



SILVER WING SAILING CLUB

Notice of Race Comet Open Meeting The SWSC Comet Trophy

Silver Wing Sailing Club Saturday 2nd May 2026

1. Rules

- 1.1. The Organizing Authority is Silver Wing Sailing Club and the Comet Class Association. All enquiries to secretary@silverwingclub.co.uk
- 1.2. The series shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, the Rules of SWSC and the Comet Class Association rules.

2. Entries

- 2.1. Entry online, pre-entry preferred, but online entry on the day will be available. Please note we are cashless. The link to this can be found on the SWSC Website events page: <https://silverwingclub.co.uk/events/>
- 2.2. The entry fee is £20 before midnight 29th April. This includes lunch and afternoon tea.
- 2.3. After midnight 29th April entry is £25 including lunch and afternoon tea.
- 2.4. 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.
- 2.5. The event is open to all helms and boats of the Comet Class (with Standard, Xtra, White Xtra or Mino rig). Helms however are required to be members of the Comet Class Association for their results to count towards the Southern Aphelion Series.
- 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.

3. Schedule of races

- 3.1. Gates open 09:00.
- 3.2. Briefing 10:30.
- 3.3. The intention is to sail 4 races but the race committee reserve the right to switch the race format to 3 races depending on weather conditions.
- 3.4. The warning signal for race 1 shall be no earlier than 10:55. Race 1 will be followed back to back by race 2. Race 3 and 4 back to back after a lunch break. Warning signal time of race 3 will be communicated by the race committee on the day.
- 3.5. Any decision to switch the format to 3 races will be made on the day and clearly communicated to all competitors during the event briefing. In this event the format of the 3 races will be communicated on the day.

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. One race is required to constitute a series.
- 5.3. If two or fewer races are sailed there will be no discard.

6. Post-Race Penalties

- 6.1. RRS Appendix T applies.

6.2. Advisory Meeting

When there is an incident that will not result in the lodging of a protest or a request for redress, a boat may request an advisory meeting and notify any boat involved in the incident. An adviser will then call a meeting to learn what may have happened and will state whether any rule appears to have been broken, and by which boat. A boat may as a result notify the race office that it accepts a Post-Race Penalty when it applies to the incident, or choose to retire, but is not required to do so.

7. Prizes

- 7.1. The trophy for the overall winner is the SWSC Comet Trophy.
- 7.2. Other prizes will be awarded to
 - 7.2.1. Second and third place
 - 7.2.2. First junior (U19 on 31/12/26)
 - 7.2.3. First lady
 - 7.2.4. First SWSC member

8. Catering

- 8.1. Lunch, all day hot drinks and afternoon tea after racing is included with entry fee for competitors.
- 8.2. Guests - £5 for lunch and afternoon tea.
- 8.3. Please note, we are cashless.

9. Comet Class Captain Contact:

- 9.1. Helen Evans 07855 023 289

10. Boat drop-off

- 10.1. Drop off on Friday evening may be arranged by contacting the above number.

11. Rights to use Names and Likenesses

- 11.1. 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.

12. Risk Statement

- 12.1. 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;

13. Insurance

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

14. Membership & Liability

14.1. 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