



NORTHAMPTON SAILING CLUB

Notice of Race

Graduate Class National Championship

at Pitsford Reservoir 17th/18th June 2023



The races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the event supplementary sailing instructions. Competitors should note that Northampton Sailing Club (NSC) implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book.

Conditions of Entry

The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat, who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither the sailing instructions, nor the inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for his/her crew his/her boat and the management thereof. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races. Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid Third Party Liability Insurance with a minimum Cover of £3 million. Entrants must be members of the relevant Class Association at the time of entering.

Entries to the Graduate National Championship can be made at:

<http://graduatedinghy.com/events/nationals-2023>

Early entries online will close at **midnight on Wednesday 7th June 2023.**

Early event Entry fee - £85.00

Early junior Entry fee (both helm and crew under 18 on June 17th 2023)-£75

Late Entry- Additional £10 per boat

The entry fee includes a two course meal on Saturday 17th, to be served after the Grad class AGM.

Fee includes training day and entry to NSC Thursday evening club race detailed below.

NSC reserves the right to cancel the event if minimum entries are not reached by the above closing date. In the event this occurs full refunds will be made to any paid entries.

Training Day & Club Racing - Thursday 15th & Friday 16th June

Thursday club racing: Graduate sailors are welcome to join in Thursday evening club racing starting at 19:00.

Friday 16th Graduate Training and Tuning day: On shore boat rigging and tuning followed by water based training sessions and sprint races starting at 11:00.

Graduate Nationals race Programme

Graduates Day 1 - 17 th June		Graduates Day 2 - 18 th June	
Briefing	11:00		
Race 1	11:30	Race 5	10:30
Race 2	To follow	Race 6	To follow
Lunch	ashore	Race 7	Champagne Race
Race 3	To follow	Prize Giving	After Racing
Race 4	To follow		

On the final day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:00.

A Graduate AGM will be held as close to 17:30 as possible on Saturday 17th, subject to protests, followed by class meal.

Advertising

Boats will be required to display advertising provided by event sponsors and partners, instructions on how to display will be detailed in entry packs handed out at registration.

Measurements / Membership

Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate, which should be produced on request and shall be carrying a valid Class association membership sticker on the transom. (non class members can join association at registration)

The Race Committee reserves the right to require any boat or sail to be submitted for measurement at any time before, during or after the event. Boats may be spot checked during the event.

Prizes

The Graduate dinghy Association trophies will be awarded as follows:

Light Craft Cup	To the Helm of 1st boat overall in the Championship
Lumley Bowl	To the Crew of 1st boat overall in the Championship
Pennington Pot	To the Helm of 2nd boat overall in the Championship
Pennington Plate	To the Crew of 2nd boat overall in the Championship
Ruislip Trophy	To the Helm of 3rd boat overall in the Championship
Dreadnought Trophy	To the Crew of 3rd boat overall in the Championship
Lowton Trophy	Lowest points, no discard over all races Helm:
Rex Barker Trophy	Lowest points, no discard over all races Crew:
Capstan Trophy	Winners of Race 1
Argo Trophy	Winners of Race 2
Hollick trophy	Winners of Race 3
Elton Trophy	Winners of Race 4
Saundersfoot Cup	Winners of Race 5
Plymouth Cup	Winners of Race 6
Essex Cup	Best placed Junior Helm
Light Craft Trophy	Best placed Junior Crew

Undergraduate Trophies	Best placed Junior Helm and Crew
Saundersfoot Trophy	Best placed Lady Helm
St. Tudwalls Cup	Best placed Veteran (Helm over 65)
Ton-Up Trophy	Best placed Helm and Crew aged 120 or over
Bucket Cup	Oldest Helm
Half Way Up Cup	Mid-fleet finisher
Ruislip Paddle	Highest Points, no discard
Molyneux Trophy	Top 3 boats from the same Club (lowest aggregate scores in the Championship)

Additional prizes may be awarded by our event sponsors P&B, Dinghy Shack, Fresh & Marsh Water Sports Services at the discretion of a sponsor or partner representative.

Safety

A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

BIOSECURITY -

You will be required to confirm that your boat has been 'Checked, Cleaned and Dried' for a minimum of two days prior to arriving at Northampton Sailing Club.

COVID-19 SPECIAL MEASURES -

At all times the UK Government, Anglian Water and RYA requirements/advice is to be followed. Members and visitors must not attend the club if they have or are showing signs of Covid-19 or have been in contact with anyone who has or is showing signs of Covid-19. In the unlikely event that a member or visitor becomes symptomatic having visited the Club, the Club Office must be advised at info@northamptonsailingclub.org or by telephone - 01604 880248.

For your information – Facilities

Camping and Campervan facilities, will be available at a cost of £5.00 per unit per night. We have 4 electrical hookups available for an additional £5 per night, available on a first come first serve basis. Please make a booking by the online entry and booking form prior to the event. Camping will be in compliance with NSC's camping policy.

Changing rooms, toilets and showering facilities will be available during the event for competitors and visitors.

During the event the galley and bar will be open and available on the following dates:

Thursday 15th June - Evening Club Racing / Evening meal and bar

Friday 16th June – Training Day Lunch/ Evening Meal and bar

Saturday 17th June - Breakfast, Lunch, refreshments and evening meal bookable and bar

Sunday 18th June - Breakfast, Lunch and refreshments and bar

Evening meal on Friday and Saturday must be booked during the online entry. (Payment at counter) A Galley service will be available on Saturday and Sunday including breakfast. (Payment at counter)

Northampton Sailing Club Details:

Pitsford Reservoir Brixworth Northants
NN6 9DG

Tel: 01604 880248

Email: info@northamptonsailingclub.org

See website for further information, how to find the club, local accommodation etc.

www.northamptonsailingclub.org

Members only dogs are allowed on external areas of the site – to be kept on a lead at all times and not left unattended.