

Chelmarsh Sailing Club Hampton Loade, Bridgnorth, Shropshire.

British Moth National Championships – Wednesday 4th August to Friday 6th August 2021.

NOTICE OF RACE AND COVID PROTOCOLS

1. Organising authority. The Organising Authority is Chelmarsh Sailing Club (CSC).

2. Rules.

The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the BMBA Class rules.

3. Sailing Instructions.

Sailing Instructions have been sent to and published by the Class Association and are available on the Class Association Website.

4. Communications during the event.

All communications during the event will be made orally. There will not be an official notice board. This is to reduce the risk of any non-compliance with social distancing requirements.

5. Eligibility.

The event is open to all boats of the British Moth Class. Competitors must be full members of the British Moth Boat Association and must comply with the BMBA Class rules. The parents/guardians of any sailors under the age of 18 years at the time of the event are required to remain on the CSC site throughout the event and are responsible for the sailor throughout the event.

6. Entries and registration.

Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and registering on the British Moth Class Association website. The event will be limited to 30 competitors. The event entry will also be the event registration. To be considered an entry for the event, a boat shall complete all entry/registration requirements and pay all fees by the time of the pre-race briefing.

7. Invasive species.

Boats that have been launched at locations other than Chelmarsh Sailing Club in the 48 hours before the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race may not be sailed at Chelmarsh. This is to prevent the transmission of invasive species, which is best achieved by boats being cleaned and dried for 48 hours before launching at a new location.

8. Schedule.

CSC gates will open from 8.00 am. There will be a pre-race briefing for competitors no earlier than 11:30 hours, immediately prior to launching. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race will not be before 13:30. The intended times of the warning signals for subsequent races will be communicated at the pre-race briefing. The prize giving will follow as soon as possible after the final race.

9. Number of races.

It is intended to run 2 races on Wednesday, 2 races on Thursday and 3 races on Friday. However, the number of races will depend on weather conditions.

10. Racing Area and course.

The racing area and the method of communicating the course will be explained during the pre-race briefing. The Sailing Instructions provide basic description and a map is available to download and print for reference from the British Moth website.

11. Scoring.

Scoring will be in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing (Appendix A) using the low point system.

Ties will be broken by the most firsts, if there is still a tie, the tie will be broken by the best discard result. Remaining unbroken ties will be decided on the last race in which the boats scored differently, including discarded races.

When 3 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of the boat's scores excluding the worst score. When 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of the boat's scores excluding the 2 worst scores.

12. 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 all media 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 Chelmarsh Sailing Club website and in other subsequent publications.

13. Prizes.

Prizes will be awarded after the final race.

14. 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, and the rules of CSC.

15. Safety.

Personal flotation must be worn by anyone going onto the beach, pontoons, launching ramps or the water.

16. Risk statement.

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a competitor's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is theirs alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough water, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

17. 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.

18. COVID19.

All sailors and visitors are required to comply with CSC's Covid-19 policies at all times. Any sailor or visitor not complying with these policies may be asked to leave CSC's site. A sailor or visitor asked to leave will not be entitled to a refund of their entry fee.

19. Protocols General.

Do not visit the site if you are feeling unwell or you or anyone in your household are displaying symptoms associated with Covid-19. It is recommended that those that are clinically vulnerable should consider their own individual risk and not visit the site under the current circumstances. Visitors should NOT travel with anyone outside of their own household/bubble. All entrants should comply with all recommended Government Guidelines around Covid-19 Protocols and those set by the club outlined in the Chelmarsh Sailing Club Covid 19 risk assessment [2020 Risk assessment - COVID-19 Notes.pdf \(chelmarshsailing.org.uk\)](https://www.chelmarshsailing.org.uk/2020-Risk-assessment-COVID-19-Notes.pdf). A limit, at the time of publishing, has been set by the Committee of 30 competitors. 10 camper vans will be able to stay on site but must be self contained. Please book a space in advance. Competitors can arrive in the afternoon of 3rd August, where social sailing at the club may be taking place. Overnight camping in tents is not allowed, as per Government guidance. No documents will be presented to competitors at the race briefing.

At the Club: Park considerately to allow adequate space to maintain social distancing measures. Whilst on site, maintain social distancing of 2m from all other persons outside of your household/bubble or 1m+ with mitigating controls as per government guidance.

Track and Trace: All visitors must be signed in using the British Moth entry form, please ensure any non competing visitors names are added to the registration for the event. This record will be forwarded to Chelmarsh for Track and Trace records. . Anyone that has visited the club and later tested positive for Covid-19 within 10 days of their visit should inform the club immediately. The club will then inform all members and visitors.

Changing: The changing rooms and showers will remain closed to all users in line with current guidance. Visitors should arrive and depart in sailing kit if at all possible. If there is a need to change on site, please do so discreetly out of the way of other visitors.

Clubhouse: There is a one-way system in operation please obey the signage inside and outside the clubhouse. Please only use the service areas as indicated outside the club. The club will operate a no payment on the day policy. Food and beverages will be provided as payment will have been made via the web collect portal on signing up.

When breakfast is served a list of sandwich orders will be taken to be provided at lunch time. .

WC: The toilet facilities are limited to a maximum of two persons at any one time. WC main entrance doors to be fixed 'open'. Wash hands using soap and water after using toilets. Hand Sanitiser will be provided at all entry points to the club. PPE: Face coverings should be worn indoors..

Hand washing facilities are available in the club house and hand sanitiser provided.

Rigging Zones: Depending on numbers on site, allocation of specific rigging areas may be necessary in order to maintain social distancing and restrict numbers gathered in one area. These will be pre-assigned.

In all cases, CSC will expect competitors to self police Covid separation guidance and maintain social distancing at all times.

Parking: No cars to be parked within the dinghy park. Cars are permitted inside the dinghy park for loading/unloading only and should be moved to the car parking area as soon as possible.

Launching and Recovery: Competitors should note that the beach and jetties are "pinch points". No more than 4 boats should remain on the beach. Sailors must move craft promptly to allow others to land/launch. Competitors must understand that this process may be more time consuming than under usual circumstances and everyone taking to the water is asked be considerate, courteous and respectful to others whilst launching and recovering. Please avoid touching others' equipment unless authority has been given and minimise contact and ensure hands are sanitised after any contact.

Safety Boat Cover: Essential safety cover is defined as when a sailor/windsurfer is unable to retrieve a boat/ windsurfer safely themselves and/or life is at risk. No equipment will be rescued until conditions allow for it to be safe to do so by the safety team. All those on site, on shore or on/in the water, must do what the safety team instructs at all times for their own and the safety team's safety.

Weather Conditions: Anyone taking to the water must only do so in conditions that are within their own capabilities to sail in and they must be confident of their own ability to self rescue in the event of a capsize.

Note: The maximum mean wind strength over the course for this event

is 20 knots (for safety reasons related to the Covid-19 Pandemic).
Equipment Condition: All craft and equipment should be checked to be in good condition at the time of launching. Failure of equipment not only puts yourself unnecessarily at risk but others too! First Aid: A reasonable, practicable approach will be undertaken when administering first aid as a traditional approach is likely to contradict distancing requirements currently in force. As an example, it would be deemed acceptable in current circumstances for an injured person to self apply plasters and wash small cuts and wounds, but more serious injuries could be made catastrophically worse by not receiving first aid. First aiders should discharge their duties according to the risk assessed circumstances in each case. A defibrillator is available at the club and is situated under the stairwell by the disabled toilet.