



BLYM Racing - Event

Wembley SC (Thames Valley Series) Laser Open 2023

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Introduction:

As part of our 2023 racing events we will be towing a few Lasers to Wembley Sailing Club (Wembley SC) for their Laser Open Event as part of the Thames Valley Grand Prix Series. Details of the event can be found on the event organisers' website:

bookwhen.com/bespokecourses/e/ev-syvb-20230903093000

This is a competitive regatta and is a fantastic way to improve your boat handling and explore sailing at different venues.

BLYM is able to provide and transport a few Laser dinghies to the event, you can request a boat via the BLYM website, this is separate from the event booking itself, details on how to enter can be found under "Entering the event" below.

Please note, BLYM is not organising this event and as such cannot and will not take any responsibility. Please contact Wembley SC directly if you have any queries about the event, we are only offering the transport of kit and the use of the BLYM Laser fleet at the event. You are responsible for ensuring you are eligible for the event, ensuring you have entered the event correctly and for everything on the day.

You will need to arrange your **own transport** to and from Wembley SC for the event. Anyone under the age of 18 **must** be supervised by an adult on-site at Wembley SC, BLYM and BLYM's members will not be able to supervise anyone. Please remember to bring lunch with you on the day.



Entering the event:

You will need to request a boat from BLYM and book onto the event with Wembley SC separately as outlined below.

The cost per boat is £16 from BLYM, this includes boat usage and towing costs for the day. Please request a boat by **3pm on the 28th of August** through the BLYM system. Sadly due to the expansion of the ULEZ around London, the cost to borrow a boat now has to include the daily charge to enter the zone, this has been split between participants.

From Wembley SC's website, the cost to book for the event is as follows:

Adult: £15

Junior (U18): £7.5

- 1) BLYM members will be able to request a laser to use at the event, to make this request, please use the BLYM website (you will also need to book with Wembley Separately):
blym.org.uk/racing/wembley-open
- 2) Once you have requested a boat by booking with BLYM system, please email racing@blym.org.uk requesting a rigging size.
- 3) Once you have a boat confirmed with BLYM please book onto the event itself with Wembley, details can be found on their website:
bookwhen.com/bespokecourses/e/ev-syvb-20230903093000

When booking, please leave the sail number as TBC as I will need to find the appropriate kit at BLYM and pass sail numbers on once confirmed. Please note BLYM is unable to see and manage bookings with Wembley, if you have any queries for the event please contact Wembley directly, we are only providing kit for the event.

Requests to use a BLYM boat at the event are limited and are on a first come first served basis, if all entries are full please sign up to the waiting list. We have a maximum towing capacity but may be able to do multiple trips if enough people join the waiting list.

We ask everyone to be at a minimum standard of RYA Stage 3 with a good understanding of the racing rules of sailing and to have attended multiple Sunday morning / Wednesday evening racing sessions at BLYM before. As we are loaning out racing kit, you need to be approved to borrow this through the fast boat list. The training team has only recently introduced this again. The team is happy to consider adding any competent sailor onto the list so they can use racing kit for this event as it is not intended to be a barrier to sailing, but a way to keep club kit in a good condition. Please email racing@blym.org.uk for any queries regarding this and to request to be added to the fast boat list. This request will be passed to the Principal and Chief instructor.



BLYM reserves the right to cancel a booking and entry to the event if it is decided the participant's knowledge and standard is not at the required level, this is due to racing alongside participants using their own boats, being at a different venue than BLYM and to protect BLYM's kit. Whilst BLYM's kit is insured for use away at events, **participants are responsible for any damage caused.**

Please note this is a regatta and participants are expected to keep to the racing rules of sailing along with the associated sportsmanship. Other participants will be using their own boats and collisions must be avoided at all costs. We may be on-site to offer guidance if you're new to racing in a regatta format, coaching on the water is not able to be provided due to this being a competitive event.