



# WHITSTABLE YACHT CLUB

## Merlin Rocket Silver Tiller and Tasar Open Meeting.

### May 30-31 2026

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is Whitstable Yacht Club in association with the National Merlin Rocket and Tasar Owners Associations.

#### RULES

The event will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2029, the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the Merlin Rocket and Tasar Class Associations, Canterbury City Council Water Safety Rules and these Sailing Instructions. In cases of conflict, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

#### IDENTIFICATION

RRS 77 does not apply to spinnakers. Competitors are not required to have sail numbers displayed on their spinnakers.

#### CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The event is open to Merlin Rocket and Tasar Class dinghies. All Merlin Rocket boats must be paid up members of the National Merlin Rocket Owners Association. All Tasar boat entries will automatically be joined to the Tasar Association as part of the entry.

#### ENTRY

Entries must be made via: <https://www.wyc.org.uk/sailing-event-entries/> - the entry fee is £30 per boat. Entry will close on the 28/05/26. No entries will be accepted in person on the day of the event.

#### PROGRAMME

There will be a briefing for competitors on Saturday 30 May at 10.45 in front of the club.

The first race Warning Signal will be no earlier than 11:55hrs on 30 May and the first Warning Signal on Sunday 31 May will not be before 10:25hrs.

Both days' Merlin Rocket races will count for Silver Tiller points. Details of the schedule will be shown in the Sailing Instructions.

#### SOCIAL

A curry supper will be offered to competitors and guests on Saturday 30 May at a cost of £20/head. Tickets must be bought via <https://www.wyc.org.uk/sailing-event-entries/> before the entry close date. Live music provided by the "Merlin and the Rockets" and Tasar competitors.

#### CAMPERVAN PARKING

A maximum of 6 campervans can be parked on Whitstable harbour west quay between May 29 and May 31. Arrival must be during club opening hours. Vehicles must be no longer than 6m. Facilities are limited to those available at the WYC clubhouse during opening

hours. Parking strictly at owner's risk. Booking via: <https://www.wyc.org.uk/sailing-event-entries/>

### SCORING SYSTEM

There are 6 races scheduled for the Tasar and Merlin Rocket Class. The Low Points Scoring System, RRS A4 will apply. The number of discards will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be published on the Whitstable Yacht Club website; hard copies will not be made available.

The Sailing Instructions will vary the following Rules in accordance with RRS 86.1: 33 (changing the next leg of the course); 35 (time limits); 40 (personal floatation devices).

### PRIZES

Tasars: Prizes will be awarded for the first 3 boats overall.

Merlin Rockets:

Prizes will be awarded for the first 3 boats overall, 1st gold fleet boat, 1st silver fleet boat and 1st bronze fleet boat.

The Holden Cup will be awarded to the overall winner of the Merlin event.

The Melbourne Cup will be awarded to the boat with the best combined race results (no discards) on Sunday 31 May.

### COURSES

Courses will be set in Whitstable Bay, approximately North West of Whitstable Yacht Club.

### MEASUREMENT CHECKS

Random checks may be made, at any time, on any competing boats, to ensure compliance with class measurement rules and other requirements under this Notice of Race.

### RISK STATEMENT

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:

- 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.
- they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- the provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- it is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event referred to in the Sailing Instructions and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue.
- their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.