Notice of Race (NoR)

Morecambe Sailing Club

Series Races & Castlegate Regatta

1. Morecambe Sailing Club (MSC) will be the Organising Authority for racing on Morecambe Bay during the season. A racing programme giving the details of the Races / Open Events, including dates and times, will be published via our website and social media channel.
2. All events are governed by the rules as defined in the current World Sailing “Racing Rules of Sailing,” Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Prescriptions and Racing Charter, the MSC Sailing Instructions and the appropriate Class Rules.
3. MSC website and social media channels will detail any additional rules to be followed.
4. Racing is open to all full club members (including temporary members via our Open events) Paid up full members of the club are eligible to win club trophies. The sailing programme defines the series and trophies that will be run during the season, With the exception of any class racing, handicaps will be used. The handicaps approved by the club committee for the season will be the current RYA Portsmouth Number List which can be downloaded from the RYA website.
5. The sailing programme identifies the start time for each race. Sailors intending to participate in a race shall complete the signing on sheet and inform the race officer for that race no later than 15 minutes before the published start time in the racing programme.
6. MSC Standard Sailing Instructions adopt the following rules of the RRS:
   a. Rule 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat.
   b. Rule 26 applies unless the race officer deems lights and

sound signals necessary. (Re MSC standard sailing instructions.)

7. Full MSC members do not need to enter for a club race or series in advance, but shall sign on before participating in each race.
8. Entry is required for all members and temporary members for Open events listed in the 2024 race program.
9. The signing on sheet will be an acceptance that sailors:
   a. agree to be bound by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the Sailing Instructions, and
   b. that their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims.
10. Sailors are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure their equipment is in compliance with their class rules.Sailors who “sign on” for a race shall be deemed to be confirming that their boats conform to class rules. All boats competing in Club and Open events shall have a valid measurement certificate issued under their relevant class association procedures where applicable.
11. All boats must have a suitable tow rope of at least 6mm in diameter. Boats are strongly advised to carry an anchor and warp if at all practical.
12. MSC Standard Sailing Instructions have been published on the club website in the form of a PDF download. A hard copy is available to view in the clubhouse.
13. Courses for racing will be around the marks laid on the bay prior to the start of a race, displayed on the race officers board and detailed at the event briefing next to the race office.
14. The penalties for breaking a rule of Part 2 of RRS will apply.
15. Scoring will generally be in accordance with RRS Appendix A,
16. Advertising as permitted by individual class rules may be displayed.

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.

Risk Statement

Rule 3 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 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.

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 for the event.

Privacy Statement

The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the events. 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. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest.
Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's data protection policy.
Our data protection policy can be found here:-

https://mhyc.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/msc-data-privacy-policy-03-_-2024.pdf

When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.