

Olton Mere

SAILING CLUB



Programme 2011/12

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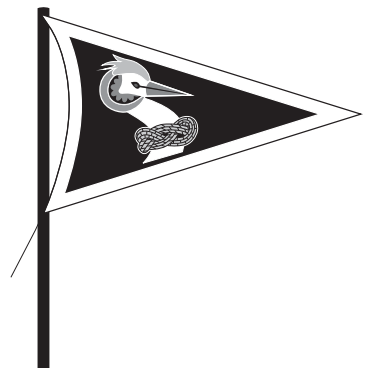
SAILING CLUB

**Please contact us at the club on
Wednesday evening or all day on Sunday
or use the following:**

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Why not join us?

New membership enquiries are always welcome and there is no waiting list. You can download application forms from our website: www.oltonmere.org. Membership enables you to make full use of Olton Mere, including sailing, use of the clubhouse and walking round the Mere. Permits for fishing and for walking round the Mere are also available.

Welcome

We enter the 2011 sailing season as a vibrant sailing club that offers a great sporting resource for local people in Solihull.

Now that we have completed the refurbishment of the clubhouse we can concentrate our efforts on organising excellent sailing and training for our membership. Indeed, we now have the clear aim of gaining accreditation as an RYA recognised training centre. This will enable us to provide RYA training courses, which we hope will help encourage many new local people to learn to sail.

This year's sailing programme offers something for everyone, from friendly but competitive racing on Sunday afternoons, through our Wednesday evening summer racing to the Monday sessions for those just beginning. A new special Stig series will be run on the evening of the first Friday from April to September, this will consist of a time trial over a predetermined course. The Mere is an interesting place to sail, and local knowledge and experience of the way the wind whistles around our wood covered shores adds considerably to the sailing experience. On a quiet summer afternoon it can be about getting that sail set just right, while on a windy autumnal day, with a blustery force 6, it can be about the exhilaration of surviving to the end of the race!

The Laying Up Supper and Prize Giving last year demonstrated just how much fun we have at the club. Some years the silverware is distributed around our racing members, but on occasions we have seen one or two excel and clean up. Last year saw Tom White and Maria Gidley returning to the prize giving podium time after time for all their success in the National 12 class.

Our social programme has moved from strength to strength, with a mixture of tried and tested events that we look forward to each year, along with some new ideas that can often be great fun. In particular the 'First Friday' evenings have proved popular and have attracted more and more people – the annual Olton Mere version of *Oktoberfest* should not be missed!

So, there is something for everyone going on. Although the focus of organised activity is at weekends and Wednesday evenings, do not forget that the club is available all through the week for your enjoyment. The clubhouse now has WiFi access so you can come down and enjoy the views with a coffee while keeping up with your social networking both real and virtual!

Kathy Hall, Commodore

Your help

The club is run by volunteers and there are plenty of ways that members can help.

There are a number of committees that run different aspects of the club, so if one of these appeals to you please do contact the relevant committee members and offer your services. Each race is run under the control of the Race and Rescue Officers. Both of these individuals require assistance which is an ideal way to learn more about the roles. Please feel free to volunteer but don't be offended if you are asked to help out. New members will be asked to be Assistant Officer of the Day on an ad hoc basis.

Boat storage

Pressure on boat storage has increased significantly.

This pressure on boat storage can sometimes necessitate the relocation of boats within the compounds in order to achieve maximum storage, whilst recognising other factors such as frequency of use etc. The allocations are made through the Harbour Master and Sailing Committee, and are regularly reviewed as boats come and go. Please do not be offended if your boat has been moved by the Harbour Master.

Using the Garage for Boat Maintenance

Members may use the garage for any boat maintenance or repair requiring covered space. Please carry out your work as quickly as possible so that no others are not held up. Members are also reminded to ensure that any tools, kit or other personal effects left in the garage overnight are insured under your own boat and/or household contents insurance policies. The Club will not be responsible for personal property lost or stolen from the garage.

Bar opening times

Saturday 3pm – 6 pm

Sunday 1pm – 6pm

Wednesday 8pm – 11 pm

First Friday of each month
8pm – 11pm

Members may bring guests to the club no more than four times a year and they should be signed in using the visitors book provided behind the bar.



Social Events 2011

March 5th	Rigging-out Supper
March 26th	Junior Rigging-out Supper
April 1st	April Fool's First Friday!
April 24th	Easter Egg Hunt for our younger members
June 18th	Regatta BBQ Evening
July 15th – 17th	Family weekend away at Rutland Water
October 7th	Oktober Fest First Friday!
November 19th	Laying-up Supper
November 26th	Junior Laying-up Supper
December 11th	Children's Christmas Party
December 18th	Cocktail Party

The social committee are responsible for organising these and other events. Contact details of the committee members can be found on page 12. To book for an event simply sign up on the relevant list on the notice board a week or so before, or contact one of the social committee. We do appreciate early bookings as this helps us to plan the catering. The Committee are always interested in new ideas for events.

We currently have a large number of young families in the club who arrange various activities for younger children on an *ad hoc* basis.

Hiring the Club for a Function

The clubhouse may be hired for a variety of private functions, from meetings of local organisations, charity fund-raising and all kinds of family occasion

For further information please contact the Club Secretary
tel: 0121 706 2114
email: secretary@oltonmere.org

Staff from a local hospital holding a management meeting at the Mere.



The Sailing Season

Regular club racing begins on the first Sunday in March and runs for almost 12 months, taking a break for two weeks at the end of February prior to the next years programme. In broad terms the year is broken down into seasonal series, with racing times and formats changing to suit the period. Open meetings are typically scheduled for Saturdays. When daylight allows, there is racing on Wednesday evenings. On Monday evenings from early May through to the end of August we organise a Monday evening race training self-help group.

Please make a note of your duties and if you cannot attend arrange a swap and update the master list in the club house.

Whilst the club does not currently provide training to a certified standard, we are applying to become an RYA Recognised Training Centre which we hope to achieve during 2011/12. In the meantime, we do provide training for members children via the popular Junior programme. For adult members new to the sport there are many experienced sailors more than willing to provide guidance and informal coaching, including sailors who are of international standard. To assist potential new sailors, the club has a wide variety of club boats which they can try out for a while, before launching out with their own purchase. The informal club sailing takes place on Monday evenings when sailors can give and receive advice and generally enjoy a relaxed evening on the water. Members are at liberty to sail at other times but sailing is at your own risk so please plan accordingly.

For those sailors who hanker after something a little larger than that which the Mere can accommodate, the club also has informal links with the Heart Of England Ocean Cruising Association (HOEOCA), and in 2011 a number of crewing positions are available for offshore racing.

Programme in brief

Spring: 1st March – 3rd July

12:00 ST Spring Triangle Series lasting 45 minutes, and break for lunch. Spring Triangle is particularly suitable for new sailors so results also count towards the McCartney-Filgate Y Cup and the Commodores Youth Trophy.

14:00 C series (scratch) afternoon tea, then A series (Personal handicap).

Summer: 10th July – 4th September

14:00 B series (scratch), afternoon tea and further B series race.

Autumn: 11th September – 23rd October

12:00 AT Autumn Triangle Series lasting 45 minutes, and break for lunch. As for the Spring series, results count towards the AA Wright Youth Trophy.

14:00 Icicle series (scratch), followed by Frostbite series (personal handicap).

Winter: 30th October – 12th February

10:30 Icicle series (scratch), followed by Frostbite series (personal handicap), then Snowflake.

Wednesday evening series: 6th April – 21st September

Start times vary with the light. Twilight series (scratch and handicap) in the first half of the year, Gloaming series latter half.

Monday evening series: 9th May – 29th August

Informal sessions for new members and beginners to develop their skills without the pressure of racing. Experienced volunteers are on hand for rescue cover and advice – see contacts on page 12.

Races and Trophies

A series

14 races, best 8 to count

All fleets Cartwright Cup (Personal Handicap)

C Series

15 races, best 8 to count

All fleets McCartney-Filgate Cup

ST Series – Spring Triangl

15 races, best 8 to count

All fleets McCartney-Filgate Y-Cup

Under 19's Commodore's Youth Trophy

B Series

16 races, best 7 to count

All fleets Firefly trophy

F Series – Frostbite

14 races, 8 to count

All fleets Frostbite Cup (Personal Handicap)

I Series – Icicle

14 races, best 8 to count

All fleets Icicle Cup

S Series – Snowflake

12 races, best 7 to count

All fleets Snowflake Shield

AT Series – Autumn Triangle

6 races, best 4 to count

Under 19's AA Wright Youth Trophy

T Series – Twilight

13 races, best 7 to count

G Series

12 races, 7 to count

Junior Fleet Junior Trophy

All other boats Gloaming Trophy

Sailing Classes

Suitable for consideration by Sailing Committee (RYA PY)

Yardstick band 1200 - 1001. All Classes in **bold** have Fleet Status, plus the The Optimist Class.

CLASS	PY		CLASS	PY	
Miracle	1185	Two handed	405	1089	Two handed
Laser 4.7	1175	Single handed	420	1087	Two handed
Comet	1177	Single handed	Supernova	1063	Single handed
Firefly	1165	Two handed	Laser	1080	Single handed
Graduate	1167	Two handed	Lark	1072	Two handed
Streaker	1162	Single handed	RS 200	1057	Two handed
Byte	1165	Single handed	Phantom	1035	Single handed
Solo	1155	Single handed	Laser II	1035	Two handed
Lightning	1152	Single handed	RS 300	1000	Single handed
Europe	1140	Single handed	Moth	980	Single handed
Wanderer	1139	Two handed			
GP 14	1127	Two handed			
Enterprise	1116	Two handed			
Laser Radial	1104	Single handed			
National 12	1089	Two handed			

JUNIOR CLASSES

Optimist	1646	Single handed
Cadet	1432	Double handed
Pico	1260	Single handed

Main Sailing Programme 2011-12

2011

March	1st Race	2nd Race	3rd Race	1st/2nd Guns	Race Officer	Ass. Race Officer	Rescue Officer
Sun 6	ST1	C1	A1	12:00/14:00	L Humphrey		D Roberts
Sun 13	ST2	C2	A2	12:00/14:00	B Humphrey		D Humphrey
Sun 20	ST3	C3	A3	12:00/14:00	M Dixey		A Dixey
Sun 27	ST4	C4	A4	12:00/14:00	J Hunter		R Callaghan

April	1st Race	2nd Race	3rd Race	1st/2nd Guns	Race Officer	Ass. Race Officer	Rescue Officer
Sun 3	Single Handed Regatta						
Sun 10	ST5	C5	A5	12.00/14.00	J Eaton		G Forster
Sun 17	ST6	C6	A6	12:00/14:00	G Bradbury	Jnr Bradbury	R Costard
Sun 24	Easter Egg			11:00	EVERYONE		

May	1st Race	2nd Race	3rd Race	1st/2nd Guns	Race Officer	Ass. Race Officer	Rescue Officer
Sun 1	ST7	C7	A7	12:00/14:00	A Ford		N Ford
Sat 7	Open Day			12:00-16:00	EVERYONE		
Sun 8	ST8	C8	A8	12:00/14:00	J Dixey		R Angell
Sat 14	RYA Taster Day						
Sun 15	ST9	C9	A9	12:00/14:00	J Rowbtham		A Buratti
Sat 21	National 12 Training Day						
Sun 22	ST10	C10	A10	12:00/14:00	L Florence		D Florence
Sun 29	ST11	C11	A11	12:00/14:00	D Rose		S Coles

June	1st Race	2nd Race	3rd Race	1st/2nd Guns	Race Officer	Ass. Race Officer	Rescue Officer
Sun 5	ST12	C12	A12	12:00/14:00	A Dixey		N Martin
Sun 12	ST13	C13	A13	12:00/14:00	H Butler		T Butler
Sun 19	Regatta				Sailing Committee		
Sun 27	ST14	C14	A14	12:00/14:00	S White		M Brown

July	1st Race	2nd Race	3rd Race	1st/2nd Guns	Race Officer	Ass. Race Officer	Rescue Officer
Sat 2	Junior/Optimist Regatta						
Sun 3	Ladies Race			11:00			
Sun 3	ST15	C15	A15	12:00/14:00	A Yearsley		R Yearsley
Sun 3		B1	B2	14:00	B Humphrey		D Humphrey
Sat 16	Club Weekend away at Rutland Sailing Club						
Sun 17	Club Weekend away at Rutland Sailing Club						
Sun 24		B3	B4	14:00	M Dixey		A Dixey
Sun 31		B5	B6	14:00	A Ford		N Ford

August	1st Race	2nd Race	3rd Race	1st/2nd Guns	Race Officer	Ass. Race Officer	Rescue Officer
Sun 7	-	B7	B8	14:00	H Butler		T Butler
Sun 14		B9	B10	14:00	L Humphrey		C Troth

Aug (cont)	1st Race	2nd Race	3rd Race	1st/2nd Guns	Race Officer	Ass. Race Officer	Rescue Officer
Sun 21	-	B11	B12	14:00	R Yates		M French
Sun 28	-	B13	B14	14:00	M Roberts		S White

Sept	1st Race	2nd Race	3rd Race	1st/2nd Guns	Race Officer	Ass. Race Officer	Rescue Officer
Sun 4	-	B15	B16	14:00	M Gidley		T White
Sat 10	National 12 Open Meeting				Sailing Committee		
Sun 11	AT1	I1	F1	12:00/14:00	D Rose		J Eade
Sun 18	AT2	I2	F2	12:00/14:00	S Jellicoe		P Bilton
Sun 25	AT3	I3	F3	12:00/14:00	T Blatter		G Blatter

Oct	1st Race	2nd Race	3rd Race	1st/2nd Guns	Race Officer	Ass. Race Officer	Rescue Officer
Sat 1	Enterprise Open Meeting				Sailing Committee		
Sun 2	Two Handed Regatta			11:00	S Hadley		R Jubb
Sun 9	AT4	I4	F4	12:00/14:00	R Jubb		S Hadley
Sun 16	AT5	I5	F5	12:00/14:00	T Hunter	J Bennett	C Drayson
Sun 23	AT6	I6	F6	12:00/14:00	S Coles		C Troth
Sun 30	I7	F7		10:30	N Ford		M French

Nov	1st Race	2nd Race	3rd Race	1st/2nd Guns	Race Officer	Ass. Race Officer	Rescue Officer
Sun 6	I8	F8		10:30	J Dixey		T Hunter
Sun 13	I9	F9		10:30	G Bilton		A Ewing
Sun 20	I10	F10		10:30	J Hunter		M Grimshaw
Sun 27	I11	F11		10:30	D Rose		S Hadley

Dec	1st Race	2nd Race	3rd Race	1st/2nd Guns	Race Officer	Ass. Race Officer	Rescue Officer
Sun 4	I12	F12		10:30	K Hall		S Jellicoe
Sun 11	I13	F13		10:30	A Ewing		J Berg
Sun 18	I14	F14		10:30	A Ford	M Highfield	R Jubb
Mon 26	Brass Monkey			12:00	Sailing Committee		

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Jan	1st Race	2nd Race	3rd Race	1st/2nd Guns	Race Officer	Ass. Race Officer	Rescue Officer
Sun 1	New Year's Day Race			12:00	Sailing Committee		
Sun 8	S1	S2		10:30	M Gidley		T White
Sun 15	S3	S4		10:30	C Troth		M Angell
Sun 22	S5	S6		10:30	J Rowbtham		N Coles
Sun 29	S7	S8		10:30	V Gidley		P Gidley

Feb	1st Race	2nd Race	3rd Race	1st/2nd Guns	Race Officer	Ass. Race Officer	Rescue Officer
Sun 5	S9	S10		10:30	K Hall		A Ewing
Sun 12	S11	S12		10:30	R Yates		T Hunter

Personal Buoyancy is compulsory throughout the year

Wednesday Evening Programme

Twilight and gloaming series 2011

April	Race	1st Gun	Race Officer	Ass. Race Officer	Rescue Officer
Wed 6	T1	18:45	D Rose		D Roberts
Wed 13	T2	19:00	B Humphrey		D Humphrey
Wed 20	T3	19:00	M Dixey		A Dixey
Wed 27	T4	19:15	P Gidley		G Forster

May	Race	1st Gun	Race Officer	Ass. Race Officer	Rescue Officer
Wed 4	T5	19:15	A Ford		N Ford
Wed 11	T6	19:15	L Florence		D Florence
Wed 18	T7	19:15	D Ford		S Coles
Wed 25	T8	19:15	R Costard		N Martin

June	Race	1st Gun	Race Officer	Ass. Race Officer	Rescue Officer
Wed 1	T9	19:15	H Butler		T Butler
Wed 8	T10	19:15	D Humphrey		I Hurst
Wed 15	T11/R1	19:15	Regatta - Sailing Committee		
Wed 22	T12	19:15	J Hunter		J Eade
Wed 29	T13	19:15	G Bilton		P Bilton

July	Race	1st Gun	Race Officer	Ass. Race Officer	Rescue Officer
Wed 6	G1	19:15	T Blatter		G Blatter
Wed 13	G2	19:15	J Rowbotham		R Jubb
Wed 20	G3	19:15	M Roberts		C Troth
Wed 27	G4	19:15	S Coles		M French

August	Race	1st Gun	Race Officer	Ass. Race Officer	Rescue Officer
Wed 3	G5	19:15	J Dixey	A Munn	T Hunter
Wed 10	G6	19:15	L Humphrey		A Ewing
Wed 17	G7	19:15	N Bilton		S Hadley
Wed 24	G8	19:15	A Yearsley	T Yearsley	R Yearsley
Wed 31	G9	19:15	S Jellicoe		S White

Sept	Race	1st Gun	Race Officer	Ass. Race Officer	Rescue Officer
Wed 7	G10	19:00	M Gidley		T White
Wed 14	G11	18:30	T Butler		M Angell
Wed 21	G12	18:15	V Gidley		P Gidley

Junior & Beginners Sailing Programme

March	Time
Sun 6	10:30
Sun 13	10:30
Sun 20	10:30
Sun 27	10:30

April	Time
Sun 3	No Training: Single Handed Regatta
Sun 10	10:30
Sun 17	10:30
Sun 24	No Training: Easter Egg

May	Time
Sun 1	No Training
Sun 8	10:30
Sat 14	13:00 RYA Taster Day
Sun 15	10:30
Sun 22	10:30
Sun 29	No Training

June	Time
Sun 5	RYA 1/2 Course
Sun 12	RYA 1/2 Course
Sun 19	10:30
Sun 26	10:30

July	Time
Sun 3	No Training
Sun 10	10:30
Sat 16	Rutland Weekend
Sun 17	Rutland Weekend
Sun 24	10:30
Sun 31	No Training (see note 5)

August	Time
Sun 7	No Training (see note 5)
Sun 14	No Training (see note 5)
Sun 22	No Training (see note 5)
Sun 28	No Training (see note 5)

September	Time
Sun 4	10:30
Sun 11	10:30
Sat 17	RYA Zone Championships
Sun 18	RYA Zone Championships
Sun 25	10:30

October	Time
Sun 2	No Training
Sun 9	RYA 1/2 Course
Sun 16	10:30
Sun 23	10:30

Notes:

- Parents are required to be in attendance for the whole of the Junior training sessions.
- Race training starts at 10:30 am with all boats rigged and on the water
- Competent helms may sail in midday races after training and in the 'T', 'G', starting 3 minutes behind the main fleet.
- Juniors may sail in all regatta races
- No races are planned for summer sailing – Juniors may sail in the mornings providing safety cover is available.
- Competent Junior helms are welcome to take part in the Club Regatta Series and start 3 minutes behind the main fleet.
- Current Junior fleet consists of Optimists, Picos and Cadets. Other classes will be considered on a case by case basis

First Friday Stig Time Trials

Friday 1 April

Friday 6 May

Friday 3 June

Friday 1 July

Friday 5 August

Friday 2 September

Personal Buoyancy is compulsory throughout the year

Club Committees

Management Committee			
Chairman and Trustee	Alistair Ewing	0121 764 4139	chairman@oltonmere.org
Trustee	Roger Angell	0121 689 6909	
Trustee	Tony Hunter	0121 705 3458	
Trustee	Andrew Yates	01676 530708	
Houseman	Simon Coles	07866 468293	
Social	Vicky Dixey	07961 021901	
Bar	Simon Wood	07971 288470	
Commodore	Kathy Hall	0121 705 0488	
Vice Commodore	Andrew Dixey	0121 706 5499	
Rear Commodore	Ian Hurst	01564 777690	

Sailing Committee			
Commodore	Kathy Hall	0121 705 0488	
Vice Commodore	Andrew Dixey	0121 706 5499	
Rear Commodore	Ian Hurst	01564 777690	
Sailing Secretary	Julie Hunter	0121 705 3458	
Records Secretary	Tom White	0121 684 6188	
Laser Captain	Simon Coles	07866 468293	
Enterprise Captain	Niall Martin	0121 706 3525	
Solo Captain	Angelo Burrati	0777 300 5438	
Optimist Captain	Sue Bennett		
National 12 Captain	Chris Troth	07882 566753	
Harbour Master	Dave Humphrey	07802 682085	
Asst. Harbour Master	Dave Roberts	0121 7063111	

Junior Sailing – Optimists, Picos and Cadets			
Chairman	Andrew Yates	01676 530708	
Assistant	Sue Bennett		

All parents are members of the Junior sailing committee and will assist Andrew Yates in running the sessions.

Youth Sailing – Lasers			
Captain	Maria Gidley	0121 704 0057	
Trainer	Matthew French	07963 202828	

Monday Night Informal Sailing			
Contacts	Andrew Dixey	0121 706 5499 / 07764 377418	
	Chris Troth	07882 566753	

Social Committee			
Chairperson	Vicky Dixey	0121 706 5499	social@oltonmere.org
Treasurer	Sue Butler	0121 686 0306	
Secretary	Julie Hunter	0121 705 3458	
	Rosemary Skelding-Roberts	0121 706 3111	
	Julie Yates	01676 530708	
	Dave Humphrey	07802 682085	
	Gill Bilton	07545 908132	

Prize Winners 2009-2010

Frostbite PY series
1 Tom White, Maria Gidley
2 Andrew Yates, David Roberts
3 Steve White, Rosemary Roberts

Frostbite (PH)
Frostbite Cup
1 Julie Hunter
2 Dave Humphrey
3 Tom White, Maria Gidley

Iceicle
Iceicle Cup
1 Tom White, Maria Gidley
2 Andrew Yates, David Roberts
3 Steve White, Rosemary Roberts

Brass Monkey 2010
1 Roger Angell
2 Tom White, Maria Gidley
3 Rob Yearsley

Snowflake
Snowflake Shield
1 Tom White, Maria Gidley
2 Andrew Yates
3 Rob Yearsley

Easter Egg 2010
1 Rob Yearsley
2 Tom White, Caroline White
3 Steve White

LASERS Trophy Day
1 Andrew Yates
2 Steve White
3 Chris Troth

SOLO Trophy Day
1 Richard Costard
2 Ronal Jubb
3 Jeremy Eade

Ladies Day Race
1 Maria Gidley
2 Hannah Butler
3 Jemima Dixey

Spring Triangle Youth
1 Naomi Bilton
2 Tom White, Maria Gidley
3 Ben Humphrey

Autumn Triangle Youth
1 Tom White, Maria Gidley
2 Jemima Dixey
3 Ross Yates

AT & ST Series (Y Fleet)
McCartney-Filgate Y-Fleet Cup
1 Chris Troth, Laura Humphrey
2 Anne Ford
3 Tim Butler

National 12 Trophy Day
1 Tom White, Maria Gidley

Menagerie Fleet w Handed
1 Jonathan Berg, Barbara Berg
2 Hannah Butler, Jemima Dixey
3 Millie Dixie, Rebecca Bradbury

Enterprise Trophy Day
1 Andrew Yates, Tim Butler
2 Dave Florence, Lin Florence
3 John Eaton, Graham Foster

A Series (PH)
1 Andrew Yates
2 Nigel Ford
3 Steve Jellicoe

A Series
Cartwright Cup
1 Tom White, Maria Gidley
2 Andrew Yates
3 Steve White

C Series (X Fleet)
McCartney-Filgate Cup
1 Andrew Yates
2 Tom White
3 Steve White

T Series
Twilight Trophy
1 Tom White, Maria Gidley
2 Steve White
3 Andrew Yates

1st Lady Helm, T PY
Ladies Trophy
1 Julie Hunter

T Series
Personal Handicap Trophy
1 Ross Yates
2 David Florence
3 David Rose

G Series
Gloaming Trophy
1 Tom White
2 David Rose
3 Steve White

B Series
Firefly trophy
1 Tom White
2 Steve White
3 Andrew Yates

Regatta Series (PH)
1 Nigel Ford
2 Ben Humphrey
3 David Florence, Lin Florence

Regatta Series (scratch)
1 Tom White, Maria Gidley
2 Steve White
3 David Rose

Junior Regatta
1 Tom White, Maria Gidley
2 Chris Troth, Laura Humphrey
3 Ben Humphrey

Junior Regatta PH
1 Tom White, Maria Gidley
2 Ben Humphrey
3 Jemima Dixey

Champions
Club Champion
Andrew Yates
Solo Champion
David Rose

Laser Champion
Steve White

Enterprise Champion
Andrew Yates

National 12 Champion
Tom White

Special Awards
Crews Cup
Maria Gidley

Trustees Knife
Hannah Butler

Family Salver
Phil & Veronica Gidley

Sailing Rules

1 Club Classes:

Fleet Status classes are: Laser (Standard, Radial & 4.7), Solo, Enterprise, National 12 and Optimist.

Allowable classes are: All Monohull racing dinghies with a published RYA Portsmouth yardstick (primary, secondary or recorded number) in the range of 1200 - 1001, with a maximum length of 4.40m (14ft 6ins). Others as determined by the sailing Committee.

Dinghies falling under the heading of 'Allowable Classes' are allowed to sail at the discretion of the Flag Officers or Sailing Committee and the right is reserved to restrict, limit or exclude any dinghy should it be felt to be detrimental in any way to sailing and/or racing at the club, even if it satisfies the above criteria.

2 Racing Regulations:

All boat owners are reminded that signing on personally at the start of the race confirms that their boat is insured for Third Party risks for the minimum of **£2 million**, conforms to class measurement rules and has satisfactory buoyancy. **Members are reminded that they sail at their own risk.** The Sailing Committee reserves the right to measure or buoyancy test any boat participating in club racing.

3 Boat Registrations:

In all races, all boats must sail to class rules.

4 Racing Rules:

All sailing members are reminded that club racing is conducted under the I.S.F. (International Sailing Federation) racing rules in force on the date of race and the current club sailing instructions, copies of which are available in the Clubhouse. Contravention of these rules, including collisions during racing must either result in a protest, retirement, 1 turn or 2 turns penalty. The Sailing Committee has opted to remain with the 2 boat length measure at mark roundings. You are reminded that signing on personally before racing is obligatory.

All races will be run on a 5, 4, 1 & 0 minute start sequence.

5 Pursuit Races:

Pursuit races will be sailed to the Portsmouth Yardstick Ratings as approved by the Sailing Committee. All pursuit races will be run in accordance with the revised race management instructions on display in the O.D's Box.

6 Personal Handicap:

The Twilight, A, & Frostbite series will contain two series side by side. There will be the usual PY Handicap and also a series based on a Personal Handicap. The Regatta series will also be based on Personal Handicap.

7 Rescue Procedures:

Members nominated for rescue duty are reminded that they are encouraged to arrange for a second person to act as an assistant in the boat, especially in windy conditions. No more than two people must man the rescue boat unless exceptional circumstances warrant it. The prior permission of the Race Officer and/or any member of the Sailing Committee should be sought before any additional crew is carried.

Notes on rescue procedures are available at the end of the programme. Please read them. The notes are displayed in the Clubhouse and in the O.D's Box. Copies are available on request. If you have any queries, please contact the Rescue Officer.

8 Race Officer:

Notes on Race management are displayed in the O.D's Box. Copies are available on request. If you have any queries, please contact any member of the Sailing Committee. In heavy weather conditions the OD should pay particular attention to the need for a second rescue boat, and second sailors as required. O.D's should ensure that the races are started at the published times. It is recommended that the duration of a race, for the leading boat, should be 45 - 50 minutes during the Winter series and one hour during the Summer series but always consider the last boat.

The signing on sheet will be available in the O.D box. Helms should sign on before the second sound signal. The course will be displayed on the race board in the O.D's Box.

The number of laps will not be posted at the start of each race. The Race Officer will shorten / finish the race when he/she deems it appropriate by using the normal shortening procedure laid down in the race management instructions.

9 Optimist Fleet:

With the exception of the 'R', 'G', 'T' and Midday pursuit series, the Optimists Fleet will normally sail separately from the Handicap Fleet. For full details on Optimist sailing times see the Optimist Sailing Programme in this book.

10 Duties:

Please note your duties in your diary. If you cannot attend it is your personal responsibility to arrange a suitable substitute and alter the master copy in the Clubhouse. If you arrange a substitute please inform the Sailing Secretary of the change.

11 Wet/dry suits:

Wet/dry suits are compulsory from 2nd Sunday of November until the end of March.

Rescue Boat Procedure

1 Boat use

The Fox 440 is to be used as the principal rescue boat.

2 Preparation

Please arrive at least half an hour before the first gun goes in order to:

- ◆ Get the garage, fuel locker, boathouse and boat keys from the Club House.
- ◆ Check petrol. If there is no petrol please ask a member of the Committee to help.
- ◆ "Dead man" ignition keys are kept with the keys and petrol tanks. Spare keys are kept in the safe.
- ◆ Follow the starting procedure carefully. Remember to insert the "Dead man" key under the switch on the steering console. The other end of the cord attached to yourself!
- ◆ Check equipment - boarding ladder, boat hook etc. on the large Dory.
- ◆ Be in a position to move marks if required. If you do this please move the mark by lifting the mud weight by the line, NOT the mark itself, and then gently tow it.
- ◆ Provide safety cover for boats out early.

3 Duties during the Race

Continuous cover is a vital task and during the race you may need to:

- ◆ Cover the start line if it is away from the usual transit.
- ◆ Respond to the O.D's emergency signal of five sound signals.
- ◆ Stay on the water whilst the race is on, most sensibly near the gybe mark where trouble is most likely.
- ◆ Have a crew to help you if conditions mean that capsizes are likely.
- ◆ Avoid making unnecessary wash - nothing is worse in light winds than the wash from the rescue boat destroying the flow in the sails. It also annoys other users of the Mere and damages the banks.
- ◆ Unless it is unavoidable please stay well clear of the fishermen.
- ◆ Continually check the boats for racing behaviour as well as their safety. Your observations could be needed in a protest as well as at a sudden capsize.
- ◆ Watch that you do not damage the prop working in shallow water, near pontoons or on anchor lines.

4 Capsize

a) Approaching the capsize

- ◆ Always try to approach from upwind and come bow to bow. This will leave your stern upwind of everything, keeping the best control.

- ◆ Remember that the prop can shred a sail or a person in seconds. For extra safety, switch off the engine once contact is made if this is possible.
- ◆ In the winter especially, hypothermia can be a serious problem - the rule is PEOPLE BEFORE BOATS. If needed ORDER the helm and crew aboard and take them ashore, dealing with the boat later.
- ◆ When dealing with one capsize remain on watch, for another may well happen.

b) Righting the Boat

- ◆ If possible 'walk' the boat upright by working from the rescue boat's bow up the forestay, lifting as you go. This should right the boat and leave the boat hanging downwind of you.
- ◆ If this does not work get the crew, with your help, to apply pressure on the centreboard of the boat, watching carefully that it does not catch on the rescue boat's bow as the boat rights.
- ◆ If the mast is stuck in the mud then lead the painter of the rescue boat round the shroud and GENTLY reverse upwind, levering the mast out. Then apply the usual procedures.

5 Towing

- ◆ Lower the main and raise the centreboard most of the way.
- ◆ Always tow very slowly - the water in the capsized boat is very heavy.
- ◆ Tow alongside with the stern of the tow AHEAD of your own transom in order to keep steerage.
- ◆ Coming alongside with the tow can easily lead to great damage - come alongside VERY gently. Don't pinch the tow between you and the pontoon.
- ◆ Note that you may also have to abandon a tow to rescue another boat!

6 The end of the race

- ◆ Take special care of the last boats - they will be the least competent and the most tired. Finish when they are safe.
- ◆ Please put everything away at the end of the day and report any deficiencies, especially if you were low on petrol, to the Rescue Officer or a Flag Officer. Please consult either if you want any special help.

7 Litter

- ◆ Please remove any litter from the boat after use.

8 Radios

- ◆ The club has four radios and 2 knives for Rescue Duty. These shall be kept in a special Charging Station for use on each race day and training session.

Starting Procedures for Rescue Boats

Each rescue officer should be aware of the starting procedure for the outboard motors.

Please check the following before starting:

For the Tohatsu 9.8hp & 25hp Engines

1. Fuel connected & pumped through.
2. Gear lever in neutral & throttle lever raised enough to provide sufficient revs once started.
3. Attach one kill cord to Engine & second kill cord to the switch on the remote unit and other end to you!
4. Electric Start:- Push key inwards to activate electric choke and turn key to the right and release when Engine starts.
5. Once started lower throttle lever
6. If you have any problems or are unsure of the start procedure please contact the race officer.

For the Suzuki 15hp Engine

1. Fuel connected & pumped through.
1. Gear lever in neutral & throttle lever raised enough to provide sufficient revs once started.
2. Attach kill cord to the switch on the remote unit and other end to you!
3. Pull choke out.
4. Electric Start:- Push key inwards to activate electric choke and turn key to the right and release when Engine starts.
5. Once started quickly push choke in & lower throttle lever.
6. If you have any problems or are unsure of the start procedure please contact the race officer.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Child Protection Policy

It is the policy of Olton Mere Sailing Club to safeguard children and young people taking part in boating from physical, sexual or emotional harm. The policy also applies to vulnerable adults. Anyone under the age of 18 will be considered a child. All members of the Club must be aware of the policy.

Olton Mere Sailing Club will take all reasonable steps to ensure that, through appropriate procedures and training, children and vulnerable adults participating in sailing activities, and social activities at Olton Mere and elsewhere when organised by the Club do so in a safe environment. The safety and welfare of the child is paramount and that all children, whatever their age, gender, disability, culture, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, social status or sexual identity, have a right to protection from abuse.

Olton Mere Sailing Club actively seeks to create a safe and welcoming environment, both on and off the water, where children can develop their skills and confidence and enjoy themselves. The Club will ensure organised training and events are run to the highest possible safety standards; and be prepared to review its ways of working to incorporate best practice.

Olton Mere Sailing Club will treat all children with respect and celebrate their achievements; will carefully recruit and select all employees, contractors and volunteers; and respond swiftly and appropriately to all complaints and concerns about poor practice or suspected or actual child abuse.

This policy relates to all members, employees, contractors and volunteers who work with the children or vulnerable adults in the course of their Club duties or activities. It will be kept under periodic review. All relevant concerns, allegations and complaints should be notified to the Club.

Club Welfare Officer

Safeguarding children is the responsibility of everyone, not just those who work with the children and everyone has a role to play in ensuring children are safe, but the Club has appointed a Welfare Officer who is **Mrs Susan Butler** and she may be contacted at (home) 0121 686 0306; (mob) 07720 321763 or email smb-284msn.com

Mrs Butler should be your first point of contact.

This is a summary of the policy and statement of good practice a full copy of which is available from the Secretary.