



Datchet Water Sailing Club RS Tera Open 2023

Part of the RS Tera Southern and Eastern Traveller Series 2023

Sunday 21st May 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Datchet Water Sailing Club
in conjunction with the UK RS Tera Class Association.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. Rules:

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The following documents apply:
 - 1.2.1. The International RS Tera Class Rules, available at <https://www.rstera.org.uk/documents>
 - 1.2.2. Datchet Water Sailing Club and the UK RS Tera Class Association implement the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter, available at: <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>
 - 1.2.3. The RYA Arbitration, Advisory Hearing and Post-Race Penalty will be available (see <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/rules-disputes>). The Post-Race Penalty will be 30%.
 - 1.2.4. [DP, NP] In addition, each competitor and Support Person agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any current government health guidelines. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement such guidelines guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.
- 1.3. The Racing Rules will be changed as follows. The Sailing Instructions may also change other rules.
 - 1.3.1. RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. Sailing Instructions:

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than 19th May on the UK RS Tera Class Association website at <https://www.rstera.org.uk/southerntraveller2023/datchet-water-sailing-club-open>

3. Communication:

- 3.1. The official noticeboard for the event is in the clubhouse at Datchet Water Sailing Club
- 3.2. A WhatsApp group will be established for communications with competitors and shall be regarded as the communication channel for the event. Joining instructions for the WhatsApp group will be sent to all entrants prior to the event.
- 3.3. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. Eligibility and Entry:

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the UK RS Tera class.
- 4.2. Competitors do not need to be a current member of the UK RS Tera Class Association for this event, but must be members to enter the Traveller Series
- 4.3. The current entry limit for this event is 50 boats across both the RS Tera Pro and RS Tera Sport fleets. This may be increased at any time at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at <https://www.rstera.org.uk/southerntraveller2023/datchet-water-sailing-club-open> making the required entry fee payment.

5. Entry Fees:

- 5.1. Entry fees are as follows.

Entry Fee	Entries Open From	Latest Date / Time for Entry	Max No of Entries
£15.50	15 th April	Midday on the 20 th May or when entry limit is reached, whichever is sooner	50

The Organising Authority may at its sole discretion extend the latest date for entry

- 5.2. Online entry closes at midday, Saturday 20th May, or when the entry limit is reached.
- 5.3. The Organising Authority may at its sole discretion extend the latest date for entry.
- 5.4. Should the event be cancelled, a refund of at least 50% of the entry fee will be made after transfer fees. This will be dependent on the expenditure committed to and by and at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 5.5. A sailor shall compete with the rig as entered, unless specifically arranged with the Organising Authority.

6. Advertising:

- 6.1. [NP, DP] Advertising is permitted in accordance with the class rules and World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 6.2. [NP, DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 6.3. [NP, DP] The following parts of the hull and sail must be left clear for the display of advertising, if supplied, without exception. All competitors shall ensure this is carried out before arrival at the event.
- 6.3.1. the front one metre of the bow;
- 6.3.2. the bottom 10% of the mainsail;
- 6.3.3. the front 50cm of the boom nearest to the mast.

7. Schedule:

- 7.1. Registration will take place on 21st May from 09.30. There will be a competitor briefing outside the clubhouse at 10.30.
- 7.2. The dates of racing will be 21st May
- 7.3. The event will consist of up to 4 races. Races will probably be back to back.
- 7.4. The first warning signal for race one on 21st May will be 12.00.
- 7.5. No warning signal will be made after 16.30.

8. Clothing and Equipment:

- 8.1. [NP, DP] RRS 40.1 will apply.
- 8.2. [NP, DP] Electronic compasses or variations thereof will not be permitted
- 8.3. [NP, DP] All sailors must wear a whistle attached to their buoyancy aids
- 8.4. [NP, DP] All boats shall carry a painter of 6mm floating line at least 8 m in length (measured from the fitment point) permanently attached to the standard fitment position in front of the mast
- 8.5. [NP, DP] Rear handles on the transom handles must have the plastic loops fitted as supplied by RS
- 8.6. The scrutineering process which is intended to assist in compliance with the RS Tera Class Rules will involve boats being selected at random for checks during the event. That delegated Technical Officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race

9. Venue:

- 9.1. The venue is Datchet Water Sailing Club, Queen Mother Reservoir, Horton Road, Horton, Slough SL3 9NT Felpham and the sailing area is on the reservoir.

10. Courses:

- 10.1. The courses to be sailed will be presented to competitors at the competitors briefing shall be described in the Sailing Instructions

11. Scoring:

- 11.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3. The Sport and Pro fleets will be scored separately.
- 11.4. The total score for each boat will be the sum of her scores as follows:
- 11.5. When 3 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores;
- 11.6. When from 4 have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score;

12. Support Person Vessels:

- 12.1. No support vessels will be permitted at this event.
- 12.2. The official event photographer (if present) may move between the starting line and course marks in order to photograph the event, this boat will display a distinguishing flag.

13. Berthing:

- 13.1. [NP, DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park unless instructed otherwise

14. Data Protection:

- 14.1. The personal information you provide to the organizing authority 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 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 organizing authority's privacy policy. 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.
- 14.2. In participating in the event, any competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority, the National and International Class Associations permission to make, use and show, from time to time, any still/motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event without compensation, in perpetuity.

15. 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 the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 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;

- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 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;
- The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 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.
- All competitors should obey the instructions of the Event Safety officer (and/or team).

16. Insurance:

- 16.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

17. Prizes:

- 17.1. Prizes will be given dependent on number of entries, but as a minimum 1st – 3rd overall for the Sport and Pro Fleets.

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