

Notts County SC
NOTICE of RACE
Nottingham Snakebite 2026
February 14th-15th

1. INTRODUCTION

The event is for three boat teams and will be sailed in Fireflies supplied by The University of Nottingham. Each boat shall be sailed by two people.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is The University of Nottingham Sailing Club.

3. RULES

- 3.1. The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- 3.2. Races will be umpired.
- 3.3. The current UK Team Racing Association (UKTRA) Team Racing Sailing Instructions will apply. These are available on the UKTRA web site (www.teamracing.org) and at registration.
- 3.4. In accordance with RRS 70.5(a) the right of appeal is denied.

4. ENTRIES & DEPOSIT

- 4.1. Entries are invited from university sailing clubs, including alumni teams, and RYA affiliated clubs and organisations. Entries can be made through an online form.
- 4.2. The entry fee is £320 per team rising to £350 after the 1st January 2026. This does not include the price of social and lunch tickets, which will be purchased online prior to the event. Entry will not be confirmed until payment has been received and payments must be made by the 12th February. Said payment will be non-refundable unless a replacement team can be found.
- 4.3. The closing date for receipt of entries and payment of the entry fee is 12th February 2026.
- 4.4. 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. It is required that teams sign a damage deposit contract before they are able to sail. When a team is assessed as liable to damage, it shall restore the deposit to the original value in order to consider sailing. Damage attributed to competitors generally or to an unidentified team will be attributed equally between all teams. A team may apply to the protest committee to determine their responsibility for any damage.

5. EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

- 5.1. The intended format of the event will be round robin followed by semi-finals and a final.
- 5.2. Registration will take place between 1800 and 2000 at the Water's Edge on the 13th February or between 0800 and 0830 on the 14th February at Notts County Sailing Club.
- 5.3. There will be a competitor briefing at 0830 on the 14th February at Notts County Sailing Club.
- 5.4. The first warning signal will be at 0857.

6. BUOYANCY AND CLOTHING

Competitors shall wear an adequate personal flotation device at all times when afloat. They are also required to wear a wet-suit or dry-suit.

7. RISK STATEMENT AND INSURANCE

- 7.1. 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.

7.2. Boats provided by competitors are required to hold adequate insurance including insurance against third party claims of at least £2,000,000.

8. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

9. CANCELLATION

The organising authority reserves the right to cancel the event. The entry fee and any deposit will be refunded less any unavoidable costs