

Notice of Race

British Keelboat League 2025

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British Keelboat League Series Final

Royal Thames Yacht Club in Cowes

19th to 21st September 2025

The Organising Authority (OA) is The Royal Thames Yacht Club Limited.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The British Keelboat League is a nationwide competition leading to the Sailing Champions League.
- 1.2. The British Keelboat League Series Final will take place between 19th and 21st September 2025.
- 1.3. The event will take place from the Royal Thames Yacht Club's bases in Cowes, Isle of Wight.
 - (a) Shepards Wharf Marina, Medina Rd, Cowes PO31 7HT,
 - (b) Royal Thames Shoreside at the Royal London Yacht Club, The Parade, Cowes PO31 7QS.
- 1.4. The Event will be sailed in seven metre keelboats supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 1.5. There will be more Teams than boats at the event with each Team being scheduled to race in a selection of races against as many different Teams as equitably possible.

2. Rules

- 2.1. The event will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and local byelaws.
- 2.2. Races will be umpired; rule changes can be found in Appendix UF British Keelboat League Series.
- 2.3. RRS 40.1 (Personal Floatation Devices) applies at all times whilst sailing or transferring between boats.

3. Event Information and Documentation

- 3.1. These are published on the online Official Noticeboard at events.ksail.co.uk/2025/BKLFinal/

4. Entry

- 4.1. The Entry fee shall be £750.
- 4.2. A minimum of 12 entries and a maximum of 24 entries will be invited to enter.
- 4.3. Invitations will be issued at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority using the following as guidelines:
 - (a) The two highest ranked teams that meet the Series Final Eligibility requirements from each British Keelboat League 2025 Series Event,
 - (b) Additionally, the highest ranked team where all crew are in full time education, aged under 25 and the skipper is over 15 on 1st January 2025 at a British Keelboat League Series 2025,
 - (c) Previous Winners of the British Keelboat League Series Final,
 - (d) Additional wildcard invitations.
- 4.4. Invitations shall be accepted within 28 days of receipt by:
 - (a) Completing the online entry form: <https://form.jotform.com/250262310282343> and either:
 - (1) paying a non-refundable deposit of £100 if before the 19th August 2025; or,
 - (2) paying the entry fee in full if after the 19th August 2025.
 - (b) Invitations not accepted within this time will be assumed to have been declined.
- 4.5. The entry fee must be paid in full by the 20th August 2025 unless extend by the Organising Authority.
- 4.6. Late or Additional entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.7. Teams will forfeit their entry fee if an entry is withdrawn after the date in NoR 4.5.

5. Eligibility

- 5.1. The number of crew, including helm, is between four and five. There are no weight limits.
- 5.2. Teams will compete using a team name, this can be a club, class association, school, university, or a name that has relevance to the team.
- 5.3. Crews shall have no more than three male sailors on board at any time except where:
 - (a) Invitations have been issued in accordance with NoR 4.3(b),
 - (b) At least 2 crew identify as disabled sailors.
- 5.4. All crew under 18 years of age must provide a completed parent/guardian consent form before registration.

6. Event Format and Schedule

- 6.1. Registration will be between 09:00 and 11:30 on Friday 19th September at Shepards Wharf Marina
- 6.2. A briefing for all competitors will be held at 11:30 on Friday 19th September at Shepards Wharf Marina.
- 6.3. The first warning signal will not be before 12:30.
- 6.4. On the final day of racing, it is intended that races won't be started after 16:00.
- 6.5. Limited pre-Event training slots will be made available for entries to book from 16:00 on Thursday 18th September.

7. Scoring

- 7.1. Races will be scored using a High Point System as defined in the SI's. There will be no discards.

8. Sailing Instructions

- 8.1. Sailing Instructions will be posted on the online official noticeboard.

9. Damage

- 9.1. By entering, Teams agree to be bound by the damage requirements as found in NoR Attachment X.
- 9.2. Damage costs attributed to competitors generally or to an unidentified team will be attributed equally between all teams.

10. Prizes and Onward Qualification

- 10.1. The following trophies will be presented:
 - (a) The kSail British Keelboat League Champions Trophy to the highest ranked team,
 - (b) Prizes and mementos will be awarded to the three highest ranked Crews.
- 10.2. Additional trophies and prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 10.3. The highest ranked eligible teams may receive onward invitation to the Sailing Champions League.

11. Advertising and Sponsorship

- 11.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 11.2. The organising authority may provide bibs that competitors are required to wear as permitted by the World Sailing Advertising Code.

12. Support Boats

- 12.1. Support boats will only be allowed at the discretion of the OA and shall be clearly marked to identify the club they are supporting. Requests to launch must be made to the OA by the entry deadline for the event.

13. Media, Data Protection and Privacy Statement

- 13.1. When required, supplied media personnel, equipment or dummies shall be carried on board while racing.
- 13.2. Any member of a Crew may be required to wear provided devices that may record, transmit or provide two way communication and; will make themselves available for interviews when requested by OA.
- 13.3. Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of supplied media equipment.
- 13.4. The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event and may be shared with the British Keelboat League and other 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.
- 13.5. 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.

- (a) By taking part in the event, every competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- (b) 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;
- (c) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (d) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (e) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (f) the provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (g) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (h) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this 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.
- (i) 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.
- (j) It is their responsibility for ensuring all supplied equipment is carried on board.
- (k) They are fit to sail and that they believe the crew and the boat and crew are capable of competing in the anticipated conditions.

15. Cancellation Policy

Should the event be cancelled, the OA will attempt to rearrange, if this is not possible a refund will be issued to entries less any expenses already incurred.