

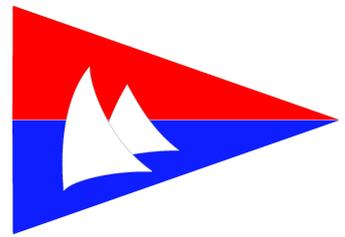
Notice of Race

BSDRA Team Racing Championship 2025

Sevenoaks School at Bough Beech Sailing Club

Wednesday 24th June to Friday 26th June 2026

The Organising Authority (OA) is the British Schools Dinghy Racing Association in conjunction with Sevenoaks School.



1. Introduction

- 1.1. The BSDRA Team Racing Championships will take place between Wednesday 24th June and Friday 26th June 2026 at Bough Beech Sailing Club, Winkhurst Green Road, Bough Beech, Edenbridge TN8 7AN.
- 1.2. The event will consist of two divisions. The boats in each division will be supplied by the organising authority. Each boat shall be sailed by two people.
 - a) The Firefly division is for three boat teams and will be sailed in Firefly type dinghies by sailors who are in full time secondary education.
 - b) The RS Feva division is for two boat teams and will be sailed in RS Feva type dinghies by sailors who are in full time secondary education at Key Stage 4 or below.

2. Rules

- 2.1. The Event will be governed by the Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* including *Appendix D*, and local byelaws.
- 2.2. The standard UKTRA Sailing Instructions will apply. These change some Rules in the RRS and will be available before registration.
- 2.3. Races will be umpired.
- 2.4. The right of appeal is denied in accordance with RRS 70.3(b)
- 2.5. RRS 40.1 (Personal Floatation Devices) applies at all times while afloat or on any pontoon.
- 2.6. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

3. Entry Requirements [NP]

- 3.1. The competitors in a team shall be bona-fide members of the Organisation they represent and should not change during the Championship.
- 3.2. 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.
- 3.3. All organisations must be accompanied by a designated adult chaperone.
- 3.4. 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.

4. Request for Invitation

- 4.1. Entry to the Event will be by invitation only.
- 4.2. Requests for Invitation are encouraged from Teams representing current BSDRA Member Organisations.
- 4.3. Other Organisations, including RYA Affiliated Schools, Clubs and organisations may request to be invited at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.4. Requests for Invitation will be accepted until midday on Friday 24th April by using the form available at <http://events.ksail.co.uk/2026/BSDRAFinals/>

5. Invitation to Enter

- 5.1. From the requests for invitation received, up to 30 entries per division will initially be invited.
- 5.2. Initial invitations for entry will be issued during the week commencing 27th April 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.

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- 5.3. Requests for Invitation which did not receive an initial invitation will be placed, in order, on a waiting list for each division using the criteria above.
- 5.4. Additional invitations to enter may be issued at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 5.5. Decisions of the organising authority about entry or eligibility shall not be cause for redress. This amends RRS 61.2.
6. Confirmation of Entry
- 6.1. Entries will not be considered valid unless all requirements of this Notice of Race are met.
- 6.2. Teams shall confirm their entry by accepting their invitation to enter within seven days. Invitations not accepted within this time will be assumed to have been declined and the invitation will be allocated to the next team on the waiting list.
- 6.3. 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 the entry subsequently be withdrawn.
- 6.4. Should the Organising Authority be able to secure a replacement entry for a team that has withdrawn, the Organising Authority may provide a refund of the entry fee, less a £50 administration fee and any costs already incurred at the time of withdrawal.
- 6.5. By accepting an invitation, the team, and the organisation it represents agree to the damage process as detailed in Attachment X to this NoR.

7. Entry Fees

- 7.1. The entry fee per team in each division will be as follows:

Division	Subsidised entry fee (BSDRA schools)	Unsubsidised entry fee (non-BSDRA schools)
Firefly	£570	£670
Feva	£380	£450

8. Event Schedule

- 8.1. Registration will be upstairs in the Clubhouse between 1100 and 1200 on Wednesday 24th June 2026.
- 8.2. The competitors' briefing will be outside the Clubhouse at 1200.
- 8.3. The first warning signal on Wednesday 24th June 2026 will not be before 1227.
- 8.4. The first warning signal on each subsequent day of competition will not be before 0827.
- 8.5. There will be no warning signal, for any stage other than Knockouts after 1500 on Friday 26th July 2026.

9. Prizes

9.1. Firefly Division

- The Rondar Shield will be awarded to the overall winner of the regatta.
- The Whitstable Trophy will be awarded to the highest placed BSDRA School. The OA may arrange a separate BSDRA Final if there is no BSDRA team in the overall Final.
- The Hyde Cup will be awarded to the 2nd highest placing BSDRA School.
- The Fairfield Plate will be awarded to the highest placed team not qualifying for the Knockout Stage.
- The Radley Quaich will be awarded to the most improved entry (using the last 3 years for qualification)
- The Founders' Trophy will be presented to the highest placed non-U.K. team.

9.2. Feva Division

- Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of the RS Feva Division.

- 9.3. Additional Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

10. Data Protection, Rights to use Name and Likeness

- 10.1. The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority 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 Organising Authority. 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 Organising 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.

- 10.2. By participating in this event competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority 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.

11. Risk Statement

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 inherently involves an element of risk.

- 11.1. 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) the provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the OA does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- e) the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- f) it is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the host venue or the event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
- g) it is their responsibility to ensure that they are familiar with the type of boat used, and the supplied equipment and are suitably experienced with its operation.
- h) it is their responsibility for ensuring all supplied equipment is carried on board.
- i) they are fit to sail and that they believe the crew and the boat and crew is capable of competing in the anticipated conditions.

12. Cancellation

- 12.1. The Organising Authority reserves the right to cancel the event. The entry fee and any deposits will be refunded less any unavoidable costs.

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.

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.
- X1.2 Each team is liable for up to £600 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 RRS 61, 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 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.
- X3.4 The Organising Authority may amend or cancel a damage notice at any time and may reinstate a team disqualified.