



# SILVER WING SAILING CLUB

## Notice of Race Comet Association Championships (and SWSC Comet Trophy)

Silver Wing Sailing Club  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The Organizing Authority is Silver Wing Sailing Club and the Comet Class Association. All enquiries to [secretary@silverwingsc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@silverwingsc.co.uk)
- 1.2. The series shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, the Rules of SWSC and the Comet Class Association rules.

### 2. Entries

- 2.1. Entry online, pre-entry preferred, but entry on the day will be available. The link to this can be found on the SWSC Website events page: <https://silverwingsc.co.uk/events/>
- 2.2. The entry fee is £40 if pre-entered before midnight 8<sup>th</sup> May, or £45 after and on the day. Please note, we are cashless.
- 2.3. Those competitors under the age of 18 at the time of the event shall be required to complete and lodge the parent/guardian's consent form that is part of the entry form.
- 2.4. The event is open to all boats of the Comet Class (with Standard, Xtra, White Xtra or Mino rig) whose helms are members of the Comet Class Association at the time of the event.
- 2.5. Temporary Comet Class membership will be available on the day, £10 collected by Comet Association.
- 2.6. Competitors must declare at registration which of the four rigs (Standard, Xtra, White Xtra and Mino) they wish to sail and they must stay with the same rig throughout the event. Rigs with reefing capabilities are allowed to reef/un-reef during the event.
- 2.7. Saturday lunch, Saturday night social, and Friday and Saturday overnight camping, should be pre-booked on the entry form.
- 2.8. For entries on the day the registration desk will open at 10:00 on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and closes 25 minutes before the scheduled warning signal of the first race.

### 3. Schedule of races

- 3.1. The intention is to sail 5 races.
- 3.2. Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Races 1, 2 and 3 (Association Championships and SWSC Comet Trophy)
  - 3.2.1. Gates open 09:30.
  - 3.2.2. Briefing 11:15.
  - 3.2.3. The warning signal for race 1 shall be no earlier than 11:55.
  - 3.2.4. Race 1, followed by lunch. Lunch must be pre-ordered with entry.
  - 3.2.5. The time of the warning signal for race 2 will be communicated on the day.
  - 3.2.6. Races 2 and 3 will be sailed back-to-back.
- 3.3. Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Races 4 and 5 (Association Championships)
  - 3.3.1. Gates open 09:00.
  - 3.3.2. A briefing will be held at 10:00.
  - 3.3.3. The warning signal for race 4 shall be no earlier than 10:25.
  - 3.3.4. Races 4 and 5 will be sailed back to back, followed by tea and prizegiving.
  - 3.3.5. No warning signal on Sunday 11th will be made later than 12:25.

- 3.4. In the event of forecast bad weather the race committee may vary the above schedule.  
This will be communicated to all competitors during the event briefing.
- 4. Sailing Instructions**  
4.1. Sailing instruction will be published on the SWSC Website events page:
- 5. Scoring System**  
5.1. The Low Point system of RRS Appendix A will apply.  
5.2. Rule A5.3 will apply.  
5.3. Association Championships: (Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>)  
5.3.1. Two races are required to constitute a series  
5.3.2. If three or fewer races are sailed there will be no discard.  
5.4. SWSC Comet Trophy (Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>)  
5.4.1. All races sailed on Saturday will count towards the SWSC Comet Trophy, with no discard.  
5.4.2. A minimum of one race is required to be sailed.
- 6. Post-Race Penalties**  
The Post-Race Penalty, Advisory Meeting and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply (for information on the procedures, go to [www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes](http://www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes)). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.
- 7. Prizes**  
7.1. The SWSC Comet Trophy for Saturday racing.  
7.2. Association Championships prizes will be awarded for:  
7.2.1. 1st 5 places  
7.2.2. Ancient Mariner (over 60 on 01/01/24)  
7.2.3. Veteran (over 45 on 01/01/24)  
7.2.4. Junior (under 19 on 31/12/24)  
7.2.5. Lady  
7.2.6. Newcomer  
7.2.7. Committee Prize (perseverance)  
7.3. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the committee.
- 8. Catering**  
8.1. A light breakfast will be available to purchase on both Saturday and Sunday.  
8.2. Lunch will be available on Saturday, including a vegetarian option.  
Lunch **must** be pre-ordered with entry.  
8.3. An afternoon tea - included in the entry fee - will be available after the racing on Sunday.  
8.4. Additional Saturday Lunch and Sunday Afternoon Tea for non-sailors may be purchased on the entry form, £5 for each.  
8.5. Please note, we are cashless.
- 9. Comet Class Captain Contact:**  
9.1. Ken Baker on 07950 286 954
- 10. Camping and boat drop off**  
10.1. Camping for competitors will be available on Friday and Saturday night. (Bring earplugs - the geese wake up early).  
10.2. Access from 14:00 on Friday by pre-arrangement with Ken Baker.  
10.3. Camping **must** be pre-booked on the entry form.  
10.4. Cost, £5 per night.  
10.5. Boats may be left at Silverwing from 14:00 on Friday at owner's risk.  
10.5.1. Please pre-book both Friday and Saturday night boat parking on the entry form, so we know how much space we need.  
10.5.2. If dropping off boat Friday please contact Ken Baker as above with approximate arrival time.

## **11. Social**

Saturday Evening Pizza night (and possibly Quiz - TBD). Advance booking on entry form, cost £10 per head.

Time TBD.

## **12. Rights to use Names and Likenesses**

- 12.1. Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

## **13. Risk Statement**

- 13.1. 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 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the 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 or event and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue;

## **14. Insurance**

- 14.1. Boats are required to be adequately insured including insurance against third party claims of at least £3,000,000

## **15. Membership & Liability**

- 15.1. All visiting competitors and families will be deemed as visiting yachtsmen during the event and as such shall abide by both Club's rules and bye-laws. Members of the Club, their guests and visitors may use the Club premises and other facilities of the Club entirely at their own risk and implicitly accept that: the Club will not accept any liability for any damage to or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the Club; the Club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of use of the Club premises or any other facilities of the Club, or out of participating in any race organised by the Club, whether sustained by members, their guests or visitors or caused by the said members, guests or visitors, whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to, or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of the officers, committees or servants of the Club.

Dogs are permitted, they should be kept under control and on leads