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INTER-SERVICES DINGHY TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS 23/24 Apr

INTRODUCTION

1. **General.** The 2026 Inter-Services Dinghy Team Racing Championships will be held under the RAF Sailing Association flag at Bowmoor Sailing Club on the 23/24 Apr. The event will be preceded by practice days on 21/22 Apr. The Notice of Race is at Annex A; the Sailing Instructions are at Annex B.

2. **Programme of Events.** The programme of events is below. Note that competitors are required to attend the race brief on Thurs 23 Apr prior to racing.

- a. Mon 20 Apr: Boat movement/ preparation day.
- b. Tues 21/ Wed 22 Apr: Practice Days. Team captains are to agree arrangements for practice sessions with each other locally on the day.
- c. Thu 23 Apr:

0900	Event Briefing.
1000 – 1700	Round Robins 1 and 2.
1800	Dinner/ Social event at Bowmoor SC.
- d. Fri 24 Apr:

0900	Round Robin 3.
1300	A and B Cup Finals.
1500	Prize giving including buffet meal.

COMPETITION

3. **Eligibility.** The championship is to be competed in 3-boat teams. Each Service should enter 2 x teams titled their 'A' and 'B' teams. All competitors must be on a regular Service, Full-time Reserve Service (FTRS) or Additional Duties Commitment (ADC) engagement are eligible to compete. Teams wishing to use sailors who do not meet this criterion must request permission from the Race Committee. Exceptions will only be granted where they are agreed by the Race Committee. The provisional race committee and names of umpires are detailed at Annex C; the Race Committee will be finalised prior to the Event Briefing on 23 Apr.

4. **Entry Fee.** To ensure a fair distribution of costs, entry for each Service (regardless of number of teams sailing) is set at 1/3 of the **total cost of the event**. The costs of the dinner and prizegiving buffet will be met by sponsorship funding. The remaining costs will comprise the **total cost of the event**, to be split 3-ways, each third charged as an entry fee to the individual Services. There will be no charges in advance, each Service will be billed within one calendar month of the Event, after the costs have been finalised. A Service

Association that has failed to pay entry fees from the previous competition before the 2026 competition is strictly barred from competing in the finals of either the A Cup or the B Cup.

5. **Competition Format.** Racing will take place on both days of the event. Teams will rotate around flights of 3 x boats according to the allocation system designated by the Race Officer. All teams will sail against one another at least once although the intention is for each team to sail against the other 3-times (3 x round robins). The A Cup final will be competed between the two best placed teams after the round robin stages; the B Cup finals will be competed by the next 2 x highest placed B Teams. Both finals will be sailed as the 'first to 2' format. If the finals cannot be scheduled in the time available, the A cup will be awarded to the team with the highest number of races wins after the last completed round robin; the B Cup will be awarded to the next B Team with the highest number of race wins. In the event of a draw in race wins, the result will be decided from the head-to-head record of the drawn teams. If this is equal (possible where only 2 x round robins have been completed), the result will be decided from the finishing positions in head-to-head races. Where this is also equal the result will be decided from the finishing positions in all races.

6. **Dinghies.** The Event will be sailed in 2k dinghies. To support the practice day and the Event, each Service is required to supply 4 x boats in good condition, with masts rigged and ready to sail by 1000 on Wed 22 Apr

7. **Measurement.** There is no requirement for measurement of craft. All dinghies will be provided to standard settings.

8. **Venue.** All races will be sailed at Bowmoor SC. The sailing area will be outlined at the Event Briefing.

9. **Courses.** The standard Team Racing 'S' course will be used where possible, with a single start/finish line (the last leg being a broad reach). The course is illustrated at Annex D; it will be explained at the Event Briefing.

10. **Disclaimer of Liability.** Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race; this is reiterated at Para 7 of the NoR and Para 11 of the SIs. The RAF Sailing Association will not accept any liability for material damage or personnel injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

11. **Safety Management.** Wg Cdr Ldr J E Dodwell is the nominated Safety Manager for this Event, responsible for analysing generic hazards and risk to life and providing effective mitigating actions where appropriate.

12. **Insurance.** All craft are supplied with insurance cover for accidental damage. Service Sailing Associations will pay £200 excess fee in the event of any insurance claim where liability clearly lies with their sailor/s. Where liability cannot be agreed, the £200 excess fee will be evenly split between the Service Sailing Associations of the teams racing when the incident occurred.

13. Any issue of liability or claim for damages arising from an incident shall not be considered by a protest committee. A boat taking a penalty or retiring is NOT an admission of liability for damages or even an admission that she has broken a rule.

14. **Administration.**

a. **Accommodation.** Accommodation is available at local Service Units, including MOD Shrivenham, RAF Brize Norton, RAF Benson, MoD Bicester and Dalton Barracks. It is the responsibility of each Service to make accommodation bookings, please contact me if you need more information on each Unit.

b. **Messing.** Catering facilities **will be open** to purchase refreshments from 0800 to 1600 on Thur 23 Apr and 0800 till 1530 on Fri 24 Apr. In line with the programme of events, there will be an informal event dinner served on Thurs 23 Apr at 1800 and a prizegiving buffet served at 1500 on Fri 24 Apr. The Bowmoor sailing club bar will be open on Weds and Thurs evening.

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Annexes:

- A. Notice of Race.
- B. Sailing Instructions.
- C. Provisional Race Committee and Umpires.
- D. The Course.