

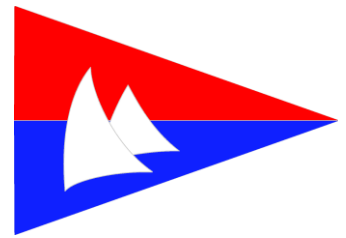
Notice of Race

BSDRA Pairs 2025

Royal Corinthian Yacht Club

27th and 28th September 2025

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club in association with the British Schools Dinghy Racing Association.



1. Introduction

- 1.1. The BSDRA Pairs 2025 will take place on 27th and 28th September 2025 at Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, CM0 8AX.
- 1.2. Melges 15 type boats will be provided by the Organising Authority. Each boat shall be sailed by two people.
- 1.3. The event is a "Pairs" event with teams of four sailors, separated into two divisions (Blue and Yellow) competing in short fleet races against the other crews in their division.
 - a) Teams shall nominate sailors to sail in either the Blue or Yellow division, a sailor shall not sail in more than one division.
 - b) Up to five Blue Division races will be followed by up to five Yellow Division races. Teams shall be allocated boats to sail in each set of five races.
 - c) Blue and Yellow Divisions will continue to swap and sail in up to five races at a time for the duration of the event.

2. Rules

- 2.1. The Event will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the RYA Prescriptions
- 2.2. Races will be umpired in accordance with the Rules and Rule Changes included in an addendum which will be published ahead of the event.
- 2.3. RRS 40.1 (Personal Floatation Devices) applies at all times while afloat.
- 2.4. Crouch Harbour Authority byelaws will apply. Please see <https://crouchharbour.uk/byelaws/>.
- 2.5. Sailing Instructions will be published ahead of the event and may change some rules in the RRS, including but not limited to RRS 26, 28.2, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35, A2, A4 and A5.
- 2.6. The RYA Racing Charter is in effect and competitors are 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/racingrules.
- 2.7. The notation [NP] in a rule in this Notice of Race (NoR) or the Sailing Instructions (SI) denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

3. Communication

- 3.1. The Online Official Noticeboard will be located at <https://events.ksail.co.uk/2025/BSDRAPairs/>

4. Entry and Eligibility Requirements [NP]

- 4.1. The competitors in a team shall be bona-fide members of the Organisation they represent and should not change during the Championship.
- 4.2. Where more than one team is entered by an Organisation, each team shall be identified by an appropriate suffix but shall not be identified by numbers or letters.
- 4.3. All teams must be accompanied by a designated adult chaperone, who shall remain available onsite during the event.
- 4.4. All organisations are required to make at least one person available who can assist the OA with conducting the regatta, either on or off the water. Organisations that have three or more entered teams will be required to make a minimum of two people available at the request of the OA.

5. Request for Invitation

- 5.1. Requests for Invitation are encouraged from Teams representing current BSDRA Member Organisations.
- 5.2. Other Organisations, including RYA Affiliated Schools, Clubs and organisations may request to be invited at sole the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 5.3. Requests for Invitation will be accepted until 1300hrs Monday 8th September 2025 by using the form available at <https://events.ksail.co.uk/2025/BSDRAPairs/>.

6. Invitation to Enter

- 6.1. From the requests for invitation received, up to 30 entries will initially be invited.
- 6.2. Initial Invitations for entry into each division will be issued by 2100hrs Monday 8th September 2025 using the following criteria, applied in order;
 - a) Each BSDRA Member Organisation will be invited to make an entry before another Organisation is invited to make an entry.
 - b) Each BSDRA Member Organisation will be invited to make a second entry before another Organisation is invited to make a second entry and so onward.
 - c) and in all other respects, invitations will be made based on the date and time of receipt of the Request for Invitation.
- 6.3. Requests for Invitation which did not receive an initial invitation will be placed, in order, on a waiting list using the criteria above.
- 6.4. Additional entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 6.5. Decisions of the OA about entry or eligibility shall not be cause for redress. This amends RRS 76.3.

7. Confirmation of Entry

- 7.1. Entries will not be considered valid unless all requirements of this Notice of Race are met.
- 7.2. Teams shall confirm their entry by accepting their invitation by no later than 1700hrs Monday 15th September. Invitations not accepted by this time will be assumed to have been declined and the invitation will be allocated to the next team on the waiting list.
- 7.3. On receipt of an acceptance, the Organising Authority will issue the organisation an invoice for entry fees due. This invoice will not be cancelled; a team will forfeit their entry fee should an entry subsequently be withdrawn.
- 7.4. Should the OA be able to secure a replacement entry for a team that has withdrawn, the OA may provide a refund of the entry fee, less a £50 administration fee and any costs already incurred at the time of withdrawal.
- 7.5. By accepting an invitation, the team, and the organisation it represents agree to the damage process as detailed in Attachment X to this NoR.

8. Entry Fees

- 8.1. The entry fee for a team will be £400

9. Event Schedule

- 9.1. Registration will be on the ground floor of the clubhouse at the East end at 0930hrs
- 9.2. A briefing for all competitors will be ground floor of the clubhouse at the East end at 1000hrs
- 9.3. Racing will start at 1100 on Saturday 27th September and continue all day, until around 17.00. It will resume at 0900 on Sunday 28th September. Racing on Sunday is intended to continue until mid-afternoon however no warning signal will be made after 1600.

10. Clothing and Equipment [NP][DP]

- 10.1. All Competitors shall ensure they wear suitable clothing to protect from the effects of the existing weather conditions and water temperature whilst afloat.
- 10.2. The OA will not provide protest flags.

11. Format of Racing

- 11.1. The courses which may be sailed are included in Addendum C of this Notice of Race.
- 11.2. Racing will be scored using the system defined in the SI's. There will be no discards.

12. Prizes

- 12.1. The winning team will be awarded the BSDRA Pairs Trophy.
- 12.2. Additional Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

13. Advertising and Sponsorship

- 13.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 13.2. The OA may request competitors to wear bibs that are loaned for the purposes of team identification.

14. Data Protection, Rights to use Name and Likeness

- 14.1. The personal information you provide to the OA will be used to facilitate your participation in the event and may be shared with third party organisations; a list of whom may be obtained by contacting the OA. If

you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing 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 OA's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The entries, results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

- 14.2. By participating in this event competitors automatically grant to the OA the right in perpetuity to make use and show at their discretion any photography, audio and video recordings and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue until their final departure, without compensation.

15. Risk Statement

- 15.1. Rule 3 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 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the 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 competitor briefing held at the venue;
- h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims.

- 15.2. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibility of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

16. Cancellation

- 16.1. The Organising Authority may cancel the event in its absolute discretion. In the event that the Organising Authority decides to cancel the event they shall give at least 36 hours' notice to the Team Organiser, and shall refund the entry fee, less any costs already incurred.

Attachment C – Courses

The courses which may be used are as described below, additional courses may be described in the Sailing Instructions.

Mr. Greedy	Square
<i>p = round to port; s = round to starboard</i> Start – 1p – 2p – 3s – 4p – 5p – 6p – Finish	<i>p = round to port</i> Start – 1p – 2p – 3p– 4p – Finish
This course may be mirrored such that all marks are left to Starboard.	
The Start and Finish lines may be combined.	

Attachment X –Damage

It is expected that all competitors show due care and attention to the boats that are provided for their use during the Event. Damage to boats causes conflict, delay and impacts everyone involved at the event. This attachment intends to help minimise damage; ultimately providing more racing at less cost for everyone.

In the unfortunate case of damage occurring, this attachment provides guidance to competitors and officials on how damage may be assessed, penalised and costs allocated as equitably as possible.

UQ1. DAMAGE AGREEMENT

UQ1.1 By entering the event, the team expressly agrees to follow and comply with this system without delay or dispute. A failure to comply with an instruction or invoice issued may result in disqualification from the event without a hearing.

UQ1.2 Each team is liable for up to £600 of damage associated costs per incident (this includes boats, equipment and property).

UQ1.3 Any decision on the allocation and quantum of any damage associated costs is solely for the Organising Authority to determine. Subject to RRS 61, the decision of the Organising Authority is final and teams agree to accept it without dispute.

UQ2. DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

UQ2.1 An initial assessment of damage will be made as soon as possible following an incident.

UQ2.2 Onward assessment of the damage after further inspection will have no effect on a penalty given in accordance with RRS 14 but may affect any damage associated costs.

UQ3. DAMAGE ASSOCIATED COSTS

UQ3.1 The Race Committee may require a team to make an intermediate payment, to the amount defined in this attachment; against allocated damage costs before the team may sail another event boat.

UQ3.2 If a team is allocated damage associated costs, and these are not paid at the event, the Organising Authority will issue an invoice to the team. Invoices must be paid (without set off or deduction) within 14 days unless an extension is agreed with the Organising Authority.

UQ3.3 Failure to comply with a damage invoice within 14 days (or any extension period) is a breach of this agreement and the Organising Authority may:

- (a) disqualify the team without a hearing,
- (b) reject any future entries from the team's organisation,
- (c) Suspend the BSDRA membership rights of the team's organisation.

UQ3.4 The Organising Authority may amend or cancel a damage notice at any time and may reinstate a team disqualified.