



Notice of Race – Bowmoor Sailing Club:

RS200 South West “Ugly” Tour and RS200 Masters’ Championship

Saturday 28th June 2025

Bowmoor Sailing Club, the RS Class Association and West Country Boat Repairs are delighted to welcome the RS200 fleet to Bowmoor for an open event of the South West “Ugly” Tour and the 2025 RS200 Masters’ Championship.

The Organising Authority is Bowmoor Sailing Club in conjunction with the UK RS Class Association.

1 RULES:

- 1.1 Races will be governed by the ‘Rules’ as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028 except as they are changed by Bowmoor SC Open Meeting sailing instructions, the prescriptions of the RYA and this Notice of Race.
- 1.2 Racing Rule 40.1 is changed to the effect that buoyancy aids are compulsory at all times on/in the water. The changes appear in full in the Sailing Instructions which are published on the club website (see below).
- 1.3 Competitors should note that Bowmoor Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter. Details can be found on the RYA website and are posted at the club.
- 1.4 Communication: Except in an emergency, from the first warning signal to the end of racing, a boat shall not make voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

2 ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1 The regatta is open to boats of the RS200 Class only.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by either completing an entry form at <https://bowmoor.com/racing/open-meetings/> or in-person at the club on the day.
- 2.3 For the 2025 RS200 Masters’ Championship, helms 45 years or older on the date of the event qualify as a Master, and helms 60 years or older on the date of the event qualify as a Grand Master. Masters’ crews may be of any age.

3 ENTRY:

- 3.1 The entry fee is:
 - 3.1.1 Prior to midnight on Tuesday 24th June, £25 including lunch (served after the scheduled racing has been completed);
 - 3.1.2 After midnight on Tuesday 24th June, £20 excluding food/drink.
- 3.2 Registration will be open from 09:00am.
- 3.3 Any special catering needs must be advised on entry.

4 SCHEDULE:

- 4.1 Five races are scheduled for the event of approximately 30-40 minutes duration.
- 4.2 A competitors' briefing will be held in the club house at 10:30am.
- 4.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 10:55am.
- 4.4 Start times will be approximately as follows:
 - 4.4.1 First Race start: 11:00am.
 - 4.4.2 Second and subsequent Race starts will follow as soon as possible after the previous race (back-to-back).
 - 4.4.3 The last warning signal will not be made after 4:00pm.
- 4.5 A '5-4-1-0' starting sequence will be used.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 5.1 The Sailing Instructions are available on the club website under 'Racing':
<https://bowmoor.com/documents/OpenSIs2020.pdf>.
- 5.2 The Sailing Instructions will be available at the time of entry.
- 5.3 Support vessels are not permitted at this event; only Bowmoor Sailing Club patrol vessels under the direction of the Race Officer.

6 COURSES:

- 6.1 The course for each race will be set by the Race Officer at least six minutes prior to the start of each race, displayed on the stern of the committee boat.



7 SCORING:

- 7.1 The low points scoring system will be used.
- 7.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 7.3 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score as the discard.
- 7.4 For series ties, RRS rule A8 applies.
- 7.5 In the event that only one race is sailed, the prizes may be awarded based on the result of that race.
- 7.6 The Master and Grand Master results will be extracted from the overall event results, to determine the results for the 2025 RS200 Masters Championship.

8 PRIZES:

- 8.1 Prizes will be awarded at the club's discretion, based on the number of entries. Prizes will include as a minimum first place for the event overall and first Master and Grand Master.
- 8.2 Other spot prizes may be awarded at the club's discretion.

9 LIABILITY AND RISK STATEMENT:

- 9.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk; see RRS Rule 4 'Decision to Race'.
- 9.2 Bowmoor Sailing Club will not accept any liability for material damage, accident or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.
- 9.3 RRS Rule 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- 9.3.1 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.
 - 9.3.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
 - 9.3.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
 - 9.3.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
 - 9.3.5 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.
 - 9.3.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - 9.3.7 It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

10 INSURANCE:

- 10.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of at least £2,000,000 or the equivalent.

Further Information:

- Entries received before midnight on Tuesday 24th June will include a hot lunch and drink to follow racing (vegetarian option available).
- Entries received after midnight on Tuesday 24th June will not include any food or drink, but the Bowmoor galley will be open for the purchase of food and drink, subject to availability.
- Any special catering needs must be advised on entry.
- On-site camping (free for competitors) is available on the Friday and Saturday night. Access is available from 5pm on Friday 27th June by prior arrangement. The entry gate is locked and will need to be opened, so notice of your arrival time will be required.



- Competitors staying on the Saturday night are welcome to participate in club racing on Sunday 29th June.

Directions:

- <https://bowmoor.com/contact/contact-us/>
- Bowmoor Sailing Club Entrance is on the South side of the A417 Cirencester to Lechlade road approximately 1.9 miles West of Lechlade town center and 2 miles East of Fairford town center. The entrance is signposted to “Lakes by Yoo Bar & Kitchen Entrance” and Bowmoor Sailing Club.
- For sat nav use coordinates 51.698870, -1.730710 or 51° 41' 56.06" N, 1° 43' 51.49" W. OS grid reference is SP 1869000052.
- The nearest postcode is GL7 3DT, which is a little East of the entrance. Alternatively search “Bowmoor Sailing Club” on Google Maps.
- For further information about the event please contact Bowmoor by email on sailing@bowmoor.com.

Bowmoor Bio-Security Policy:

- Please note that visiting boats must be clean and emptied of water (including launching trolleys) with all visible and obvious signs of contamination (such as mud and weed) removed well away from the Club premises.