

Windermere Cruising Association

Winter Series 2012/13

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in;
The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-12 (RRC).

2 ADVERTISING

Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all yachts for which entry and indemnity forms have been signed and which comply with class rules where appropriate, and mandatory equipment requirements.

Each yacht must be insured while racing for liabilities of not less than £2,000,000 but recommended cover of £3,000,000, (evidence of current insurance must be carried.)

Any one design with three or more entries may be considered within the fleets detailed below.

3.2 Entry (By post in advance to);

Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form, also available on the club website, and sending it, together with the required fee, to: **Mrs T Peters, 21 Pine Grove, Warrington, Cheshire, WA1 3HF**

3.3 Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions: **Entries received on and after 25th October will be plus £10.00. Any entries received between the 31st October and 4th November 2012, inclusive will not qualify for a result in the first race.**

3.4 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply: (not applicable).

4 CLASSIFICATION

The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply.

5 FEES

5.1 Required fees are as follows

With the fee of £85.00 for fully paid-up WCA Members, £100.00 for Non-Members. £5.00 may be deducted for entries received on or before the 24th October 2012 For those fees received on or after 25th October 2012 the fee will be plus £10

5.2 Other fees:

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Registration

Yachts must display the appropriate registration number at all times when engines are in use. Registration is effected by **The Lake Wardens, Ferry Nab, Bowness-on-Windermere**. Please be aware, The Lake Wardens and National Park Rangers will be especially vigilant in enforcement.

6.2 Measurement and inspection

Yachts may be subject to scrutiny for mandatory equipment.

6.3 Dates of racing: (2012 – 2013)

04, 11, 25	November	2012
09, 23	December	2012
06, 20	January	2013
03, 17	February	2013
03, 17	March	2013

If due to unforeseen circumstances additional race days are required these will be held on either: 10th February or 10th, March 2013.

The Windermere Cruising Association Winter Series Committee reserve the right to include any additional race days or change those as stated above.

6.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race

D Fleet (PY 1038 and above)	1050 hours
J Fleet (PY Less than 1038 but greater than 900)	1055 hours
H Fleet (PY 900 or less)	1100 hours

6.5 Additional races for a MINI SERIES will be held on 3 & 17 February and 3 March on a back to back basis to those already scheduled. The time for the first race on these dates will be 30 minutes earlier.

D Fleet	1020 hours
J Fleet	1025 hours
H Fleet	1030 hours

6.6 If required, the additional races may also be used as substitutes if for whatever reason we are unable to complete a race.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be forwarded with acknowledgement of entry.

8 VENUE

Lake Windermere

9 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be displayed on the OD's boat on the day. Copy may be displayed on the Support Boat.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.1, will apply.

10.2 Decisions of the protest committee will be as provided in rule 70.6.

11. SCORING

Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix A of the Racing Rules. The main event will be a long series of races with seven to count and the MINI SERIES will be 3 races with 2 to count , using the Low Point system. Rule A5 will apply.

12. HANDICAP SYSTEM

The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick number system is used. Where no PY is available, a decision will be made by the Handicap Committee. Any grievances must be made in writing to the handicap committee, in accordance with RYA guidelines. (Sent to **Mr D Peters 21 Pine Grove, Warrington, Cheshire WA1 3HF**). A response will be given in writing within two weeks of receipt.

13 SUPPORT BOAT

The support boat will normally be marked with Windermere Cruising Association

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones, unless for safety reasons.

15. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the social gathering after each race, at:

The Hydro Hotel, Helm Road, Bowness - on – Windermere (if available).

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 but a recommended cover of £ 3,000,000

18. EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

- **VHF** Ch 16 - Call Windermere Lake wardens
- **If no reply** Call Liverpool Coastguard
- **Telephone** 999 ask for Coastguard
- **Or** 01539442753 Windermere Lake Wardens

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

The Winter Sailing Secretary

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