



## **Minnis Bay Sailing Club Shearwater Catamaran Open Meeting**

**Organising Authority: Minnis Bay Sailing Club (MBSC)**

**Dates: July 18-19 2026**

**Location: Minnis Bay Sailing Club, Hengist Road, Minnis Bay, CT7 9QP**

### **Notice of Race (NoR)**

#### **1. Rules**

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028
- 1.2 The Sailing Instructions may override these Racing Rules
- 1.3 Rule 40.1 always applies while afloat
- 1.4 The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a)
- 1.5 Competitors must always abide by rule 47 Trash Disposal while afloat. If any competitor is seen disobeying this rule by race management officials, they will be subject to disqualification without hearing

#### **2. Eligibility and Entry**

- 2.1 The event is open to any Shearwater catamaran which has a current measurement certificate
- 2.2 Competitors must pre-register online and pay for entry before midnight on Friday July 10, 2026
- 2.3 Late entries and payments after midnight Friday July 10, 2026, will be at the organiser's discretion
- 2.4 The entry limit is 25 boats
- 2.5 Competitors wishing to use sail numbers other than those declared when they registered must notify the Race Officer before the warning signal of the race concerned
- 2.6 Should the Organising Authority cancel or reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee in full
- 2.7 The Organising Authority may cancel the event or cancel entries at its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76
- 2.8 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event within 36 hours prior to the scheduled start of race 1 any refunds will be at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority
- 2.9 Each boat shall be sailed by the helm and crew listed on the entry form for the whole series
- 2.10 Parents of competitors under 18 must complete parental consent forms at registration (see **8. Schedule**)
- 2.11 Each boat shall have valid third-party liability insurance with minimum cover of £3million per incident

#### **3. Venue**

- 3.1 Racing will take place in Minnis Bay, Birchington, Kent, south of the Margate Hook sandbank

#### **4. Fees**

- 4.1 Entry fee for the event will be £50 per boat for adult helms, £35 for junior helms
- 4.2 Entry fees are to be paid online
- 4.3 Entry includes a meal for competitors on Saturday evening served in the Clubhouse. Extra meals can be ordered on the entry form

#### **5. Sailing Instructions**

- 5.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available after midnight Sunday July 12, 2026

#### **6. Communications**

- 6.1 The Race Office and Official Notice Board (ONB) is in the wet bar area of MBSC
- 6.2 While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions not available to all boats

## **7. Advertising**

7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority

## **8. Schedule**

- 8.1 Registration will be at the Race Office between 0900 and 1000 on Saturday July 18 to collect tally numbers, trolley tags and meal tickets etc
- 8.2 Racing will be on Saturday July 18 and Sunday July 19
- 8.3 3 races per day are scheduled. This may be altered by the Race Officer; written notice will be displayed on the ONB at least 2 hours prior to the first warning signal of the day to which the change applies. The maximum number of races per day is 4
- 8.4 One discard will be allowed for the event if 4 or more races are completed
- 8.5 Races will be sailed without coming ashore between races, although this may be modified at the discretion of the Race Officer
- 8.6 The Warning Flag will have the class logo
- 8.7 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on each day will be 1155
- 8.8 An event briefing will be held on Saturday at 1030
- 8.9 On Sunday, no race will be started after 1600

## **9. Courses**

- 9.1 Courses will be at the discretion of the Race Officer and will depend on the conditions on the day
- 9.2 Courses will either be i) windward/leeward, or ii) triangle/sausage on alternating legs.
- 9.3 Course details will be shown in the Sailing Instructions

## **10. Equipment Inspection**

- 10.1 If requested, a boat helm/owner shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate for their boat
- 10.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, Notice of Race, and/or Sailing Instructions

## **11. Data Protection**

- 11.1 Minnis Bay SC adheres to the principles and lawful basis of processing data under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We will hold your personal data relating to the event on our systems and we will review your personal data periodically to establish whether we are still entitled to process it. If we decide that we are not entitled to do so, we will stop holding your personal data except that we will retain it in an archived form to be able to comply with future legal obligations. We will only ever share your data for the purpose of depicting the racing, results, analytics, and in media reports distributed to appropriate publications and regular social media platforms

## **12. Prizes**

- 12.1 MBSC Prizes will be given (depending on numbers) for the leading 3 boats
- 12.2 The prize giving ceremony will be as soon as possible after the completion of the last race

## **13. Further Information**

- 13.1. For further information please contact: [events@minnisbaysailingclub.co.uk](mailto:events@minnisbaysailingclub.co.uk)

## **14. Social Activities**

The Club including bar will be open on Friday evening for early arrivals. Breakfast rolls will be available on Saturday and Sunday mornings, and sandwiches and cakes will be available on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. A meal will be available for competitors on Saturday evening; extra meals can be ordered with entry for £10 each. Please indicate any dietary requirements on the entry form.

## **15. Accommodation**

There are several B&B places in the area, camper vans are allowed to park overnight in the car park adjacent to the Club with a pay-and-display ticket for a fee of £13 per 24hrs, cars 24hr fee is £7. Limited camping is available within the boat park, more within 10 minutes walking distance along the seawall at Plumpudding Riding School