



**Notice of Race**  
**RYA Women's Team Racing National Championship**  
**6/7th December 2025**  
**Royal Hospital School at Alton Water Sports Centre**

**1) INTRODUCTION**

The event is for three boat teams and will be sailed in firefly type dinghies supplied by the Organising Authority. Each boat shall be sailed by 2 people.

**2) ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The organising authority is Royal Hospital School, in conjunction with the Royal Yachting Association (RYA).

**3) RULES**

- a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- b) Races will be umpired.
- c) The current UK Team Racing Association (UKTRA) Team Racing Sailing Instructions will apply. These are available on the UKTRA web site ([www.teamracing.org](http://www.teamracing.org)) and at registration.
- d) In accordance with RRS 70.3(b) the right of appeal is denied.

**4) ENTRIES & DEPOSIT**

- a) Entries are invited via [online entry](#) form from clubs, class associations, schools and universities.
- b) Up to 18 entries will be accepted on a first come first served basis.
- c) The entry fee is £540 per team before 1200 (midday) on 7th November 2025, £580 per team until 23.59 on 16th November 2025.
- d) No competitor may sail for more than one team. After an entry has been accepted the members of a team shall not be changed without the prior written approval of the race committee.
- e) Teams shall consist of sailors who identify as female.
- f) The closing date for receipt of entries and payment of the entry fee is 7th November.
- g) Each team will be liable for the cost of damage, but not 'fair wear and tear', to boats, equipment and property up to a maximum of £500 per incident. By entering, the team and the organisation it represents agree to the damage process detailed in Attachment X to this Notice of Race.

**5) EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE**

- a) The intended format of the event will be available at registration.
- b) Registration will take place at Alton Water Sports Centre, on Saturday 6th December from 0830-0900.
- c) There will be a competitor briefing at 0900 on Saturday 6th December 2025.
- d) The first warning signal will be at 0927.

**6) BUOYANCY AND CLOTHING**

Competitors shall wear an adequate personal flotation device at all times when afloat. All competitors will be required to wear wet suits (of a minimum of a long john design with thermal insulating material up to the shoulders of the competitor) or dry suits.

## **7) RISK STATEMENT AND INSURANCE**

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 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) Boats provided by competitors are required to hold adequate insurance including insurance against third party claims of at least £5,000,000.

## **8) PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the winner of the RYA Women's Team Racing Championship.

- a) Only GBR Teams will be eligible for the RYA Women's Team Racing Trophy.
- b) The U19 trophy will be awarded to teams of sailors all U19 on 6/12/25.
- c) Other prizes may be awarded to the top three teams overall and at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## **9) CANCELLATION**

The OA reserves the right to cancel the event. The entry fee and any deposits paid will be refunded less any un-avoidable costs.

## **Attachment X –Damage**

It is expected that all competitors show due care and attention on to the venue, boats and equipment that is 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.

## **X1. DAMAGE AGREEMENT**

X1.1 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. This changes RRS 63.1.

X1.2 Each team is liable for up to £500 of damage associated costs per incident (this includes boats, equipment and property).

X1.3 Any decision on the allocation and quantum of any damage associated costs is solely for the Organising Authority to determine. Subject to rule 62, the decision of the Organising Authority is final and teams agree to accept it without dispute.

## **X2. DAMAGE ASSESSMENT**

X2.1 An initial assessment of damage will be made as soon as possible following an incident.

X2.2 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.

## **X3. DAMAGE ASSOCIATED COSTS**

X3.1 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.

X3.2 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.

X3.3 Failure to comply with a damage invoice within 14 days (or any extension period) is a breach of this agreement and will be considered as Misconduct and the Organising Authority may:

- (a) disqualify the team in question without a hearing, this changes RRS 63.1;
- (b) reject any future entries from the teams' organisation.
- (c) report the team to the Protest Committee for a breach of rule 69

X3.4 The Organising Authority may amend or cancel a damage notice at any time and may reinstate a team disqualified.