



NOTICE OF RACE

Hawley Lake Sail Training Centre (HLSTC)

CLUB RACING - 2026 SEASON

1. HLSTC will be the Organising Authority for racing on Hawley Lake during the season. A racing programme giving the details of the races, including dates and times, will be published with the Winter newsletter to all members.
2. Events are governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing subject to changes to a few rules RRS 26, 29, 40, 41, A9, as detailed in the Sailing Instructions located on the website.
3. The Racing section of the HLSTC website ([Racing News](#)) contains general requirements for racing on Hawley Lake. These general requirements apply to all club racing during the season.
4. Racing is open to all full club members. The Racing section of the HLSTC website defines the specific eligibility criteria for specific series and trophies that will be run during the season, including the scoring arrangements for each series and the prizes that will be awarded. Racing will be either run as handicap racing using the latest published PY ratings or pursuit races, also using the PY numbers. For the Bosun's Call the racing will be run as a series of one-design fleet races.
5. The racing programme identifies the start time for each race. Sailors intending to participate in a race should complete the signing on sheet for that race.
6. The club Standard Sailing Instructions adopt the following rules of the RRS:
 1. Rule 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat.
7. Full club members do not need to enter for a race or series in advance, but should sign on before participating in each race. The signing on sheet will contain specific statements that sailors:
 1. agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Sailing Instructions, and the relevant parts of the HLSTC Racing website, and
 2. their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3million against third party claims.
8. The club Standard Sailing Instructions have been published on the club racing website.
9. Courses for racing will be around the club marker buoys with the proposed course drawn on the external map of the lake by the Race Officer.

10. Scoring will generally be in accordance with RRS Appendix A, but different series have different requirements for the numbers of races to count - these are described on the website. Sailors allocated to the race officer role during a series may claim average points for the race(s) they are unable to participate in. Average points will be calculated at the end of the series on the basis of all races in the series that the sailor sailed in, irrespective of whether or not these races are subsequently discarded.

11. 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 any of the events covered by this notice of race, 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 officer, officer of the day (OOD) and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- f. The provision of OOD safety 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 for the event.

14. Privacy Statement

The personal information you provide to HLSTC will be used to facilitate your participation in the events. 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 organizing 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.