

Comet Open Meeting
Merthyr Tydfil Sailing Club
6 September 2026
Pontsticill, Cymru, UK
Notice of Race (NoR)

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 RACING RULES OF SAILING, available at [World Sailing - Racing Rules of Sailing](#) applies. RYA Prescriptions apply which are available at [Rules - RRS, ERS, OSR & Anti-doping rules](#)

Competitors should note that the Merthyr Tydfil Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.'

This document is based upon World Sailing Appendix KG. Non applicable sections are marked as such. RYA recommended alterations are included.

Times are displayed in 24-hour format with no punctuation and the local prevailing time zone applies, which will be UK Daylight Savings Time throughout the event.

1.3 Does not apply

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1.6 Does not apply.

1.7 Does not apply.

1.8 Does not apply.

1.9 Does not apply.

1.10 Does not apply.

1.11 Does not apply.

1.12 Does not apply.

2 **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available at least one month before the event at <https://mtsc.org.uk/comet.html>
- 2.2 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at the clubhouse and where possible at <https://mtsc.org.uk/comet.html>

3 **COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 Not applicable
- 3.2 Not applicable
- 3.3 Not applicable
- 3.4 Not applicable

4 **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Comet class with Standard, Xtra, White Xtra or Mino rig who's helms are members of the Comet Class Association at the time of the event. Short term membership is available at: www.cometsailing.org.uk
- 4.2 Competitors shall nominate, before racing, which ONE type of rig they will use:
- Standard rig,
 - Xtra rig,
 - White Xtra rig
 - Mino rig

A Competitor shall use the same type of rig for all races.

Reefing is permitted.

- 4.3 Does not Apply
- 4.4 Does not Apply.
- 4.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, use the online system below, before 6th September 2026 (we have no (reliable) internet on site and cannot handle large quantities of cash, so pre-payment is imperative).
- 4.6 Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://webcollect.org.uk/mtsc>

- 4.7 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.8 Does not apply. (No late entries)
- 4.9 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply: Does not apply.

5 **FEES**

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Entry Fee until 6 th September 2026	Late Fee
Comet	£16	£N/A

This fee covers entry to the event for the Comet dinghy and on-site refreshments (tea, coffee, buffet lunch and snacks) for the named helm.

Options are available on the entry form for purchase of on-site refreshments for others in your party.

- 5.2 Other fees:

Additional Catering, snacks and refreshments on-site for people accompanying the helm: £4pp

6 **CREW LIMITATIONS**

- 6.1 The following crew limitations apply: Not applicable
- 6.2 The following categorization requirements apply (see RRS 79): Not applicable.

7 **ADVERTISING**

- 7.1 Not applicable.
- 7.2 Not applicable.

8 **QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES**

- 8.1 Not applicable.

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Registration:

Not applicable, see limitation for last date of entry above

9.2 Not applicable

9.3 Dates of racing:

Date	Comet
6 th September 2026	racing

9.4 Number of races:

Notice is drawn to paragraph 6.2 of the sailing instructions that allow, with proper notice, up to one extra race per day.

Class	Number	Races per day Scheduled
Comet	3	3

9.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is:

Date	Comet
6 th September 2026	1100

9.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1600.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Not applicable.

10.2 Not applicable.

10.3 Boats may be inspected at any time.

10.4 Not applicable.

10.5 [DP] Boats shall also comply with RRS 78.1.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1 Not applicable.

12 VENUE

12.1 Sailing Instructions Addendum A shows the plan of the event venue.

12.2 Sailing Instructions Addendum A shows the location of the racing areas.

13 **COURSES**

13.1 The race officer will endeavour for races to be of approximately 40 to 50 minutes in length. The exact course will be made clear to the competitors at the briefing before the first race each day.

13.2 Not applicable

14 **PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1 Not applicable.

14.2 Not applicable.

14.3 Not applicable.

14.4 Not applicable.

RYA Recommended Statement

The Post-Race Penalty, Advisory Meeting and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply (for information on the procedures, go to www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

15 **SCORING**

15.1 The scoring system is as follows: Appendix A, low points scoring will be used.

15.2 1 (one) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.3 Does not apply

15.4 Does not apply.

- 15.5 a) When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
b) When from three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15.6 Rule A5.3 applies.

16 **SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

16.1 Does not apply.

17 **CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

17.1 A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has

approved her sail identification before the first race. See RRS G3.

18 **BERTHING**

18.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.

19 **HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

19.1 Does not apply.

20 **DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

20.1 Does not apply.

20.2 Does not apply.

21 **DATA PROTECTION**

21.1 The organisers will collect user's personal data for the sole purpose of running this event. That data will be retained and protected in accordance with our data privacy policy: [Merthyr Tydfil Sailing Club - Privacy Policy and Terms and Conditions \(mtsc.org.uk\)](https://mtsc.org.uk/merthyr-tydfil-sailing-club-privacy-policy-and-terms-and-conditions)

Note that photographs and video of the event will be created, stored and used by the organising club and the class association.

22 **RISK STATEMENT**

22.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend

any safety briefing held for the event;

23 **INSURANCE**

23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £5,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

24 **PRIZES**

24.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

- First three places overall
- Junior (under 19 on 31st December 2025)
- First Lady
- Committee Prize (perseverance)

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the committee.

25 **FURTHER INFORMATION**

25.1 For further information please contact Mark Govier asst.sec@mtsc.org.uk, 07970 202 634 or Nick Heuvel secretary@mtsc.org.uk, 07528119223

Temporary Membership & Liability

All visiting competitors and families will be deemed as visiting yachtsmen during the event and as such shall abide MTSC's [rules and bye-laws](#).

Dogs are permitted, they should be kept under control and on leads at all times. It is common for wildlife and farm animals (sheep) to wander onto site.