

illuminis RS Vareo National Inland Championship 2026

Saturday 26 September to Sunday 27 September 2026

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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.

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, 2025 - 2028*.
- 1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 31, 32.2, 33, 34, 35, 44.1, 60.1, 60.2(b), 61.1(a), 61.2(b), 61.4(b)(1), 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 [here](#)

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 [here](#)

and should be completed and handed in at registration.

- 4.6 The closing date for entries is Wednesday 23 September. Entries after this date are at the discretion of the organising authority.
- 4.7 The organising authority may cancel the event and reject or cancel entries at its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.
- 4.8 Should the organising authority cancel or reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee in full.
- 4.9 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event within 36 hours prior to the scheduled start of race one any refunds will be at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.

5 FEES

Entry fees are £20 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). Visitors accompanying competitors will not be charged and encouraged to make a donation to the event charity.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply.

7 ADVERTISING

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

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

9 SCHEDULE

9.1

	Day 1	Day 2
Registration	Main room in the club house, 1000 to 1130hrs	
Briefing	11.30	10.30
1 st Warning Signal	11.55	10.55

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

9.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 13.30.

9.5 The race committee may change the scheduled start time of races due to weather conditions or other causes. Any change to the first start time will be posted on the official notice board by 20.00 the evening before the affected races.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Boats may be inspected at any time.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

RRS 40.1 and 40.2(c) shall apply at all times while afloat.

12 VENUE

The Sailing Area will be Caldecotte Lake South.

13 COURSES

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

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

15 SCORING

15.1 One race is 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 No support vessels are allowed at this event.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

Does not apply.

18 BERTHING

18.1 [DP] Does not apply.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply.

21 DATA PROTECTION

The RS Class Association Data Protection Policy is available on the class website.

22 RISK STATEMENT

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@illuminiis.co.uk

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

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