



CHALLENGER COACHING WEEKEND

27-28 APRIL 2024

RUTLAND SAILING CLUB



Following the success of last year's coaching weekend, the Challenger Class Association, with the support of RYA Sailability, is pleased to be able to offer another coaching weekend to help you kickstart your 2024 sailing season.

Twenty places are available and they are offered on a first come, first served basis. As last year, the intention is to have two groups: one for experienced (gold fleet) sailors and the other for intermediate (silver fleet) sailors.

The weekend will be led by Brett Cokayne, the RYA's National Sailability Development Officer.

As last year, it is suggested that you identify three areas you would most like to cover during the weekend. You should include these on the entry form.

The precise format for the weekend has yet to be decided but, weather permitting, there will be a number of on the water sessions (with associated briefings and debriefs). There will be the opportunity for a sociable evening meal on the Saturday.

Sailors bringing a boat should ideally arrive on the Friday afternoon (26 April) so it can be built and ready for an early start on Saturday morning.

It is possible that a very small number of Rutland Sailability Challengers may be available to loan to visiting sailors. If you would like to borrow a boat you should contact Philip Mason, the Rutland Sailability Challenger fleet captain (email: philipmason@hotmail.com).

The cost for the weekend is **£25.00**. Entries must be made via:

<https://membermojo.co.uk/challenger-sailing/store> (you will need to login)

All three sections (Coaching weekend 27-28 April : entry; Coaching weekend 27-28 April : Saturday evening meal; and Coaching weekend 27-28 April : help) must be completed. Payment can be made using a credit/debit card or a BACS payment.

The closing date for entries is **23:59 on Thursday 7 April**. However, late entries will be considered, subject to the availability of places, email challenger.class.association@gmail.com

If you are not already a member of the class association you must join (as a standard, family, junior or affiliated member) first via:

<https://membermojo.co.uk/challenger-sailing/joinus>

Accommodation and meals (including for Friday evening) are available at Rutland Sailing Club. Accommodation can be booked through the club (which is closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays): phone 01780 720292.

Please read the following sections carefully as they set out the conditions and requirements for the coaching weekend (rather like a notice of race). When you submit your entry you are confirming your acceptance of these conditions.

1 ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1 The event is open to all una-rig Challengers (Mk1, Mk2 and Mk2a)
- 1.2 The event is open to experienced (gold fleet) and intermediate (silver fleet sailors). The event is not suitable for novice or bronze fleet racers.

All participating helms must be a standard, family, junior or affiliated member of the Challenger Class Association.

Challenger events rely on volunteers so:

- **Where possible visiting helms, particularly those who are unable to rig the boat and take it to the water's edge, should bring someone to help them.**
- **Visiting helms who require personal care must be accompanied by someone able to provide that care.**
- **Sailors under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or individual acting in *loco parentis* who must remain at the venue at all times.**

2 RULES

- 2.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS (Racing Rules of Sailing), the Challenger Class Design Rules and any local sailing instructions.
- 2.2 Sailors should note that the Challenger Class Association implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.
- 2.3 In particular, all Challengers must comply with Design Rules F2.3(g&h):
- F2.3(g) Tow line of free specification. Recommended 5 metres minimum length. Shall reach from a secure bow point back to the helmsperson
 - F2.3(h) Sponson Grab Lines of free specification. Shall be fixed near the outer ends of both front and rear crossbeams
- 2.4 The Class Design Rules are available from the Challenger Class Association website www.challenger-sailing.org.uk.

3 VISUAL IMAGES CONSENT

By submitting the entry form, sailors grant the Challenger Class Association, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show or publish any motion pictures, still pictures and live or recorded coverage in any media of, or relating to, the event, unless they advise the organisers otherwise in writing prior to the event.

4 DATA PROTECTION

The personal information you provide to the Challenger Class Association will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the RRS and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the RRS and the other rules that govern the event, personal information may be shared with the RYA and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

5 SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding of adults at risk and, children and young people is the responsibility of the organising authority. Anyone with any concerns about safeguarding should, in the first instance, talk to one of the class association's Welfare Officers: Annie Molyneux (phone: 01476 593611 or 07732 781776; email: annmolyneux157@btinternet.com) or Liz Newton (phone: 07812 694132; email: lizziej.newton@gmail.com).

6 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 of the RRS state: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". This rule applies equally to an on the water coaching session. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each sailor 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, including survival in the water, taking into account any disability they might have;
- (e) The fact that coaches may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each sailor set out in this document
- (f) The provision of coaches, patrol boats and volunteers by the event organisers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (g) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (h) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks; specific to their disability if any, at a particular venue or event or drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event **and to attend any safety briefings held for the event;**
- (i) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.