



# WHITSTABLE YACHT CLUB

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## Merlin Rocket Open Meeting 23 - 24 June 2012

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is Whitstable Yacht Club in association with the National Merlin Rocket Owners Association.

#### RULES

Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012; the RYA prescriptions; National Merlin Rocket Class Rules and the Sailing Instructions for the event.

#### CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The event is open to Merlin Rocket Class dinghies. All boats must be paid up members of the National Merlin Rocket Owners Association. All boats must be insured for third party liability to a minimum of £2,000,000.

#### REGISTRATION

Competitors may register at Whitstable Yacht Club on Saturday 23 June 2012 from 1000hrs until 1300hrs. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

#### PROGRAMME

There will be a briefing for competitors at 1300 on Saturday 23 June 2011 at WYC.

The first race Warning Signal will be no earlier than 1355hrs on 23 June 2012 and the first Warning Signal on Sunday 24 June 2012 will not be before 1025hrs.

4 races will be scheduled over the two-day event. Details of the schedule will be shown in the Sailing Instructions.

#### SOCIAL

Evening meals will be available on Saturday (to be pre-ordered at registration).

#### ADVERTISING

Advertising on the **boat** chosen by the owner or person in charge is prohibited.

#### SCORING SYSTEM

This is a two-day Silver Tiller event. There are 4 races scheduled of which at least 2 shall be completed to constitute a series. The Low Points Scoring System, RRS A4 will apply. The number of discards will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

#### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be issued to competitors at registration at Whitstable Yacht Club.

The Sailing Instructions will vary the following Rules in accordance with RRS 86.1: 35(time limits); 40(personal floatation devices)

#### ENTRY

Entries must be made on the entry form at registration at Whitstable YC, accompanied by the entry fee of £30.

#### SAFETY – TALLY SYSTEM

A tally system shall be in use. A tally number will be allocated to each boat at registration. All competitors shall tally out on the box provided, before launching and shall tally back in the appropriate box immediately after coming ashore, and certainly **WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF THE FINISH OF THE LAST BOAT IN THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY**. This procedure is for the safety of competitors, so that the organisers know who is afloat and ashore if an emergency arises.

The penalty for failing to comply with this sailing instruction may be disqualification or a contribution of £10 to the RNLI made before the end of the protest time, as provided for in Rule 64.1 (a) (Penalties and exoneration).

#### COURSES

Courses will be set in Whitstable Bay, approximately North West of Whitstable Yacht Club.

#### MEASUREMENT CHECKS

Random checks may be made, at any time, on any competing boats, to ensure compliance with class measurement rules and other requirements under the Notice of Race.