



Blaze Class Association

Notice of Race: Carsington Blaze Open

A Blaze Class Open Meeting is scheduled for 14th April 2024 and will be organised by Carsington Sailing Club on their water at Carsington, ASHBOURNE, Derbyshire, DE6 1SU, (tel.01629 540609).

All racing, officials and competitors shall be governed by the rules defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 to 2020, except as shall be modified by the Sailing Instructions, the Rules of Carsington Sailing Club Ltd, the Rules of the Blaze Class and the requirements of Severn Trent Water Plc.

Registration

On arrival, any campervans staying overnight must report directly to Carsington Sailing Club Office. Vehicles unregistered at office will not be permitted to stay overnight.

Entry fees (as outlined below) are required for the meeting. Booking-in will begin at 8.30am and will be located in the clubhouse, where copies of the Open Meeting Sailing Instructions will be available. These will also be available online at least one week before the event.

A Parent / Guardian Consent, medical and Supervision Form must be provided for any sailors under the age of 18.

Also a medical condition form for all other entrants.

All forms must be completed and signed prior to registration, available to view and print on the entries link below.

Entry Fees:

Saturday Blaze Class Training participants - FREE

Under 18s - £10

Youth (Under 26) £12.50

Ladies - £12.50

Adult entry - £25

Entries to be made on the Blaze Class Association website here:

<https://www.blaze-sailing.org/event-details/blaze-training-and-carsington-open>

All entrants MUST be a Blaze Class Association member.

Join link here: <https://www.blaze-sailing.org/plans-pricing> Annual membership is only £20.

Programme of Events

Up to 4 races will be held on Sunday 14th April with the first warning signal at 10:30 am

The times of the remaining races will follow and be announced on the day. The last warning signal will be no later than 2.45pm

Briefing

A briefing will take place on the terrace in front of the club at 9.45 am for both Blaze and Club Sailors.

Courses

Courses are planned to be as close to a trapezoidal as possible using fixed club marks. A moveable windward mark may be used which will be decided by the Race Officer and displayed using the numbers board on the committee boat.

Racing will be jointly with club racing, but with separate starts.

In the morning your first warning signal will be the start of the mixed handicap fleet at 10.30 am
There will be two races, the second one back-to-back.
Club racing is on a 4min warning flag, 2min Blue Peter, go. Your start sequence will be 5:4:1 go.
For the second race, again your warning signal is the start of club racing.
There will be a break for lunch. Blaze start first. target time 1.30 pm with Mixed handicap to follow, your start being the warning signal for them, followed by an additional novices race, starting 2mins after handicap start. They will most likely be on a smaller course.

Finishing Time Limit

Boats must finish within 15 minutes after the finish time of their Class leading boat for their race to be valid.

Number of Races to Count / Discards.

The anticipated number of races in the meeting is 4.

- 4 races completed 3 will count with 1 discard.

- 3 or less races completed - all will count.

Protests/Advisory/Arbitration Hearings.

The Advisory/Arbitration Process will be available as an alternative to full Protest.

Prizegiving.

The prizegiving to follow as soon as possible after the completion of the last race sailed. Location to be advised on the day.

Risk Statement

Rule 4 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 competitors briefing held for the event.
- h) The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damaged or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded depending on entry numbers.

The minimum number of prizes to be awarded will be:

BLAZE 1st to 3rd

1st Lady

1st Youth

1st Polyester

Endeavour

FIRE & HALO Prizes will be awarded to the square root of the number of entries, rounded down, and to a maximum of 3rd place.

Event series

This regatta forms part of the Blaze Traveller Series, details of which can be found on the Blaze Class Association website - <https://www.blaze-sailing.org/blazetravellerseries>

Equipment inspection

Boats, sails and equipment may be inspected for Class rules compliance prior to, or during, or after racing.

Right to use names and likeness

Competitors automatically grant to Carsington Sailing Club and Blaze Class Association, and their sponsors 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.

Cancellation

The final decision, whether the meeting will be held is be taken no less than seven days in advance.

Should the forecast, wind strength cause cancellation of the event within seven days of the scheduled date; 50% of the entry fee, will be refundable, 50% of the entry fees will be paid to Carsington SC, this will cover incurred expense which will be due by this time.

Notice of cancellation will be posted on the Blaze Class Association website, and also the Carsington SC website and event notice board.

Boat decontamination

All boats arriving at Carsington Sailing Club (Ashbourne) must be washed ensuring decontamination prior to arriving on site at Carsington sailing Club.

Contact for the event: Andy Wilson - sailingblaze@gmail.com – 07711 924452

Carsington Sailing Club Coordinator and Race Officer Alf Hawksworth 07816 239301 **TEXTS only**

Carsington Sailing Club Office 01629 540609

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