



OXFORD SAILING CLUB

Lightning 368 and British Moth Open Meeting 2025

Saturday 16th August 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Oxford Sailing Club Rules and Sailing Instructions

Welcome to Oxford Sailing Club. While you are sailing here you are an associate member of The Club and are bound by its rules. You should take particular note of the following, as contravention risks disqualification from the entire event.

CLUB RULES

- ❖ No animals are allowed on site other than the car park and the countryside walk.
- ❖ Vehicles and road trailers must be parked in the designated car park. Unloading near the clubhouse/Reservoir should be limited to 10 minutes after which the vehicles must be removed to the car park.
- ❖ No one may stay overnight on the site and therefore camping and caravans are not permitted. Vehicles may **NOT** be left on site overnight.
- ❖ Paddling and swimming in the reservoir are not allowed.
- ❖ Boats shall keep clear of all Thames Water fixtures and installations and must remain at least 20 metres from fishermen and fishing boats which may be regarded as obstructions as defined by the RRS.
- ❖ Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn at all times when afloat or water side of the reservoir wave wall, and if of the inflatable type then it must be sufficiently inflated to support the wearer.
- ❖ We wish you good luck and hope you enjoy your sailing at Oxford Sailing Club.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2025-2028).
2. These sailing instructions, the appropriate class rules (except as altered by these sailing instructions), the Notice of Race, Oxford Sailing Club (OSC)



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Articles and bylaws and any temporary regulations introduced by OSC or Thames Water will apply during the event.

3. All competitors and their guests shall be deemed to be associate members of OSC.
4. Rule 76.1 is modified such that the Club reserves the right to reject or rescind the entry of any boat or competitor, or to exclude members of his party at any time before or during the event.
5. Rule 77 governing class insignia, national letters and numbers on sails is amended to the effect that, under exceptional circumstances, the Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

1. Notices to competitors shall be posted on the Official Notice Board which is located within the foyer of the clubhouse.
2. Any change to these sailing instructions shall be posted at least 45 minutes before the start of the race in which it will take effect and flag 'L' will be flown.

3. CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast situated at the south end of the clubhouse.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

1. There will be a competitor's briefing at the front of the Clubhouse at 10.15 on Saturday 16th of August.
2. Start times are as follows:
Race 1 First warning signal will be not before 10:55
Race 2 First warning signal will be not before 12:55
Race 3 Immediately following Race 2

6. CLASS FLAGS

1. Class flags will be identified at the competitor briefing



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7. RACING AREA

1. The racing area is Farmoor 2 reservoir.

8. COURSE

1. The course shall be a trapezoid course with the start/finish line on the beat to windward. You must pass through the start/finish line each lap, The number of laps shall be displayed on the committee boat before the start of each race. The committee boat will display the number of laps for the British Moth fleet using a red board or number. The laps for the Lightning fleet will a green board or number. If no course boards are displayed there will be 10 laps.
2. The course is detailed at the end of this document. The course marks are not numbered and will be in the approximate position indicated on the course card
3. The finishing line will be the start line and a gate on the course.

9. MAGNETIC BEARING OF MARK 1

1. The magnetic bearing of the windward mark (mark 1) from the Committee Boat will not be displayed.

10. THE START

1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26: (5,4,1,start)
2. The starting line is defined as the line between the forward mast of the Committee Boat and a Dan Buoy with an orange flag.
3. The Lightning 368 fleet will be the first fleet to start followed by the British Moth fleet. It is the intention of the OOD that the start of the Lightning fleet will be the warning signal for the British Moth fleet.

11. RECALLS

1. In the event of a general recall, that fleet shall re-start AFTER any following fleet.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

1. Course marks will not be moved after the start of a race.

13. THE FINISH



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1. The finishing line will be between the Race Committee vessel's forward mast (flying the blue finishing flag) and the Dan Buoy with orange flag.
2. After finishing, boats shall not re-cross the finishing line and shall keep clear of boats still racing.

14. TIME LIMIT

1. Any boat not finishing within 20 minutes of the leading boat shall be scored in their observed positions on the course or last mark rounding position if recorded. Boats finished in this way will be advised of the fact by a safety boat and should stop racing thereafter. The Race Officer may extend the 20-minute time limit at his discretion.
2. The end of the finishing period will be signalled by the lowering of the blue flag with one sound signal.

15. HEARING REQUESTS

1. Protests shall be written on the forms available from reception and lodged there within 30 minutes of the last boat completing the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.
2. Protests shall be carried out in accordance with the current racing rules of sailing. It should be noted however that protests which affect podium results we will be heard before prize giving, all other protests shall be conducted once formal proceedings have been carried out. This is in effect so that other competitors and families are not being held at the club for a protracted period of time.

16. SCORING SYSTEM

1. The Low Point Scoring System, as detailed in Appendix A of the RRS, will apply.
2. When three races have been completed a boat's worst score will be discarded.

17. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

1. Boats seen to intentionally jettison rubbish into the reservoir shall be disqualified or have their results voided.

18. PRIZES

1. Prizes will be awarded as defined by the Notice of Race.

Lightning and British Moth Course Card 2025

