

illuminis RS Vareo Open 2025
Saturday 27 September to Sunday 28 September 2025
Sponsored by illuminis Insight Software Limited
Milton Keynes Sailing Club, Caldecotte, Milton Keynes

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Milton Keynes Sailing Club in conjunction with the RS Class Association.

This event will count in the Rooster National Tour.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be issued for this event.
- 1.3 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 31, 33, 35, 44.1, 60.1, 60.1(a), 60.3(b), 61.4(b), 61.2(a), A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in this notice of race or in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The RS Class Association standard sailing instructions are available at <https://rs-association.com>.
- 2.2 The event Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be available at <https://illuminis.co.uk/rs-vareo>

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official noticeboard is located in the main room in the club house.
- 3.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the RS Vareo class.
- 4.2 Helm must be a member of the RS Class Association.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by sending an email to sailing@illuminis.co.uk with your name and sail number.

- 4.4 To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Any competitors aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form. This can be downloaded from the RS Class Association websites and should be completed and handed in at registration.
- 4.6 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committee, subject to the payment of a late entry surcharge.

5 FEES

Entry fees are £10 per boat. The sponsorship from illuminis covers all food and drink for the event. This event has always raised funds for charity chosen by illuminis, and competitors are encouraged to make a donation into a bucket which will be available at the event, or via bank transfer (bank details on request).

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply.

7 ADVERTISING

[DP] [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Registration: Saturday, main room in the club house, 1000 to 1130hrs.

9.2 Briefing – A briefing will be held at 1130hrs on Saturday.

9.3 Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Saturday 25 June	Races 1 to 4
Sunday 26 June	Races 5 to 7

9.4 Seven races are scheduled. The absolute schedule and number of races may be altered in the light of weather conditions over the weekend.

9.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Saturday is 1155hrs. The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Sunday is 1055hrs.

9.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1330hrs

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Boats may be inspected at any time.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

12 VENUE

The Sailing Area will be Caldecotte Lake South.

13 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will probably be Windward Leeward dependant on wind direction.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15 SCORING

15.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

This changes RRS A2.

16 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

16.2 When the engine of a support vessel is running, all support persons on that vessel, shall wear a personal flotation device and the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

Does not apply.

18 BERTHING

[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply.

21 DATA PROTECTION

The Data Processing Policy is available on the class website.

22 RISK STATEMENT

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

Sailing by its nature is 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 or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

23 INSURANCE

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

24 PRIZES

Prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries and at the discretion of the Race Committee, in each class as follows:

First, Second and Third.

Winner of silver fleet (the boats in the lower half of the results table after Saturday's racing).

First boat not carrying a spinnaker

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Paul North, 07764 502620, sailing@illuminis.co.uk

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

Further information, including directions and accommodation can be found at <https://illuminis.co.uk/rs-vareo>