



OXFORD SAILING CLUB

Lightning 368 and British Moth Open Meeting 2025

Saturday 16th August 2025

Notice of Race.

1. Organising Authority:

The organising authority is Oxford Sailing Club; Farmoor Reservoir, Farmoor, Oxford, OX2 9NS.

2. Rules:

The regatta will be governed by:

- ❖ The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028;
- ❖ The Class Association rules;
- ❖ The Sailing Instructions for the event;
- ❖ If there is conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, then the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

3. Eligibility:

The regatta is open to all British Moth and Lightning 368 boats. Prizes will only be awarded to the helm, who is a member of the class association. Entry is only available on-line at <https://www.oxfordsailing.club/>.

4. Conditions of Entry:

- ❖ The entry fee per boat is £20.00
- ❖ There will be a reduced fee for competitors under the age of 18 (on the date of the event), of £15.00. (Under 18's are required to complete a parental declaration form, to be signed by a parent or guardian).
- ❖ Oxford Sailing Club members will pay an entry fee of £15.
- ❖ Competitors are required to hold third party insurance for racing of at least £3,000,000.
- ❖ The safety of the boat and its management, including insurances, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat.

- ❖ The race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, theft of property, death or personal injury caused to the owner/competitor, as a result of their partaking in racing.
- ❖ Entry is on-line at <https://www.oxfordsailing.club/booking> and will close on Friday 15th August 2025 at 23:00.
- ❖ Unable to register online? Email membership@oxfordsailingclub.com.

5. Sailing Instructions:

The Sailing Instructions will be downloadable at <https://www.oxfordsailing.club/>, or downloadable at <https://lightning368.org/event/> and at <https://britishmoth.co.uk/event/>.

6. Briefing:

There will be a competitors' briefing at 10:15 on Saturday 16th August 2025.

7. Schedule of Races:

- ❖ 1st race start time: 11:00 followed by lunch ashore.
- ❖ 2nd race: not before 13:00 with race 3, back-to-back with race 2

8. Prize Giving:

Prize giving will be held as soon as possible after the last race of the series. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

1st, 2nd and 3rd placed boats; If there are less than four boats in a fleet, only 1st place will receive a prize.

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organisers.

9. Risk Statement:

- I. Rule 3 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 inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor (and their parent(s) or guardian(s) in the case of a competitor under 18 years of age) agrees and acknowledges that:
- II. 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;
- III. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- IV. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

- v. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- vi. The provision of a race management team, safety boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- vii. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- viii. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to Farmoor Reservoir or a particular event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitor briefing held for the relevant event. It is the responsibility of competitors 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 safety briefing held for the event.

10. Safety Regulations:

Lifejackets or other adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors, at all times whilst afloat and around launching areas. Wetsuits and drysuits alone are not adequate for personal buoyancy.

11. Catering:

The Waterside Cafe will be open daily from 09:00 to 17:00. Please book lunch and post-race food before going racing.

12. Car Parking:

At the current time, Thames Water car parking charges are suspended but may be payable by the time of the event. There is no overnight parking available onsite.

Arriving At Farmoor Reservoir (Gate 3):

“Check, Clean, Dry” For biosecurity if you are coming from fresh water and your boat is not dry, please wash your boat down before you come, or use the pressure washers on the left-hand side of the car park. Please repeat this when you leave to prevent invasive species travelling to your home fresh water or dry the boat thoroughly (this is a Thames Water request).

Unloading your boat: Cars and trailers should be returned to the main car park. Roadways and footpaths around the reservoir must be kept clear at all times to allow unrestricted movement around the site.

13. Boats Arriving Friday Evening:

Trailers may be left in the car park overnight at the owner's risk, but no cars, camping or campervans.

Nearby campsite <https://www.valleyfarmcampsite.com/>.

Gates will be locked at dusk and open at 08:00.

14. For Further Information:

Please contact; Oxford Sailing Club, membership@oxfordsailingclub.com