

# **SHUSTOKE SAILING CLUB**

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## **NOTICE OF RACE – ITCA Midlands Traveller**

**To be held at Shustoke SC on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

### **RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the appropriate class rules, this Notice of Race (NOR) and the event Sailing Instructions (SIs). Class rules which permit pumping, rocking and ooching in certain wind conditions and/or change penalty turns (rules 44.1 and 44.2) are suspended for the purposes of this regatta (rule 87).

### **THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

**Will be Shustoke Sailing Club.**

Competitors automatically grant the Organising Authority, event sponsors and their agents, 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 competitors, unless otherwise advised in writing prior to the Regatta.

### **ADVERTISING**

There will be no restrictions on advertising on competitors' clothing or equipment.

### **ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

The event is open to all International Topper class dinghies. The event is also open to boats using a roto-moulded 'Topper' hull supplied by Topper International, provided that in all other respects the boat complies with the International Topper Class Rules. Each boat racing at the event will be classed according to the size of the sail used, not on the construction of the hull."

Sailors will enter and pay for the Midlands Traveller event through the ITCA-GBR Website.

### **SCHEDULE**

A competitor briefing will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 10:30 hrs on the front patio of the club. There will be four races with a target time of 40-50 minutes duration. The intention is to sail two races back-to-back, lunch, and then a further two races back-to-back.

The warning signal of the first race will not be before 11:00 hrs. The start time of the third race will be after a lunch break as directed by the Race Officer.

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available on the Shustoke Sailing Club website and ITCA-GBR Midlands website , there will be no paper copies available.

## **SCORING**

Four races are scheduled with three races to count, however only one race is required to be completed to constitute a series. The low point scoring system will be used and ties will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A.8. A discard will be allowed if all four races are sailed.

## **PRIZES**

Prizes will be given for overall position as the organisers see fit. Please note trophy winners are responsible for returning the trophy for the following year and ensuring that the trophy is engraved at their cost.

## **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

RRS 3 states:

'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By launching / taking part in the event, each competitor (and their parent(s) or guardian(s) in the case of a competitor under 18 years of age) 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, safety boats and other officials and volunteers by the event 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 Shustoke Reservoir or a particular event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitor briefing held for the relevant event.

## **INSURANCE**

The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and, in particular, to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000.

## **CONFLICT BETWEEN NOR AND SIs**

If there is a conflict between NOR and SIs (and any amendments), the SIs will prevail.