



RS Tera Southern Championships - Open Meeting

Notice Of Race

Saturday 15th – Sunday 16th August 2026

High Water- Sat 15th 14:10 – 4.9m
Sun 16th 14:48 – 4.9m

1. INVITATION

- 1.1. The event will be held by Emsworth Sailing Club, 55 Bath Road, Emsworth, PO10 7ES
- 1.2. Parking is available on a first come first served basis at the club car park which is found on the left-hand side of Bath Road
- 1.3. A Chichester Harbour visitors fee is payable for all boats not showing an annual harbour permit.
- 1.4. Competitors and parents are encouraged to join the ESC Tera Open WhatsApp group where information will be communicated. The WhatsApp link is <https://chat.whatsapp.com/G1QeWmr8fiw0dEzC4Nfw3U>

2. RULES

- 2.1. The Organising Authority is Emsworth Sailing Club ('ESC' or the 'Club')
- 2.2. Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2026 (RRS), the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA), the [RYA Racing Charter](#), and complying with [the Chichester Harbour Code of Conduct for Racing](#), the current Class Rules, and the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.3. This Notice of Race may be amended by a Notice to Competitors posted on the ESC website.
- 2.4. Competitors should note that Emsworth Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it.
- 2.5. If there is any conflict between the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions or Notice to Competitors and any printed versions in circulation, the online version shall prevail.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1. Advertising will be allowed in accordance with the Class Rules of competing Class.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to boats of the RS Tera Class (both Sport and Pro Rig)
- 4.2. All competitors must be a current member of the UK RS Tera Class Association. Evidence of membership will be checked prior to the event. (Temporary membership for the event is available for Regatta fleet sailors – see entry form)
- 4.3. Competitors can opt to sail in the Train and Race Regatta fleet. This fleet is aimed at younger sailors and newcomers to the circuit and shall be composed of Sport or Mini Sail rigged boats of the RS Tera class. Sailors in this fleet must be aged between 8 to under 12 on the 31st December 2026.
- 4.4. Entries can be made online via the RS Tera class association <https://www.rstera.org.uk/regionalchampionships2026/southern-championships-2026>
- 4.5. The current entry limit for this event is 54 boats across both the RS Tera Pro and RS Tera Sport fleets and 16 in the Regatta Fleet. This may be changed at any time at the discretion of the Organising Authority.



- 4.6. Competitors in the RS Tera Sport Class shall be aged less than 16 years on 31 December 2026
- 4.7. All other competitors shall be aged less than 18 years on 21 September 2026.
- 4.8. Entry is only available online and entries will close at 10:00 on 15th August 2026 or until participant limits have been reached. Any subsequent entries will be placed on a waiting list without payment. The waiting list will be cleared by fleet in order of booking.
- 4.9. By entering online all parents/guardians of entrants less than 18 years of age during the event confirm that they have read and agree to the declaration attached to this NOR.
- 4.10. The Entry Fee will be £60 per boat which will include a choice of a sausage, chicken tenders or vegan nugget with chips and sauce and a choice of a hot or cold drink for the competitor after racing on both days.
- 4.11. Those competitors not possessing a valid Chichester Harbour plaque will need to purchase a day permit at £3.50 (available to purchase via the entry process).
- 4.12. Refund of entry fees:
 - 4.10.1 A full refund (less admin charges) for cancellations up to midnight, Sunday 4th July 2026.
 - 4.10.2. A refund of 50% will be refunded (less admin charges) for cancellations up to midnight on midnight, Friday 24th July 2026. No refunds will be offered after midnight on Friday 1st August 2026.
 - 4.10.3 A sailor shall compete with the rig as entered, unless specifically arranged with the Organising Authority.
 - 4.10.4 If this event should be cancelled due to adverse weather, a refund will be issued less an administration fee.

5. RACING SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Friday 14th August: Registration opens at 18:00 – 20:00 in the ESC Clubhouse and again on Saturday 15th August 09:30– 11:00
- 5.2. There will be a competitors' briefing at 11:00 in the ESC Clubhouse.
- 5.3. Racing Programme:
 - 5.3.1. Three races in total are scheduled to be sailed back-to-back each day.
 - 5.3.2. All Tera Pros will start together followed 5 mins later by Tera Sports
 - 5.3.3. The warning signal for the first race on Saturday will not be before 12:10
 - 5.3.4. No warning signal will be made after 17:00 on either day.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at the time of Registration and displayed on the official noticeboard and may be made available beforehand online at www.emsworthsc.org.uk
 - 6.1.1. If there are any discrepancies between online and paper copies the official noticeboard will be deemed to be correct.

7. SAILING AREA

- 7.1. Venue: Sailing Club, 55 Bath Road, Emsworth PO10 7ES
- 7.2. The race area will be in Chichester Harbour and courses will use laid inflatable marks from a committee boat

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The actual course to be sailed will be as defined in the Sailing Instructions and will be displayed on the official Course Board in the ESC Clubhouse

9. SCORING

- 9.1. The Low Point System of RYA Appendix A will apply.
- 9.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.3. When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.



9.4. When 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9.5. Results will be published on the ESC website.

10. RYA EXONERATION PROCEDURE

10.1. The Exoneration penalty and the Advisory hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Disputes procedures will be available.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

11.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

12. SUPPORT VESSELS

12.1. Support Vessels shall make themselves known to the Race Committee and shall remain outside of the racing area from the warning signal until the last boat finishes the last race, unless requested by the Race Committee to provide emergency assistance.

12.2. Please contact the ESC Office in advance if you are planning on bringing a support vessel training@emsworthsc.org.uk

13. SAFETY

13.1. All competitors shall wear a personal floatation device at all times when afloat, except, briefly, when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits and drysuits are not considered personal floatation devices. This changes RRS 40.1

13.2. All competitors in the regatta fleet are required to use a mast float.

13.3. All competitors shall tally on and off the water in accordance with the sailing instructions.

14. PRIZES

14.1. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee and the Class Association.

15. RISK STATEMENT

15.1. Rule 3 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue to race is hers alone" and that sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor, or parent and guardian for those aged under 18, agrees and acknowledges that:

- 15.1.1. 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;
- 15.1.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 15.1.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 15.1.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 15.1.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats if any and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 15.1.6. The provision of safety boat cover, if any, is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;
- 15.1.7. It is their own 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.

16. INSURANCE

16.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.



17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY

- 17.1. Without prejudice to the above 'Risk Statement' in point 14, Emsworth Sailing Club (ESC) shall not be liable (whether in contract, tort or howsoever otherwise) for any loss, damage, death or personal injury (other than death or personal injury arising from the negligence of ESC) to the owner / competitor, his or her crew nor any damage caused to other yachts whether participating or not, as a result of their taking part in the event.
- 17.2. Every owner and competitor participating in the event undertakes to indemnify ESC against any claim that may be brought against it arising out of his or her negligence of default whilst participating in the event.

18. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 18.1. The Club may arrange for photographs or videos to be taken of competitors racing activities and published on the Club's website or social media channels to promote ESC. If you do NOT consent to a competitor and/or supporters' images being used by the Club in this way, please inform ESC by email.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1. For further information: secretary@emsworthsc.org.uk
Emsworth Sailing Club, 55 Bath Road, Emsworth PO10 7ES www.emsworthsc.org.uk

20. PRIVACY

- 20.1. The personal information you provide to ESC will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. 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 the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information if legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the ESC privacy policy. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

PARENT/GUARDIAN DECLARATION

This is agreed to at the time of entry by the parent/guardian of all participants under 18 years of age on the date of the event.

By entering you confirm that you have read and agree to the below terms and are duly authorised as the parent/guardian to agree to these terms. Emsworth Sailing Club accepts no liability for false, inaccurate, or misleading declarations.

By entering I give permission to the organisers of this event to administer any relevant treatment or medication to my son/daughter when/if necessary. It is my responsibility to inform the organisers of any known conditions and medication requirements.

In addition, if the case arises, I authorise the organisers to place my dependent under the care of medical professionals and give permission for any relocation and/or treatment required to be carried out in accordance with their diagnosis. I understand that I shall be notified of any situation as soon as possible but that participant safety will take priority.

I agree that I am the legal parent or guardian of the competitor.

- I accept and acknowledge the Risk Statement in the Notice of Race and the Event Disclaimer below.



- I declare that during the event the boat sailed by my dependent will be adequately insured with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.
- I confirm that my dependent is competent to take part and able to deal with conditions that may arise during the event.
- I confirm I will not allow my dependent to participate whilst intoxicated or otherwise unfit to do so.
- I confirm that the boat my dependent is sailing is seaworthy and correctly rigged for the conditions expected.
- I confirm that I am responsible for my dependent’s property and behaviour whether afloat or ashore.

During the event:

- I will be responsible for my dependent throughout the event, and I will be available at the event during the time my dependent is afloat

OR

- I will appoint a person, named in an email (with full contact details) by Friday 17th August 11.00 to secretary@emsworthsc.org.uk , who has agreed to act in loco parentis. They will be responsible for my dependent throughout the event and will be available at the event venue during the time my dependent is afloat.

Event Disclaimer

Competitors (and their parents and guardians) are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for competitors (and their parents and guardians) to decide whether their boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea competitors confirm the boat is fit for those conditions and they are competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the event. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and competitors of their responsibilities.

The titles will be awarded as follows:

RS Tera Pro – Southern Area Champion – 1 st Place	1 st RS Tera Pro Overall
RS Tera Sport – Southern Area Champion – 1 st Place	1 st RS Tera Sport Overall