



AT THE FRONT **HARKEN**

RS
CLASS
ASSOCIATION

The Harken RS Sprints

25th and 26th April 2026

Organised by the RS Class Association and Rutland Sailing Club,
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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 Sailing Instructions will be published in advance at <https://www.rsvareo.org/championships/index.asp?eid=2721> ; Printed copies will not be available.
- 1.3 Competitors shall comply with the Recreational Byelaws of Anglian Waterways. **All boats and trailers brought to the regatta shall be free of Aquatic Invasive Species** and shall therefore comply with the procedure described in the appendix.
- 1.4 Competitors should note that the host sailing club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter.
- 1.5 RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4 (regarding personal floatation devices) are changed in paragraph 13.1. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Entry is open to all boats of the RS100, RS300, RS400, RS500, RS600 and RS Vareo classes that comply with the current class rules.
- 2.2 All competitors should enter in advance online at <https://www.rsvareo.org/championships/index.asp?eid=2721>
Online entry closes at 0001hrs Monday, April 13, 2026. Entry after this may be made in person at registration but will be subject to a late entry fee (see NoR 3.2).
- 2.3 The helm must be a full member of the RS Class Association, and the crew must be either a full or crew member.

3. FEES

- 3.1 The entry fees are:

Classes	Entry fee
Single-handers (RS100, RS300, RS600, RS Vareo):	£55
Double-handers (RS400, RS500):	£75

Rutland Sailing Club members can claim back the RSC race management element of the event entry fee from the RSC office.

3.2 **Late entry fee:** Entries made after the online entry system closes (see NoR 2.2) will be subject to a late entry fee of £15.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & RACING FORMAT

4.1 The Sprint Championships for each class will be rounds of short races.

4.2 Classes with an entry of less than approximately 12 boats will sail in **smaller fleets**, other classes will sail in **larger fleets**.

(a) **Smaller fleets** will sail together in all races throughout the regatta.

(b) For **larger fleets** there will be round robin racing in Round 1 on Saturday and up to 6 fleet races on Sunday. On the basis of Round 1 positions, the competitors in the larger fleets will be split into gold and silver fleets for Round 2. If the Saturday round-robin racing cannot take place, then racing on the Sunday may be in the same format as the smaller fleets.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 The registrations, competitor briefing, and planned race schedule are as follows:

Friday	Before 19:30	A video briefing will be published online at: https://www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk/event/rs-sprints-5 . There will be no in-person briefing at the club.
Saturday	09:00 – 11:00:	Registration in the Wet Bar of the Clubhouse (Note: no registrations after 11:00 please – the organisers need to assign boats to fleets.)
	11:30:	Larger fleet assignments will be displayed on the official notice board in the Wet Bar.
	First start at 12:30:	Round 1: target of six races An evening meal is available at the Club House (see appendix).
Sunday	09:30:	Larger fleet assignments will be displayed on the official notice board in the Wet Bar.
	First start at 10:30	Round 2: target of six races
	Approximately 13:30	Lunch and end of regatta
	Approximately: 15:00	Prize giving

5.2 No race will be started after 15:00 hours on Sunday.

6. VENUE

6.1 The event will be held at Rutland Sailing Club, Gibbet Lane, Edith Weston, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 8HJ.

6.2 The location of the racing area will be displayed on the Official Notice Board in the Wet Bar of the Clubhouse.

7. THE COURSE

7.1 A schematic of the course is shown in the diagram.

This is subject to alteration due to wind conditions.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

8.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

9. SCORING

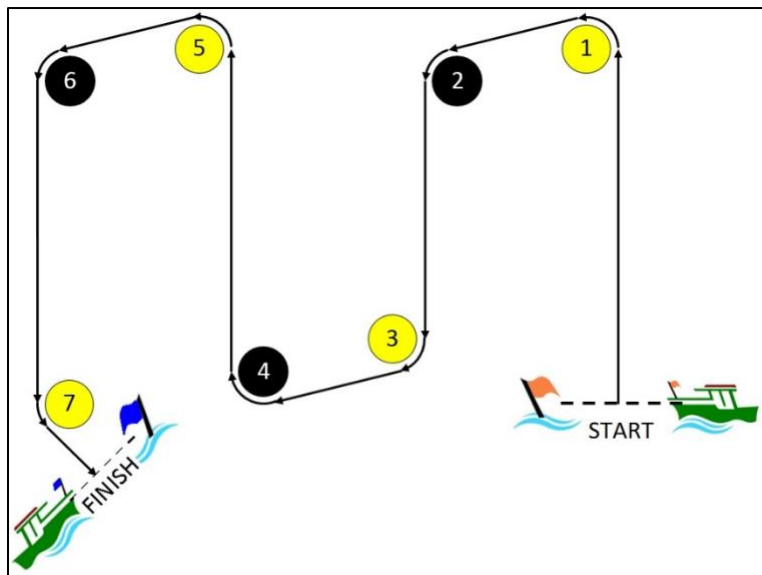
9.1 The target number of races for each round is six races. Any number of races up to six per day will be counted for the scoring/ flight allocation, even if different fleets have a different number of races in each round.

9.2 The Low Points System of Appendix A will be used. For the purposes of RRS A4, the number of boats in the series shall be taken as the number of boats within the largest fleet of that class during that round of the regatta. Scored points will be calculated as follows:

(a) **Smaller fleets:** All races will count equally.

(b) **Larger fleets:** Each boat's series score shall be the total of her scored points corresponding to her finishing places in each of the individual races in Round 2 plus her overall finishing place in Round 1.

9.3 RRS A2 is changed so that no scores will be excluded – i.e., no discards.



10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

10.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

11. PRIZES

11.1 Prizes will be awarded as required up to the square root of fleet entry.

12. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

12.1 Competitors automatically grant the RS Class Association and Rutland Sailing Club without payment the right to make, use and show any videos or photographs of, or relating to, the regatta, unless otherwise advised in writing prior to the regatta.

13. SAFETY REGULATIONS

13.1 Rule 40.1 applies: All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not considered personal flotation devices.

14. RISK STATEMENT

14.1 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 and event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

15. INSURANCE

15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event.

John Fothergill and David Rowlands, 27 March 2026

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information relating to accommodation and booking motorhome slots, please call the Rutland Sailing Club office on 01780 720292 or email sailing@rutlandsailingclub.co.uk. A campsite, which is not affiliated to the Club, is situated next to the Club, more information is available at rutlandwatercampsite.co.uk/.

Bar and catering are available from Friday to Sunday. On Saturday, catering will be open for breakfast 0830hrs with hot food and drink served all day. There will be a two-course evening meal served at 1900hrs - tickets may be purchased at: <https://www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk/event/rs-sprints-5>. On Sunday, catering will be open for breakfast at 0800hrs. Hot food and drink will be served all day.

Rutland Sailing Club is a dog friendly club. Our dog policy is available at <https://www.rutlandsailingclub.co.uk/page/241331>

Drones and UAVs are not allowed.

APPENDIX: CHECK, CLEAN & DRY PROCEDURE FOR VISITING RIBS, DINGHIES & CRUISERS

In order to comply with Anglian Water's byelaws for Rutland Water you must:

BEFORE ARRIVING at Rutland Sailing Club: comply with the CHECK, CLEAN & DRY procedure (see below), and

BEFORE LEAVING the site: Wash your boat: wash stations are located at the cruiser park, the main gate, and the boatswain's workshop.

Check your equipment and clothing for living organisms. Pay particular attention to areas that are damp or hard to inspect.

Clean and wash all equipment, footwear, and clothes thoroughly, use hot water where possible. If you do come across any organisms, leave them at the water body where you found them. (Cleaning & washing must be done away from Rutland Water when visiting the Club)

Dry all equipment and clothing: some species can live for many days in moist conditions. Make sure you don't transfer water elsewhere.

Visiting boats will be randomly checked on arrival and if found to be in a condition that causes concern, will not be allowed to be brought on site. By registering, you confirm that you have Checked, Cleaned and Dried your boat before arriving at RSC.

Trolleys and trailers should not be left in the water for any longer than is necessary to launch & recover the boat.