

# Osprey Inland Championships and Blithfield Open Meeting 2021

## Blithfield Sailing Club

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021

### Notice of Race

#### 1. Organizing authority

The organizing authority is Blithfield Sailing Club and the Osprey Class Association.

#### 2. Rules

The *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) will govern this regatta.

Competitors should note that Blithfield Sailing Club supports the RYA Racing Charter & that, when entering, competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter.

The prescriptions of the Osprey Class Association will also apply, except if these are changed by this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.

Local Rules: Sailing on Blithfield Reservoir is subject to the requirements of South Staffordshire Water PLC.

Advertising will be restricted to Category C.

#### 3. Classes and eligibility

Racing will take place in Osprey Class dinghies. All competitors must be members of the Osprey Class Association, holding a class membership card, which entitles them to race. This may be required at registration. All boats must comply with the Osprey class measurement rules as amended by the class association.

#### 4. Times

All boats must register. Registration will take place at Blithfield Sailing Club starting at 11:00 Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021. Registration will close at 12:45 Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021.

There will be a briefing for competitors in the vicinity of the clubhouse at 12:00 hours, or as soon as possible afterwards.

Racing is scheduled:

Date	Race	Warning Signal
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	1 - Osprey Championship Fleet	Not before 12:55
	2 - Osprey Championship Fleet	To follow race 1
	3 - Osprey Championship Fleet	To follow race 2
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	4 - Osprey Championship Fleet	Not before 09:55
	5 - Osprey Championship Fleet	To follow race 4

The number of races is indicative and will depend on weather conditions.

No warning signal shall be made before 12:55 hours Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 or after 12:55 hours Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021.

#### 5. Entries

The entry fee for the event is: £30.00

Entries must be made on the event entry form and must be received together with cash or card payment. Entries after this time will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

All competitors under the age of 18 years at the time of the event are required to complete a parental declaration form, signed by their parent or guardian, in addition to an entry form. The parental declaration form will be available at registration.

#### 6. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be issued upon registration at Blithfield Sailing Club from 11:00 hours on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021.

## **7. Racing Area**

The racing area will be Blithfield Reservoir, limited as defined in the Sailing Instructions.

## **8. Disclaimer of Liability**

A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going afloat, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her crew is competent to sail and compete in them. 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. Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the boat, nor will it make the organizers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organizers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach masters. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

## **9. Scoring**

The event will be scored using the low points system in RRS Appendix A.

A maximum of five races and a minimum of two races will be sailed to constitute the championship. If three or more races are sailed the worst score shall be discarded.

## **10. Rights to Use Names and Likenesses**

Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority 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. They also allow their names, age category, club and boat details to be displayed in competitors lists prior to the event and in results, on the Blithfield Sailing Club website and in other publications.

## **11. Prizes**

The regatta winner is awarded the Blithfield Open Trophy and the Osprey Association Inland Championship Trophy.

## **12. Coaches & Supporters.**

No coach or support boats will be permitted. Coaches & supporters accompanying competitors are required to comply with: The principles of good sportsmanship and behaviour, the rules of Blithfield Sailing Club and South Staffordshire Water. Failure to do so may result in investigation by the regatta organisers, and potentially in an instruction to leave the premises of Blithfield Sailing Club & South Staffordshire Water.

**End of Notice of Race.**

## **Non-Racing Matters**

**Camping will be available adjacent to the club house - Tent or Motorhome/campervan.**

**There will be food & beverages available in the clubhouse throughout the regatta, including our legendary Saturday evening Hog Roast - only £12 per person - bookable at registration.**

**The club contacts are Keith Gibbons and Nick Broomhall (07799036463)**

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**The club has a web site [www.blithfield.org.uk](http://www.blithfield.org.uk), which details directions to the club and information on local accommodation**

**Accommodation- Blithfield SC is close to a number of hotels and B&B's. An Internet search on the area reveals extensive lists of accommodation to suit all tastes and pockets.**