



1. Introduction

- 1.1. The BSDRA Team Racing Championships will take place on Saturday 27th April 2024 at Rutland Sailing Club, Gibbet Lane, Edith Weston, LE15 8HJ
- 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.
 - b) The Feva division is for two boat teams and will be sailed in RS Feva type dinghies.

2. Organising Authority

- 2.1. The Organising Authority is the BSDRA in conjunction with Oakham School and Rutland 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, and local byelaws.
- 3.2. The standard UKTRA Sailing Instructions will apply. These change some Rules in the RRS and will be available before registration.
- 3.3. Races will be umpired.
- 3.4. The right of appeal is denied in accordance with RRS 70.5(a)
- 3.5. Rule 40.1 applies at all times while afloat or on the club pontoons.
- 3.6. The notation [NP] in a rule in this NoR or the Sailing Instructions denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a)
- 3.7. The notation [DP] in a rule in this NoR or the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 3.8. DELETE RULE:
 1. D2.2(c) - Protests by Boats
 2. (c) If no boat takes a penalty or clearly indicates that she will do so, an umpire shall decide whether to penalise any boat.
 3. AND REPLACE WITH:
 4. (c) An umpire may penalise any boat that broke a rule in the incident and was not exonerated, unless that boat has taken a penalty or clearly indicated she will do so.
 5. DELETE RULE D2.2(d):
 6. (d) If more than one boat breaks a rule, an umpire shall decide whether to penalise any boat that did not take a penalty.
 7. RENUMBER
 8. D2.2(e) as D2.2(d)

4. Team Requirements [NP]

- 4.1. The competitors in a team shall be bona-fide members of the Organisation they represent and should not change during the event.
- 4.2. Teams in the Firefly Division shall consist of sailors who are in full time secondary education.



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- 4.3. Teams in the RS Feva Division shall consist of sailors who are in full time secondary education at Key Stage 4 or below.
- 4.4. Where more than one team is entered by an Organisation, each team shall be identified by a colour. Teams shall not be identified by numbers or letters.
- 4.5. All organisations must be accompanied by a designated adult chaperone.
- 4.6. 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 are required to make at least two people available.
- 4.7. All competitors under the age of 18 at the time of registration must submit a completed BSDRA Guardianship Form. Any competitor that fails to meet this requirement will be deemed ineligible to race.

5. Request for Invitation

- 5.1. Entry to the Event will be by invitation only.
- 5.2. Requests for Invitation are encouraged from Teams representing current BSDRA Member Organisations.
- 5.3. Other Organisations, including RYA Affiliated Schools, Clubs and organisations may request to be invited at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 1.1. Requests for Invitation will be accepted until 1700 on Friday 12th April 2024 by using the form available at <https://forms.office.com/e/6Aa9hsZDgA>

6. Invitation to Enter

- 6.1. From the requests for invitation received, a maximum of 15 entries per division will initially be invited.
- 6.2. Initial Invitations for entry into each division will be issued by 1700 Monday 15th April 2024 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 organisations Request for Invitation.
- 6.3. 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.
- 6.4. Additional entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA up until 24th April.
- 6.5. Decisions of the organising authority about entry or eligibility shall not be cause for redress. This amends RRS 62.1.

7. Confirmation of Entry

- 7.1. Entries will not be considered valid unless all requirements of this Notice of Race are met.
- 7.2. Teams shall confirm their entry by accepting their invitation by no later than 1700 on Sunday 21st April 2024. Invitations not accepted by this time will be assumed to have been declined and the invitation will be allocated to the next team on the waiting list.



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- 7.3. On receipt of an acceptance, the Organising Authority will issue the organisation an invoice for entry fees due. This invoice will not be cancelled, and a team will forfeit their entry fee should an entry subsequently be withdrawn.
- 7.4. Should the Organising Authority be able to secure a replacement entry for a team that has withdrawn, the Organising Authority will provide a refund of the entry fee, less a £50 administration fee and any costs already incurred at the time of withdrawal.
- 7.5. By accepting an invitation, the team, and the organisation it represents agree to the damage process as detailed in Attachment X to this NoR.

8. Entry Fees

- 8.1. The entry fee per team in each division will be invoiced as follows (Members of RSC will not be required to pay the temporary membership fee):
 - a) Firefly Division £108 (£60 for RSC members)
 - b) Feva Division £72 (£40 for RSC members)

9. Schedule, Registration and Briefing

- 9.1. Registration for each division will be between 0800 and 0900 on Saturday 27th April.
- 9.2. There will be a briefing for competitors and team managers at 0900
- 9.3. The first warning signal on each day of competition will not be before 0942
- 9.4. There will be no warning signal, for any stage other than Knockouts after 1700

10. Course and Format of Racing

- 10.1. The course will be described in the Sailing Instructions and will be a "Digital N" configuration. The start line may be shared by both divisions.
- 10.2. The format of the event, which may vary between divisions, will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. Prizes

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

12. CATERING

The sailing club cafeteria will be open to purchase food.

13. Rights to use Name and Likeness

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.



14. 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.

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.
- d) They are fit to sail and that they believe the crew and the boat and crew is capable of competing in the anticipated conditions.

15. Cancellation

The organising authority reserves the right to cancel the event. The entry fee and any deposits paid will be refunded less any avoidable 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 whilst ensuring penalties are consistent; ultimately providing more racing at less cost for everyone. This document explains how damage will be assessed and gives general guidance on the appropriate penalty. When the protest committee has good reasons to do so, it may apply a different penalty.

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. This changes RRS 63.1.

X1.2 Each team is liable for up to £500 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. The Organising Authority may consider any recommendations of the Protest Committee. Subject to RRS 62, 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 in question without a hearing, this changes RRS 63.1;
- b) report the team to the Protest Committee for investigation under RRS 69
- c) reject any future entries from the teams' organisation.
- d) Suspend the BSDRA membership rights of the teams' organisation.

X3.4 The Organising Authority may amend or cancel a damage notice at any time and may reinstate a team disqualified.