



Christchurch Sailing Club



**HIGHCLIFFE
SAILING CLUB**



UK RS Tera Class Association

Christchurch Sailing Club & Highcliffe Sailing Club

RS Tera Open

Saturday 19 September 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

**The Organising Authority is Christchurch Sailing Club
in conjunction with the UK RS Tera Class Association and Highcliffe Sailing Club.**

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.

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. Christchurch 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. Arbitration RRS Appendix T shall apply.
- 1.3. The Racing Rules will be changed as follows. The Sailing Instructions may also change other rules.
 - 1.3.1. RRS 63.5 (c)(2) 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 published on the event noticeboard no later than 31 August 2026.

3. Communication:

- 3.1. The official noticeboard for the event is at <https://sailevent.net/noticeboard/1d0>
- 3.2. A WhatsApp group has been 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. The following age limits apply:
RS Tera Sport under 16 on 31 December 2026
RS Tera Pro - under 18 on 31 December 2026
- 4.3. The Entry limits for this event are:
 - 4.3.1. RS Tera Pro and RS Tera Sport racing - 40 boats
 - 4.3.2. Regatta Fleet coached sailing activities - 15 boats.
 - 4.3.3. Either of these limits may be increased 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/southerntraveller2026/christchurch-sailing-club-rs-tera-open-2026> and making the required entry fee.
- 4.5. A sailor shall compete with the rig as entered, unless authorised by the Organising Authority.

5. Entry Fees:

- 5.1. Entry fee is £30.
- 5.2. The entry fee includes a drink and post race snack for each sailor.
- 5.3. Online Entry will close at midnight on Wednesday 16 September 2026, or when the entry limit is reached if earlier.
- 5.4. The Organising Authority may at its sole discretion extend the latest date for entry.
- 5.5. If the event is cancelled before midnight 16 September 2026 or a competitor cancels their entry for reasons beyond their control before that date, entry fees will be refunded in full less an administration fee of £5.
- 5.6. If the event is cancelled due to bad weather, a refund may be made at the discretion of the Organising Authority after taking into account any costs that have been incurred in organising the event.

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. The event is scheduled for Saturday 19 June 2026.
- 7.2. The event programme is as follows:

Activity	Time	Location
Boat arrival	From 08:00	Mudeford Quay
Registration Racers	08:30 - 09:45	Highcliffe SC Clubhouse
Competitors Briefing	10:00	Highcliffe SC Clubhouse
Registration Regatta Fleet	11:00 to 12:00	Highcliffe SC Clubhouse
First warning signal	11:55 RS Tera Pro fleet 12:00 RS Tera Sport fleet	Christchurch Harbour
Regatta Fleet Briefing	12:45	Highcliffe SC Clubhouse
Time limit for a warning signal	16:00	
Refreshments and Prizegiving	Asap after racing	Highcliffe SC Clubhouse

7.3. Four back to back races are scheduled to be sailed.

7.4. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange flag on the Committee Boat will be displayed at least one minute before a warning signal is made.

7.5. The Coached Regatta Fleet will be sailing in Christchurch Harbour and will be briefed on their activities after the Competitors Briefing.

8. Clothing and Equipment:

8.1. [NP, DP] RRS 40.1 will apply.

8.2. [NP, DP] All sailors must wear a whistle attached to their personal flotation devices.

8.3. [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.

8.4. Rear handles on the transom handles should have the plastic loops fitted as supplied by RS.

9. Venue:

9.1. The venue is Highcliffe Sailing Club, Sea Vixen, Mudeford Quay, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 4AB.

9.2. The sailing area will be as follows:

9.2.1. RS Tera Sport and RS Tera Pro fleets - Christchurch Harbour.

9.2.2. The Regatta fleet - Christchurch Harbour.

10. Courses:

10.1. The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions and/or at the Briefing.

10.1.1. RS Tera Sport races - See Sailing Instructions

10.1.2. RS Tera Pro races - See Sailing Instructions

10.1.3. Regatta Fleet coaching activities will be appropriate for the standard of sailors and the prevailing conditions and will be described at a Regatta Fleet Briefing.

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:

11.4.1. When 3 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores;

11.4.2. When 4 or more races 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. Support boat helms should contact the Event Organiser before bringing a boat to the Event.

13. Berthing:

13.1. [NP, DP] Boats and trailers shall be kept in their assigned places unless instructed otherwise.

14. Data Protection:

14.1. The personal information you provide to the organising 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 organising 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.

- 17.2. Spot prizes and other prizes may be given at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

18. Further Information:

Enquiries should be addressed as follows:

Event Organisation:

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Boat, trailer & car parking on Mudeford Quay and/or launching boats:

Saron Rusden, Highcliffe Sailing Club, Sea Vixen, Mudeford Quay, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 4AB
(Email: shazrusden@gmail.com mobile +44 (0)7860 615567)

Christchurch Sailing Club - <https://www.christchurchsailingclub.co.uk>

Highcliffe Sailing Club - <https://www.highcliffesailing.co.uk>

RS Tera Association - <https://www.rstera.org.uk>

Christchurch Tourist Information <https://www.visit-christchurch.co.uk>