

RS Aero UK Winter Series 2016/2017

Notice Of Series

The series will be organised by the RS Aero UK Class Association. This NOS should be read in conjunction with individual event NORs and SIs issued separately. Part of the RS Aero UK Winter Series 2016/2017 is made up from events from the GJW Direct SailJuice Winter Series 2016/2017, details here; www.SailjuiceSeries.com and from events in the South West Winter Series.

1. The Rules

- a. The Series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the RYA prescriptions and the rules of the Class Association.
- b. If any conflict arises between the RS Aero Winter Series 2016/2017 Notice of Series and the Notice of Race of an individual regatta, the Notice of Race of the individual regatta shall prevail.
- c. Disclaimer of Liability: Competitors participate in the regattas comprising the series entirely at their own risk. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, during, or after any of the regattas.

2. Eligibility & Entry

- a. Only fully paid up members of the RS Aero Class Association may enter the Series
- b. Entry to the Series is free of charge.
- b. To enter the Series, competitors must enter at least one event.
- d. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that they have entered and paid for each of the Series events in which they intend to participate. Please note that some events are limited to a maximum number of entries, so early entry is advisable. Failure to secure entry in an event is no grounds for redress in this series.
- e. Entries must comprise the same helm throughout the Series.
- f. If an event has to be postponed to a later date it shall still be counted as part of the Series provided the event has been re-run by the end of Saturday 18th March 2017.

3. The Events

The series will consist of the overall results from the following 10 events:

- Brass Monkey - Yorkshire Dales SC, Tuesday 27th December (SailJuice)
- Grafham Grand Prix - Grafham Water SC, Monday 2nd January (SailJuice)
- Bloody Mary - Queen Mary SC, Saturday 7th January (SailJuice)
- Steve Nicholson Trophy - Northampton SC, Saturday 28th January
- Starcross Steamer - Starcross SC, Exe Estuary, Sunday 5th February (SW Series)
- Blithfield Barrel (4) - Blithfield SC, Sunday 12th February
- UK Winter Championships, The Oxford Blue - Oxford SC, Sat 18th February (SailJuice)
- Roadford Rocket - Roadford SC, Devon, Sunday 26th February (SW Series)

- Exmoor Beastie - Wimbleball SC, Somerset, Sunday 19th March (SW Series)
- UK Spring Championships - Island Barn Res SC, Saturday 25th March

4. Scoring

- a. RS Aero overall results for each event shall be split out from the total fleet overall results.
- b. The three RS Aero rigs 5, 7 & 9 shall be scored together based on the PY given by each individual host club.
- c. The helm shall be awarded the points, rather than the boat. Helms may use different rigs for different events in their series.
- d. Scoring is based on a 'low points' scoring system (1 point for finishing 1st, 15 points for finishing 15th etc)
- e. Boats scored DNC, DNF, DNE, DGM, DNS, DSQ, BFD, OCS or RET in an event will be given a score of one more than the number of RS Aeros entered in the event. Boats scored DNE or DGM in an event will not be able to discard those scores in the series scoring. Those not entering an event shall receive 100 points for that event.
- f. Competitors count their 3 best event scores to determine their final overall Series score. However, at least one of the counted results must be either;
 - the UK Winter Championships at Oxford (18 Feb) or
 - the UK Spring Championships at Island Barn (25 March).
- g. If two of the events are cancelled due to bad weather or other unforeseen circumstances, and if the event is not re-arranged to be run before the end of Saturday, 18th March 2017, a competitor's score shall still be based on their best 3 scores from the remaining events. If three or more events are lost then the score shall be based on their best 2 scores from the remaining events.
- h. Tie breaks will be determined as per RRS A8.1. Should a tie still remain, it shall be broken in favour of the helm with the best event score in the following priority order;
 - 1) RS Aero UK Spring Championships at Island Barn.
 - 2) RS Aero UK Winter Championships at Oxford.
 - 3) as per RRS A8.2
- i) In the occasional event that the RS Aero rigs are split into different fleets by the organizing authority, results shall be based on their position relative proportionally to their fleet size. The formula used to produce a percentage score is $\{P \times 100 / E - 50 / E\}$ where P is the Position out of the RS Aeros in their fleet and E is the number of Entries of RS Aeros in their fleet. All RS Aeros at that event shall then be listed in order of that score to ascertain their positions taken towards the series result.
- k) For the purpose of deciding the results of the specific 'RS Aero UK Winter Championship' (but not that event's score towards the series) the RS Aero results shall be split out of the overall fleet for each race and all RS Aeros shall be scored as one fleet based on the yardsticks used. Due to the reality of time constraints on the day the prize giving of the RS Aero UK Winter Champs on 18th Feb shall take place at the Spring Champs on 25th March.

5. Prizes

Series prizes will be awarded at the UK Spring Championships at Island Barn Reservoir SC.

6. Enter!

Enter SailJuice events here: www.SailjuiceSeries.com

Info on all events here; www.rsaaerosailing.org/index.asp?p=events&vw=C&rg=UK

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