS handicap rating.
9. Boats competing in club racing shall have a valid measurement certificate issued under their relevant class association procedures. Sailors wishing to sail a boat that does not have a measurement certificate should apply to the Rear Commodore for special dispensation, not less than one week before the race concerned.

10. The latest Club Standard Sailing Instructions will be published on the Club website and on the official notice board in the Clubhouse. Hard copies are available from Rear Commodore on request.
11. Courses for racing will be around the numbered club marks. Laminated copies of the layout of the marks are available from the Tea Bar if required.
12. Scoring will generally be in accordance with RRS Appendix A, but different series have different requirements for the numbers of races to count - these are described in the Club Handbook. Sailors allocated to Club duties during a series may claim average points for the race(s) they are unable to participate in. Average points will be calculated at the end of the series on the basis of all races in the series that the sailor sailed in, irrespective of whether or not these races are subsequently discarded.
13. **Risk Statement**

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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the 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.