

University of Bath Sailing Club



Bath Robe 2026 14th-15th February 2026

BRIEFING NOTES

To save time at the briefing on Saturday, please ensure all team members read this before hand.

- **BALCONY** – Due to structural issues, there is no access to the clubhouse from the grass area below the balcony. The stairs are blocked off and the main door is barred. The area near the race office where there are tables can be used.
- **FIRST AID** – Any medical incident needs to be advised to the PRO ASAP after the occurrence.
- **CAR PARKING** – Follow instructions of the marshals in the car park
- **CLUB ROOM** – Please keep tables clear and tidy - return dirties etc. to the appropriate place.
- **CHANGING ROOMS** – Please keep all gear tidy and in bags, not left lying around. This is especially important on Sunday, when Chew members will be here as well.
- **WHEN THE EVENT IS OVER** - Remember that Bath & Bristol sail here, and must live with the consequences of any actions over the weekend

SAILING

- These briefing notes are for information only – the SI's and rules take precedence.
- The intended format is to start with a full round of HLS. Depending on how many races we sail on Saturday, we will either:
 - a) Continue with the HLS on Sunday, including the option to go to (b) at some time
 - b) Possibly finishing with semis and finals if conditions permit. Note that semis may be omitted.
 - c) **NOTE:** Notifications will be made using the using the  group.

- Course, usual S shape, starboard rounding.
- Look at race number board – it is what matters.
- Sail to start and away from finish avoiding the course area.
- When the opposition has finished and your team cannot improve its result in that race, you do not have to complete the course. You will be awarded the appropriate points.
- AP flag – 2 hoots when up, rapid short hoots when a start is imminent. This may not always be used.
- Starting sequence of battens / sound signals are appended.
- “AP” may be used with 2 hoots anytime in a sequence to introduce a delay. Rapids will be the indication of something about to happen.
- “X” flag is individual recall with one hoot. The start boat **may** shout out the total number of boats over. If possible, they **may** also shout out the sail number(s) or some other indication of which boat(s) are over, but this is **NOT GUARANTEED**.
- The “X” flag flies for ONE MINUTE ONLY even if boats have not yet returned. This does NOT mean that you do not need to continue to return if over the line. You MUST still come back.
- A general recall is very unlikely, usually indicated by the “X” flag with a call of 6 boats over.
- The object of Team Racing is to get YOUR TEAM into a winning position. If you have a dispute on the water, it is usually better to take a penalty and sail on. That way your team could still win.
- Get to the start on time – it is your responsibility to keep a check on what is going on. There will be a start every 3 minutes so you should be able to work out what time you are needed. If a team is not there THE START WILL GO AHEAD anyway, though we will be checking to ensure that boats have completed a previous race.

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