



Albacore Sprint Nationals 2023

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th June 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority (OA) is the West Oxfordshire Sailing Club (WOSC)
in conjunction with the UK National Albacore Association (NAA)

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the prescriptions of the RYA.
- 1.2. The WOSC Safety Regulations, Appendix SR of this notice of race shall apply.
- 1.3. All participants (competitors, support persons and officials) are expected to follow any current UK government COVID-19 guidelines and legislation. Breaches of these and any event Covid protocols (issued as an attachment to the NoR or SI) may be misconduct and subject to RRS 69. These will not be subject to protest by a boat and changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.4. The OA may stop a boat launching, or require it to return ashore, if they consider that the boat, its equipment and/or helm are not adequate for the likely conditions.
- 1.5. World Sailing Appendix T will not apply.
- 1.6. The World Sailing Equipment Rules of Sailing shall apply.

2. Advertising

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. Entries shall be made on the official entry form available on the WOSC website. <https://www.wosc.org.uk/event-5259124>
- 3.2. Entry is limited to 20 boats on a first come first served basis.
- 3.3. All boats shall hold adequate insurance and in particular hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3.0 million.
- 3.4. The event is open to all boats of the Albacore class that hold a current measurement certificate and meet the obligations of their National Albacore Association and their National sailing Authority.
- 3.5. The helm of each boat shall be a member of their Albacore Class Association for this event.
- 3.6. The boat number, crew name and designated helm shall be confirmed at registration. Any subsequent crew changes during the event shall be approved by the OA.
- 3.7. Entries are only accepted when the entry form has been fully completed and payment in full has been made.
- 3.8. Entry fees should be made by bank transfer quoting surname and boat number as reference – see entry form.
- 3.9. Entry fee is £35 including lunch and afternoon tea on the Saturday.

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- 3.10. The event will consist of up to 12 races. The target duration for each sprint race will be around 25 mins for the leading boat. The first set of 3-4 back to back sprint races will start at 13:00. There will be a half-hour break for tea and cakes at around 15:00, followed by another set of 3-4 back to back sprint races. On the Sunday morning a final set of 3-4 back to back sprint races will start at 9:30. Prize-giving is scheduled for 12:00.
- 3.11. Additional races may be sailed either in advance or arrears in order to complete the event programme if weather or other reasons dictate. If an additional race is planned, IC Flag F shall be displayed before the finish of the last scheduled race of the day.
- 3.12. Registration in WOSC from 10.00 Sat 3rd June - There will be a competitor briefing at 12:30
- 3.13. On the last day of scheduled racing there will be no warning signal after 11:30

4. Sailing Instructions

- 4.1. The sailing instructions for the event will be available at WOSC at registration.

5. Venue and Course Area

- 5.1. The venue will be West Oxfordshire Sailing Club, Stanton Hardcourt, Oxfordshire, OX29 5AG.

6. Courses- Details to follow.

7. Penalty System

- 7.1. The sailing instructions will specify any changes to RRS 44 and if RRS Appendix P applies.

8. Scoring

- 8.1. Four races are required to be completed to constitute the UK Sprint Nationals series. If 4 or less races are completed a boats score will be all races. If 5 to 8 races are completed a boats score shall be all races less worst result. If 9 or more races are completed a boats score shall be all races less worst two results.

9. Communications

- 9.1. The WOSC noticeboard for the event and the briefing will be used to communicate with competitors.
- 9.2. 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. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

10. Prizes

- 10.1. Prizes will be specified in the sailing instructions.

11. 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 inherently 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;

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- (e) 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;
- (f) The provision of patrol vessel 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 for the event;

11.1. Inspection and Measurement

11.2. Boats, equipment and sails may be weighed, measured or inspected for class rules compliance prior to, during or after racing.

11.3. Inspections may be carried out by Technical Committee (Rule 92) or their appointed representative/s

12. Use of Personal Data

12.1. The organising authority will hold and use our personal data for the purpose of the event and the application of the rules. Further information can be found at www.albacore.org.uk.

13. Television, Video and Photographers' Rights

13.1. Competitors, by entering this regatta, give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes. Anyone requiring anonymity must state this at registration.

Further Information

All events will be conducted in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter.

NOTICE OF RACE - APPENDIX SR

- *Personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times by any person in or on any type of craft racing or otherwise. Competitors failing to comply with this rule may be subject to disqualification without a hearing. Self-inflating buoyancy aids are not permitted. Wetsuits and drysuits DO NOT constitute personal buoyancy. Flag Y will not be flown. This amends rule 40 of the Racing Rules of Sailing.*