

University of Bath Sailing Club

NOTICE of RACE

Bath Robe

14th-15th February 2026



1. INTRODUCTION

The event is for three boat teams and will be sailed in Fireflies supplied by the organising authority. Each boat shall be sailed by two people. The event will be held at Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club, Walley Court Road, Chew Stoke BS40 8XN.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is University of Bath 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 all teams, limited at 18. Selection of teams is at the discretion of the organising authority.
- 4.2. The entry fee is £350 per team, and a £20 early entry discount will be applied if entry is purchased through the University of Bath SU website (see instructions on the entry form) before 10th January 2026.
- 4.3. The closing date for receipt of entries and payment of the entry fee is 31st January 2026, or when all spaces are filled.
- 4.4. If the team withdraws their entry 2 weeks or less before the event, their entry fee will be retained.
- 4.5. Each team is required to ensure that the organising authority is always in possession of a deposit equalling £300 for that team. For instance, in the event of a team deemed responsible for damage to the boats or equipment, the organising authority will deduct an amount suitable to cover the damage to the boats or equipment, before the team can continue in the competition. The team is strictly required to ensure that the organising authority has a deposit equalling £300 post deduction.

5. EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

- 5.1. The intended format of the event will be a Round Robin followed by semi-finals and a final at the discretion of the organising authority. The schedule for the event will be available at registration.
- 5.2. Registration will take place at Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club on Saturday 14th February at 8:00am.
- 5.3. There will be a competitor briefing at Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club on Saturday 14th February at 9:00am.

5.4. The first warning signal will be at no earlier than 9:57am.

6. BUOYANCY AND CLOTHING

An adequate personal flotation device shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat. Depending on weather conditions, a wet or dry suit may also be required to be worn.

7. RISK STATEMENT AND INSURANCE

7.1. A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

7.2. RRS Rule 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". By launching or going afloat, the boat confirms that she is fit for the conditions and that her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

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.

8. PRIZES

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

PRIVACY STATEMENT

The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. 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 organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

CONTACT

Please contact Killian Magee at su-sailing@bath.ac.uk or 07598858091 with any queries.

Attachment 1 –DAMAGE AGREEMENT

Competitors shall show due care and attention to the venue, boats and equipment provided for their use during the event.

Damage to boats causes delay and impacts everyone involved at the event. This attachment provides guidance to competitors and officials on how the cost of any damage that does occur will be assessed and allocated to teams as equitably as possible.

A. DAMAGE AGREEMENT

- A1 By entering the event, the team expressly agrees to comply with this process without delay or dispute. A failure to comply with an instruction or invoice issued may result in disqualification of the team from completed or future races without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- A2 Each team shall be liable for up to £300 of damage-related costs per incident (this includes boats, equipment and property).
- A3 Any decision on the amount and allocation of any damage-related costs is solely for the Organising Authority to determine. However, a team or the Organising Authority may ask the Protest Committee for its opinion on allocation when there is substantial disagreement between the team and the Organising Authority.
- A4 Damage attributed to competitors generally or to an unidentified team will be attributed equally between all teams.
- A5 The Organising Authority may amend or cancel a damage notice at any time and may reinstate a team disqualified.

B. DAMAGE DEPOSIT

£300 shall be paid as a deposit at registration before a team may sail.

C. DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

- C1 An initial assessment of damage will be made as soon as possible following an incident.
- C2 Further inspection and assessment of the damage shall have no effect on any penalty given by umpires or the protest committee, but may affect the amount of damage-related costs.

D. PAYMENT OF DAMAGE-RELATED COSTS

- D1 The Organising Authority may require a team to make an intermediate payment, up to the amount defined in paragraph A2 above, against allocated damage costs before the team may sail again.
- D2 If allocated damage-related costs are not paid at the event, the Organising Authority will issue an invoice to the team. Invoices shall be paid (without set-off or deduction) within 14 days unless an extension is agreed with the Organising Authority.
- D3 Failure to pay a damage invoice within 14 days (or any extension period) is a breach of this agreement and the Organising Authority may as a result:
 - a) reject future entries from the team's organisation;
 - b) report the matter to organisations such as BSDRA, BUSA, RYA and request that they take action against the team's sailors or organisation they represent.