



## **Welcome to the annual Moth Bowl Open 2026 at Medley Sailing Club**

Saturday 16th May sees the return of Medley Sailing Club's Moth Bowl and Bossom's Cup on the River Thames in Oxford, to compete in what is always a great day's close racing with or without wind!

Access to the club is from Binsey Lane, off the main Botley Road approached from the A34 (eastern Botley Road at the railway bridge in town is still closed), and then via the Bossoms' gate (next to the Perch pub) to the Club

**Satnav: "Medley Sailing Club OX2 0NJ", W3Words: "Happy/Timing/Boost".**

The Club and Bossoms' gate will be open from 08:30, with tea/coffee/pastry available on arrival. Registration is from 09:30 with the 1st of 4 races starting at 10:45, lunch at 13:15 and prizes, tea/cake at around 17.00.

Lunch will be soup, bread and cheeses and fruit – please let us know if you have any specific food requirements.

All Moth sailors, their families and friends are welcome, and we are working on a good turnout of the home fleet.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you are planning to attend, and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We look forward to seeing you all on the water.

MSC Sailing Club Committee ([committee@medleysailingclub.co.uk](mailto:committee@medleysailingclub.co.uk))



## **NOTICE OF RACE:**

British Moth Open Meeting: Moth Bowl and Bossom's Cup  
Medley Sailing Club  
Tow Path  
Binsey  
Oxford OX2 0NJ  
Saturday 16th May 2026

First race 10.45

The organising authority is Medley Sailing Club.

E-mail: [committee@medleysailingclub.co.uk](mailto:committee@medleysailingclub.co.uk)

### **1. Rules**

- 1.1 The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, and Medley Sailing Club Sailing Instructions, available at registration.
- 1.2 Competitors will behave in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter and rules of Medley Sailing Club; dogs are allowed, under control, on the grounds but not in the clubhouse.

### **2. Entries**

- 2.1 Entries will be accepted at registration for all helms intending to race confirming that they and the owner of the boat, if different, agree to the conditions of this NOR.
- 2.2 Competitors under the age of 18 years, at the time of the event shall be required to complete and submit the parental/guardian's consent form included in the entry form with the Race Committee prior to racing.
- 2.3 Competitors shall be members of MSC or the British Moth Boat Association. (<https://britishmoth.co.uk/>)
- 2.4 Entry fee is £20 per helm - payable by direct transfer, Metrobank Acc: 44772124, Sort code: 23-05-80, ref: "MB"+surname; or with cash on the day. The entry fee includes all food and drink, race entries, and day's River License if required. Non-sailing visitors should provide their own food and drink.

### **3. Schedule of Races**

- 3.1 Registration from: 9.30  
Briefing: 10.15  
Race 1: 10.45  
Race 2: 12.00 (tbc by the race officer)  
Race 3: 14:15hrs (tbc by the race officer)  
Race 4: 15:45hrs (Bossom's Cup)

- 3.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to amend or cancel races on the day taking account of the prevailing conditions.

### **4. Sailing Instructions**

- 4.1 Medley SC Sailing Instructions will be available on registration.
- 4.2 Start sequence to be 5, 4, 1, Go sequence

## **5. Scoring System**

- . 5.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- . 5.2 All races will constitute a series towards the Moth Bowl.
- . 5.3 When fewer than 4 races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- . 5.4 When 4 races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- . 5.5 The Bossom's Cup will be awarded to the winner of Race 4.

## **6. Prizes**

6.1 Prizes will be awarded after the conclusion of the last race:

Moth Bowl: 1<sup>st</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> lady, 1st Junior

Bossom's Cup: 1<sup>st</sup>

## **7. Social Arrangements**

Tea/coffee and breakfast pastries, and afternoon cakes, will be available and are included in the entry fee. Lunch will be soup with bread, cheeses and fruit.

## **8. Rights to use Names & 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 or relating to the event.

## **9. Conditions of Entry**

- . 9.1 Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or, anywhere else reduces this responsibility.
- . 9.2 It is for the competitors to decide whether their boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going afloat, the competitors confirm that the boat is fit for those conditions and they are competent to sail and compete in them.
- . 9.3 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or 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 racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include Medley Sailing Club, the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, and service launch boat.
- . 9.4 The provision of a service launch boat does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.
- . 9.5 Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £5,000,000.
- . 9.6 As each boat is required to hold a River License as issued by the Environment Agency for the day of the races, 1-day licenses will be provided to visiting competitors by MSC within the cost of the entry fee. Please ensure that you inform us at least a week ahead (by 9<sup>th</sup> May) if you require a river license.