Comet National Championships
27th-29th May 2017

Comet Trio Inland Championships
27th-28th May 2017

Comet Versa Inland Championships
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Comet Zero Inland Championships
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Comet Duo Inland Championships
27th May 2017

Burghfield Sailing Club
(organising authority)
Hangar Road, Theale, Reading, Berkshire, RG7 4AP

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 Competitors should note that Burghfield Sailing Club, the Comet Class Association and the Combined Comet Class Association implement 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 2017-2020 (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.

2 NOT USED

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the Comet class (with standard, Xtra or Mino rig) that are members of the Comet Class Association at the time of the event, and to boats of the Comet Trio, Comet Versa, Comet Duo and Comet Zero classes that are members of the Combined Comet Class Association at the time of the event.

3.2 Eligible boats shall pre-enter online (including full payment) as described on the event website http://www.burghfieldsailing.org/comet_championships before midnight on 21st May 2017.

3.3. Late entries will be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.

4 NOT USED

5 FEES

5.1 Required fees are as follows:

Before midnight on 30th April 2017:

Comet (standard, Xtra or Mino rig)	£43.50
Comet Trio	£36.00
Comet Versa (double-handed)	£36.00
Comet Versa (single-handed)	£24.00
Comet Zero (double-handed)	£36.00
Comet Zero (single-handed)	£24.00
Comet Duo (double-handed)	£18.00
Comet Duo (single-handed)	£12.00

After midnight on 30th April 2017:

Comet (standard, Xtra or Mino rig)	£53.50
Comet Trio	£46.00
Comet Versa (double-handed)	£46.00
Comet Versa (single-handed)	£34.00
Comet Zero (double-handed)	£46.00
Comet Zero (single-handed)	£34.00
Comet Duo (double-handed)	£28.00
Comet Duo (single-handed)	£22.00

6 RACE FLEETS

6.1 The fleets will be as follows:

Comet

Comet Trio

Comet Versa

Comet Zero

Comet Duo

6.2 For the Comet class competitors shall nominate which type of rig they will use (standard rig, Xtra rig or Mino rig) before racing. A Competitor shall use the same type of rig for all races.

6.3 For the Comet Versa class competitors sailing single-handed shall not use a spinnaker.

6.4 The Comet Duo class will be sailed using the following Portsmouth Yardsticks:
Single-handed Comet Duo: 1150
Double-handed Comet Duo: 1178.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration: 8:30 to 10:00 Saturday 27th May 2017.

7.2 Briefing 10:00 Saturday 27th May 2017.

7.3 Dates of racing:

Comet:	Saturday 27th May – Monday 29th May 2017.
Comet Trio:	Saturday 27th May – Sunday 28th May 2017.
Comet Versa:	Saturday 27th May – Sunday 28th May 2017.
Comet Zero:	Saturday 27th May – Sunday 28th May 2017.
Comet Duo:	Saturday 27th May.

7.4 Number of races:

Comet:	10 races.
Comet Trio:	8 races.
Comet Versa:	8 races.
Comet Zero:	8 races.
Comet Duo:	4 races.

7.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is:

Saturday 27th May 2017:	11:00.
Sunday 28th May 2017:	10:30.
Monday 29th May 2017:	10:30.

7.6 No warning signal will be made after the following time:

Comet: 14:00 on Monday 29th May 2017.

Comet Trio: 15:00 on Sunday 28th May 2017.

Comet Versa: 15:00 on Sunday 28th May 2017.

Comet Zero: 15:00 on Sunday 28th May 2017.

Comet Duo: 15:00 on Saturday 27th May 2017.

8 MEASUREMENTS

8.1 All Boats must comply with their respective class rules.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 21st May 2017 from the event website, http://www.burghfieldsailing.org/comet_championships. Sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board from when Registration opens on the day of the event. Individual printed copies will not be distributed during the event.

10 VENUE

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11 THE COURSES

11.1 The courses to be sailed will be as published in the Sailing Instructions.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 Rule 44.3 will not apply.

13 SCORING

13.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply with A9 replacing A4.2.

13.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores as listed below:

Races	Excluded Scores
1 - 2	0
3 - 6	1
7 - 10	2

14 SUPPORT BOATS

14.1 Support boats will not be permitted.

15-18 NOT USED

19 PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

20 STATEMENT OF RISK

20.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing 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 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 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;

(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 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 at the venue.

21 INSURANCE

21.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

22.1 For further information please see contact details on the event website, http://www.burghfieldsailing.org/comet_championships.