



LITTLETON SAILING CLUB 2025

Notice of Race

ILCA UK Thames Valley Grand Prix & Laser Open Meeting.

The date of the event is Sunday 18th May 2025.

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Organising Authority:

Littleton Sailing Club, Shepperton, Middlesex, England. TW17 0NF.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the World Sailing “The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028”, “The Equipment Rules of Sailing” and The Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter, and prescriptions.
- 1.2 The Littleton Sailing Club General Instructions and Sailing Instructions and appropriate Class Association Rules will apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The event is open to all boats of the ILCA Laser 7, 6 & 4 classes. Entry is subject to completion of the entry form and payment of the entry fee, and where applicable completion of the parental consent form.
- 2.2 For sailors competing in the ILCA UK Thames Valley Grand Prix Series their boats need to be fully class legal, conforming to the rules of the Class Association and holding a valid measurement certificate, for their results from this event to count towards the overall ILCA UK Thames Valley Grand Prix series results.
- 2.3 Class Legal sails are preferred for this Open meeting, but correct sized alternative sails will be allowed. However, when using such alternative sails, their results in this event will not count towards the overall ILCA UK Thames Valley Grand Prix series results.
- 2.4 Registration will open at 9.30 am on the day, where Entry Forms will be available for competitors to complete. In completing an Entry Form, competitors agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules governing the event.

- 2.5 The event will be restricted to 50 boats.

3. ENTRY FEE

The entry fee will be £15.00 per boat. Under 18 £10.00 per boat. A Littleton member's discount will apply.

4. SCHEDULE

It is planned to run four races, the first race start will be scheduled for 11.00am, and the following three races at times to be advised on the day. If four races are held, three will count

for overall positions, if three races are held, two will count. If less than three races are held, all will count.

One race is required to be completed to constitute an event. No warning signal shall be made after 4 pm.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions and General Instructions will be available in the Clubhouse on the day of the event and on the Littleton SC website prior to the event. Any amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Club Notice Board on the day.

6. VENUE

The venue is Littleton Lake, Littleton Lane, Shepperton, Middlesex, TW17 0NF.

7. THE COURSES

Course(s) to be sailed will be displayed on the day.

8. SCORING

Scoring will be as per Appendix A of "The Racing Rules of Sailing". The Low Point System will be used.

9. PRIZES

The number of prizes to be awarded will be for at least the first three places overall in the event.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 10.1 Competitors participate in the event(s) entirely at their own risk. See "The Racing Rules of Sailing" Fundamental Rule 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, and Littleton Sailing Club, its officers, officials, and members 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.
- 10.2 A boat/competitor is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 10.3 It is for the boat/competitor to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 10.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owners/competitors, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the race(s). The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the races and the event and include, but not limited to, the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the Race Officer(s), Safety boat crew(s).
- 10.5 The provision of safety boat(s) does not relieve boat owners/competitors of their responsibilities.

11. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Racing Rules of Sailing Fundamental Rule 3 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 the events organised by Littleton Sailing Club, each competitor, member or visitor, 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 such events;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their 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, safety boats and other officials and volunteers by Littleton Sailing Club does not relieve competitors, members, or visitors of their responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance as can be practically provided in the circumstances, particularly in extreme weather conditions.
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and attend any briefing held for the event.

12. INSURANCE

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

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and any other similar devices.

14. ADVERTISING

Advertising will be allowed in accordance with the Class rules of the UKLA.

15. PHOTOGRAPHY

The club may arrange for photographs and/or video at the event for the purposes of promoting the club. The club will seek consent to use any images which personally identify an individual.

16. PRIVACY STATEMENT

The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the events. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and 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 organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the Class Association, RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing.

The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact either the Laser Class Captain or the Rear Commodore Sailing, Littleton Sailing Club.