



2026 Comet Open Meeting
Tata Steel Sailing Club (Margam) Eglwys Nunydd Reservoir, Margam, Port Talbot 11th April 2026



Organising Authority: Tata Steel Sailing Club (Margam)
Comet Class Association

Notice of Race

1. Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the 'Rules' defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 – 2028, the Comet Class Association's rules, and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The Racing Rules of Sailing 32, A2, A3, A4, A5, 40 and Race Signals AP and Y will be changed, see the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 This Notice of Race may be amended by a Notice to competitors from the Organising Authority. If there is any conflict with a Sailing Instruction, the Sailing Instruction shall prevail.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 Racing will be open to any Comet dinghy conforming to the Comet Class Rules.

3. Entries and fees

- 3.1 Entries can be submitted in advance either by the online form for this event available on the Tata Steel Sailing Club website or on the official entry form for this event available from the Club on the day. The entry fee of £15 for Comet Class boats can be paid in advance by bank transfer to **Lloyds Bank PLC, Sort Code 30-91-18, Account 02386779**, or by Cheques made payable to **Tata Steel Sailing Club, Margam**.
- 3.2 There will be a reduction to £10 for Comet Class junior helms.
- 3.3 Fees paid after midnight on Thursday 9th April 2025 will incur a surcharge of £5.

4. Schedule

- 4.1 Registration: Competitors shall register at the Clubhouse from 09:30 a.m.
- 4.2 Briefing: A competitors' briefing will be held at the Race Control Office at 11.00
- 4.3 Three races are scheduled as follows:
Race 1 Saturday 12.00pm Races 2 to 3 to be announced.
No Warning signal will be made after 4.00pm

5. Measurement

- 5.1 Each boat must have a valid measurement certificate and buoyancy endorsement, and must sail under the original sail number unless otherwise authorized by the race officer.

6. Sailing Instructions and Notices to competitors

- 6.1 Sailing instructions will be posted on the Club Website.
- 6.2 Notices to competitors will be posted at the Race Control Office.

7. Course and Racing Area

- 7.1 The racing area and course will be announced at the briefing and described on the course board.

8. Scoring

- 8.1 The event will be scored using *RRS* Appendix A, except that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score excluded if 3 or more races have been completed.
- 8.2 Two scored races are required for the results to be counted.

9. Prizes

- 9.1 Prizes will be given for first, second and third place.
- 9.2 Further category prizes may be awarded.

10. Support boats

- 10.1 Only patrol boats appointed by the race officer may enter the race area or communicate with competitors afloat.

11. Risk Statement and Disclaimer of Liability

- 11.1 The responsibility for a boat's decision to race is hers alone (RRS Rule 4). By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that :
- a. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved and accept responsibility for themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk;
 - b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and 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, including helm, is fit for the conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them;
 - e. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - f. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 11.2 Each sailor under the age of 18 at the time of registration will be required to submit a consent form signed by a parent or guardian confirming acceptance of the terms above. The parent or guardian or a nominated alternate will be asked to be in or around the club while their dependent is racing.

12. Insurance

- 12.1 Boats are required to be adequately insured including insurance against third party claims of at least £5,000,000.

13. Safety

- 13.1 Competitors will be required to wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times whilst afloat – except for a short period whilst changing clothing. Flag 'Y' will not be displayed; this changes RRS rules 40 and Race Signals 'Y'. Wet suits and dry suits do not comply with this.

14. Rights to use names and likenesses

- 14.1 Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

15. Camping/Motorhomes

- 15.1 Overnight camping is available at the club. Please contact the Vice Commodore, vice-commodore@tatasteelsailing.org.uk if you wish to take advantage of this.

16. Further information

- 16.1 For further information, contact the club Vice Commodore at vice-commodore@tatasteelsailing.org.uk.
- 16.2 **Note** Unfortunately the Eglwys Nynydd Reservoir has become infected with a type of freshwater shrimp - *Dikerogammarus villosus*. This is harmless to humans but has an adverse effect on other life in fresh or brackish water. To prevent transfer to other bodies of water, it will be necessary for all boats and equipment to be hosed down before leaving the site.