



Wembley Sailing Club

ILCA, Merlin/MRX & Cadet Frostbite Series 2026

Notice of Race

Organising Authority: Wembley Sailing Club (WSC)

1. Rules

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028* (RRS).

1.2 The RYA Prescriptions shall apply.

1.3 Competitors shall sail in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter.

1.4 RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. Adequate personal flotation devices shall be worn at all times while on the water, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing. Wetsuits and drysuits are not considered adequate personal flotation devices.

1.5 The class rules of the relevant classes shall apply.

1.6 The notation **[NP]** in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1.7 The notation **[DP]** means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may be less than disqualification, at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

2. Sailing Instructions

2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Wembley Sailing Club website and on the official notice board no later than **Friday 9 January 2026**.

2.2 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

3. Communication

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the clubhouse.

3.2 Results will be published on **Dockside** (<https://myDockside.app>) following each day's racing.

3.3 **[DP][NP]** From the first warning signal of the day until a boat has finished the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

4. Eligibility and Entry

4.1 The series is open to boats of the following classes:

- ILCA 4
- ILCA 6
- ILCA 7
- Merlin Rocket
- MRX
- Cadet

4.2 All competitors shall be members of an RYA-affiliated sailing club or the RYA.

4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration and paying the entry fee at the race office on the first day of the series. The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse entries in accordance with RRS 76.

4.4 Boats shall sign on each day before racing using the system provided by the Organising Authority. **[DP][NP]** Boats failing to sign on may be scored DNC for that day.

4.5 Any competitor under the age of 18 shall submit a completed parent or guardian consent form prior to racing.

5. Fees

5.1 The entry fee for the full series is **£10 per boat per day or £50 for the series**.

5.2 The entry fee covers all racing in the series. No refunds will be given for races not sailed.

6. Schedule

6.1 Racing will take place on **12 consecutive Sundays**:

- Sunday 11 January
- Sunday 18 January
- Sunday 25 January
- Sunday 1 February
- Sunday 8 February
- Sunday 15 February
- Sunday 22 February
- Sunday 1 March
- Sunday 8 March
- Sunday 15 March - NO RACING ON THIS DAY.
- Sunday 22 March - NO RACING ON THIS DAY.
- Sunday 29 March

6.2 Four races are scheduled to be sailed each Sunday.

6.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day is **10:00**.

6.4 Two races will be sailed in the morning, followed by a break ashore, then two further races.

6.5 The warning signal for the first race after the break will not be earlier than **12:00**.

6.6 No more than four races will be started on any one day.

6.7 The Race Committee reserves the right to alter the programme in response to weather or other circumstances.

7. Venue

7.1 The event will be hosted by Wembley Sailing Club, Birchen Grove, London NW9 8SA.

7.2 Racing will take place on the Welsh Harp (Brent Reservoir).

7.3 Competitors shall comply with any instructions regarding launching, recovery, and movement of boats ashore.

8. Courses

8.1 Courses will be set using the club's fixed racing marks and will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

8.2 Courses may include multiple laps and may be varied at the discretion of the Race Committee to suit conditions.

9. Scoring

9.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A shall apply.

9.2 Each class shall be scored separately. No handicap or Portsmouth Yardstick system will be used.

9.3 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

9.4 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst **60% of races sailed**, rounded up to the nearest whole number of races.

9.5 Ties shall be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.

10. Prizes

10.1 Prizes will be awarded for each class.

10.2 The number of prizes awarded in each class will be determined by the number of boats registered for the series in that class.

10.3 Prizes will be presented after the final day's racing.

11. Safety and Support

11.1 Safety boats will be provided while racing is in progress.

11.2 The provision of safety boats does not relieve competitors of their responsibility for their own safety.

12. Media Rights

Competitors grant the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show images, video, and recordings of competitors and boats taken during the event, without compensation.

13. Data Protection

Personal data provided by competitors will be used solely for the purposes of organising and running the event and publishing results, in accordance with applicable data protection legislation.

14. Risk Statement

RRS 3 states: *"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."*

Sailing is an activity with inherent risks. By taking part, competitors agree that:

- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, and their boat.
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage, or loss caused by their actions.
- The provision of safety boats does not relieve competitors of their responsibilities.
- They are satisfied that their boat is seaworthy and that they are competent to race in the conditions.

The Organising Authority accepts no liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained before, during, or after the event.

15. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of **£3,000,000** per incident.

16. Further Information

Further information will be available via the Wembley Sailing Club website or from the race office on race days.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/16p-Cm7trcaX9b_LEPK_vFzEoEx43tcgefOCzLBS-UrE/edit?usp=sharing