

NOTICE OF RACE

Midlands Grand Prix Laser Open

10th September 2017
Trent Valley Sailing Club

1. Rules

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2. The following prescriptions of the RYA national authority will apply and will be stated in full in the sailing instructions.

RYA prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing

- 1.3. Trent Valley Sailing Club Open Meeting Sailing Instructions will apply except as stated in any Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

- 1.4. A number of RRS are changed by the Sailing Instructions, the key ones being:

RRS Zone definition - The Zone around a mark is the area within two hull lengths of the boat nearer to it;

RRS A4 and A5 - A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing;

RRS 44.1 - A boat that breaks RRS 31 (touches a mark) must re-round the mark and must stay clear of other boats whilst doing so;

RRS 44.1 (a) - A boat breaking a rule in RRS Part 2 and RRS 31 in the same incident must take both penalties.

2. Advertising

- 2.1. Advertising will be restricted to Category 'C' in accordance with ISAF Advertising Code, Regulation 20.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the Laser class.

4. Classification

- 4.1. The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will not apply

5. Fees

- 5.1. The entry fee for the event is £12 per helm.

6. Schedule

- 6.1. The club will be open to all visiting sailors from 09:00 on Sunday 10th September 2017.
- 6.2. Registration will be from 09:30 on Sunday 10th September 2017 in the clubhouse.

- 6.3. Dates of racing - Sunday 10th September 2017.
- 6.4. The event briefing will be given in front of the clubhouse at approximately 10:30.
- 6.5. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 10:55.
- 6.6. Subject to weather conditions there will be three races, the first two being held back to back before lunch.
- 6.7. A light lunch will be available to competitors and their guests at extra cost, to be booked at registration.
- 6.8. No warning signal will be made after 16:00.

7. Sailing Instructions

- 7.1. The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

8. Venue

- 8.1. The venue is Trent Valley Sailing Club.
- 8.2. If using a Sat Nav, DO NOT enter the Club's post code. Use post code NG10 2FX and then follow the temporary signs to the Club. Directions can be found attached to this NOR and also on the Club's website – www.trentvalleysc.org
- 8.3. The sailing area is within an approximately one mile long section of the River Trent that runs from eastward of Sawley Lock to the junction with the River Soar.
- 8.4. Competitors should note that the sailing area is also a public waterway and there may be a significant number of narrow boats and motor cruisers using the river, including entering and exiting the connected River Soar, the Erewash Canal and the Cranfleet Cut. Such craft are to be treated as obstructions.
- 8.5. Other sailing area obstructions will be highlighted during the briefing.

9. The Courses

- 9.1. The courses to be sailed will be at the Race Officer's discretion on the day.

10. Penalty System

- 10.1. The penalties will be as per RRS 44, except as detailed in NOR section 1.4 above.

11. Scoring

- 11.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2. When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, otherwise a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.3. Where flights are used, no race tie resolution will be used.

12. Prizes

- 12.1. Prizes will be awarded to the leading competitors, at least those in positions better than the square root of the number of event entries.

13. Disclaimer of Liability

13.1. Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.

14. Insurance

14.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million per event or the equivalent.

15. Further Information

15.1. Further information can be found from the club website at www.trentvalleysc.org. Alternatively you can contact the Laser fleet captain via e-mail at james.dalby@trentvalleysc.org, or via telephone on 07807806830.

How to get to TVSC from the A50

1. Exit the A50 at junction 1 and take the exit heading towards Long Eaton and Sawley (B6540).
2. You arrive into Long Eaton, and after driving under a narrow railway bridge, take the 3rd exit of the roundabout to the right onto Fields Farm Road heading in the direction of "Action Road Industrial Estate".
3. At the roundabout that follows, take the last exit to the right, and over a level crossing.
4. Turn right at a mini roundabout onto Meadow Lane.
5. You drive under another railway bridge, and after another level crossing, turn immediately right onto Trent Lane. Note that this is a level crossing for the midland mainline, which can get busy. You should begin to spot signs pointing the way to the sailing club from this point.
6. Follow the road all the way down the country road parallel to the railway line and across a cattle grid, be on the lookout for grazing livestock from this point.
7. Keep driving past a farm and up towards an ancient canal bridge. Please close the gate behind you as you cross the bridge.
8. Keep following the road, under a double railway bridge, and the sailing club should be in sight ready to greet you.

How to get to TVSC from Nottingham

1. Exit the A6005 at the 2nd left after passing the welcome sign for Long Eaton onto Station Road
2. Turn left after a hand car wash service centre onto New Tythe Street. You should see the street sign half-way up the side of a white-painted house.
3. Continue straight on at the mini roundabout onto Meadow Lane.
4. You drive under another railway bridge, and after another level crossing, turn immediately right onto Trent Lane. Note that this is a level crossing for the midland mainline, which can get busy. You should begin to spot signs pointing the way to the sailing club from this point.
5. Follow the road all the way down the country road parallel to the railway line and across a cattle grid, be on the lookout for grazing livestock from this point.
6. Keep driving past a farm and up towards an ancient canal bridge. Please close the gate behind you as you cross the bridge.
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How to get to TVSC from the M1 North

1. Turn off the M1 at junction 25 taking the 2nd exit onto Bostocks Lane towards Long Eaton.
2. Turn right onto Longmoor Road (B6002) at the next roundabout towards Long Eaton.
3. Continue straight across two more roundabouts along Wilsthorpe Road, heading in the direction of Sawley.
4. Take the 2nd exit of the roundabout onto Fields Farm Road towards "Action Road Industrial Estate".
5. Take the last exit of the roundabout that follows, heading right over a level crossing.
6. Turn right at the mini roundabout onto Meadow Lane.
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Further instructions to visitors

- The fenced car park towards the back of the sailing club can be accessed either across a cattle grid closest to the sailing club, or through a gated entrance at the very rear, whichever way you feel.
- Be on the lookout for any farm livestock and make sure they don't enter the sailing club grounds if nearby.
- You are allowed to prepare your boats anywhere on the sailing club grounds, but please allow enough room away from the building or from other competitor's boats.
- Equipment belonging to TVSC or TVSC club members is not to be used or borrowed without the explicit permission of the owner.
- There are two launch ramps located river-side at the front, and canal side near the boatshed.
- The gentlemen's changing rooms is located on the lower floor of the clubhouse, accessible via the front, and the ladies changing rooms is the east-most room of the block behind the clubhouse accessible from the staircases on both sides.