

**Oxford Sailing Club**  
**RS600 Open Meeting**  
**Contender Travellers Trophy round 1**  
**RS Vareo Open Meeting**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

1. **Organising Authority:** The organising authority is Oxford Sailing Club, Farmoor Reservoir, Farmoor, Oxford, OX2 9NS.
2. **Rules:** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028, the appropriate class rules, and the sailing instructions of the event.
3. **Eligibility and Entry:** The regatta is open to Contender, RS600 and RS Vareo boats whose helm is a member of the class association. Entry is on-line at <https://www.oxfordsailing.club/>.
4. **Fees:** The entry fees per boat are as follows:  
All classes      £32.00  
Note: Reduced fees are available for persons under 18 years old.
5. **Registration:** Registration is on-line (see links from <https://www.oxfordsailing.club/> ) and closes on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 23:00. Please contact Chris Howe using email (see 17. below) if you are unable to use the on-line registration system.
6. **Sailing instructions:** The sailing instructions will be available at <https://www.oxfordsailing.club/> from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025, and posted on the official noticeboard in the OSC clubhouse from 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025.
7. **Rule Changes:**  
Rule 77 governing class insignia, national letters and numbers on sails is amended to the effect that, under exceptional circumstances, the Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required.  
  
Change to RRS31, this sailing instruction is applicable to the RS Vareo and RS600 Classes only.  
If a boat touches a start or finish mark they shall complete a one-turn penalty as described in RRS 44.2. Touching other rounding or passing marks is permitted.
8. **Briefing:** There will be a briefing for all competitors at 11.45 on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025.
9. **Schedule of Races:**  
The RS600 start times are listed below, the Contender start times will be 3 minutes after each RS600 start time, the RS Vareo start times will be 3 minutes after each Contender start time.  
**Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> April.**  
1<sup>st</sup> race start time:      13:00 Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025.  
2<sup>nd</sup> race:                      back-to back with race 1.  
3<sup>rd</sup> race:                      back-to back with race 2.  
**Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> April.**  
4<sup>th</sup> race start time:      10:30 Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025.  
5<sup>th</sup> race:                      back-to back with race 4.  
6<sup>th</sup> race:                      back-to back with race 5.

10. **Prize giving:** The prize giving will be held as soon as possible after the last race of the series. Prizes will be awarded as follows:
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| Contender class: | 1 <sup>st</sup> (BDS Trophy), 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and 3 <sup>rd</sup> placed boats. |
| RS600 class:     | 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and 3 <sup>rd</sup> placed boats.             |
| RS Vario class:  | 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and 3 <sup>rd</sup> placed boats.             |
11. **Risk Statement:**  
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 organiser 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;
12. **Insurance:** Competitors are required to hold third party insurance for racing of at least £3,000,000.
13. **Safety Regulations:** Life-jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors at all times whilst afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy.
14. **Catering:**  
The galley will be open from 09:00 to 17:00 on Saturday, 09:00 to 17:00 on Sunday.
15. **Car Parking:** At the current time car parking charges are suspended but may be payable by the time of the event.
16. **Privacy statement:** The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the RRS and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.
17. **Further Information:**
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| Contender: | Chris Howe: <a href="mailto:chris@howedesigns.co.uk">chris@howedesigns.co.uk</a>             |
| RS Vario:  | Michelle Brooks; <a href="mailto:michellebd1@outlook.com">michellebd1@outlook.com</a>        |
| RS600:     | Ian Marshall; <a href="mailto:irandwmarshall@tiscali.co.uk">irandwmarshall@tiscali.co.uk</a> |