



Notice of Race
CSC Heron Open Meeting
Sunday 10th May 2026

The Organising Authority is Chipstead Sailing Club, in conjunction
with the Heron Dinghy Class Association

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028*
- 1.2. Competitors should note that Chipstead Sailing Club 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 (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions are available on the sailing club website at [CSC Sailing Instructions, January 2026 Edition](#).

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Heron Dinghy Class.
- 4.2. Boats may enter the event in advance by contacting Maria Lamb via email to heron@chipsteadsc.org.uk. Boats may also register from 9am on the day.
- 4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fee is £20.00 per boat.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 A boat shall be helmed and crewed by the nominated helmsman and crew throughout the Championship unless under exceptional circumstances a quorum of the Committee of the Class Association gives a special dispensation.

6.2 All points shall accrue to the helm and any award shall accrue to the owner(s) of the boat, except that in certain cases an award may accrue to a club or an individual in accordance with the terms of a Deed of Gift.

7. ADVERTISING

7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES – Does Not Apply

9. SCHEDULE

9.1. Registration will take place in the clubhouse from 09:00 to 09:45.

9.2. Date and number of races:

Date	Number in series	Races per day Scheduled
Sunday 10 th May 2026	4	4

9.3. At the discretion of the Class Representatives and the Race Officer, the number of races may change to allow for any for any inclement weather forecasts. This decision will be announced at the briefing.

9.4. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race will **not be before 10:25 on Sunday 10th May 2026.** The start sequence shall be 5, 4, 1, GO, as per the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 26).

9.5. No warning signal will be made after 16:00.

9.6. A competitor briefing will be held outside the clubhouse at **09:45** on Sunday 10th May 2026. **Please ensure your boat is ready to sail before the briefing.**

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1. Each boat may be required to produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate. The Class Association reserves the right to refuse entry to any boat they cannot be satisfied is conformant with class rules.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1. RRS40.1 shall apply at all times when afloat.

12. VENUE

12.1. The venue shall be Chipstead Sailing Club, Chevening Lane, Chipstead, KENT TN13 2SD. Parking is to the right-hand side before the clubhouse (end of Chevening Lane). Drivers should only park in the club carpark. Boats can be driven down to the foreshore (ramp on left hand side, opposite car park) but cars must be parked in the carpark as soon as practically possible thereafter.

13. COURSES

13.1. The courses to be sailed will be announced at the briefing.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. The standard RRS shall apply.

15. SCORING

15.1. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series. Three races are required to qualify for the series.

15.2. A boat's series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.

15.3 RRS 90.3e shall apply.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 Support vessels shall not be allowed.

17, 18, 19, 20 DO NOT APPLY

21. DATA PROTECTION

21.1. The CSC Data Protection policy can be found at www.chipsteadsc.org.uk

22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.'

Sailing is by nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

(a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure to themselves, their crew, their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part;

(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their 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

(e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

(f) The provision of a patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

(g) 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.

23. INSURANCE

23.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

24. PRIZES

24.1. The trophies will be awarded as follows:

The Heron Class of Chipstead Sailing Club will award prizes for overall first, second and third placing boats.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1 CANCELLATION

In the event of any adverse weather conditions or other reasons causing the event to be cancelled, the Heron Dinghy Class Association will notify all members by email by Saturday 09th May 2026 at 1100.

25.2 CAMPING

Camping is available on request. Please contact the Class Captain via heron@chipsteadsc.org.uk to make arrangements.

25.3 CAFETERIA and BAR

The club caterer will be on site and offering a range of breakfast and lunch options which will be available for purchase. The club bar will be open (subject to volunteer availability) both on Sunday evening and (subject to volunteer availability) at lunchtime and after racing.