

UOBSC
NOTICE of RACE
Old Joe
5-7th June 2026



**UNIVERSITY OF
BIRMINGHAM**

1. INTRODUCTION

The event is for three boat teams and will be sailed in Fireflies supplied by the organising authority. Each boat shall be sailed by two people.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is UoBSC.

3. RULES

- 3.1. The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- 3.2. Races will be umpired.
- 3.3. The current UK Team Racing Association (UKTRA) Team Racing Sailing Instructions will apply. These are available on the UKTRA website (www.teamracing.org).
- 3.4. In accordance with RRS 70.3(b) the right of appeal is denied.

4. ENTRIES & DEPOSIT

- 4.1. Entries are invited from all teams representing BUSA Member Universities. Other teams may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.2. The entry fee will be £350 per team. Entries which are made and fully paid before Friday 1st May 2026 will receive a £25 discount.
- 4.3. The closing date for receipt of entries and payment of the entry fee is 31st May 2026. Teams will forfeit their entry fee if an entry is withdrawn after Friday 22nd May 2026 and the Organising Authority is unable to fill the place from the Reserve List.
- 4.4. The entry form can be found at: <https://forms.gle/QiD1k8QdY8uZXfbU7>
- 4.5. Each team will be liable for the cost of damage, but not 'fair wear and tear', to boats, equipment and property up to a maximum of £500 per incident. By entering, the team and the organisation it represents agree to the damage process detailed in Attachment 1 to this Notice of Race. As outlined in attachment 1, a damage liability form of £500 will be required to be signed at registration and before a team may sail. If the organising authority estimates that the total damage attributable to the team exceeds this amount, the team will be required to pay up to the full amount of our insurance excess.

5. EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

- 5.1. The intended format of the event will be a Swiss League, petite finals (if time allows) and finals.
- 5.2. Registration will take place between 1800 and 2000 on Friday 5th June 2026, Location to be confirmed (in Selly Oak). Alternatively teams can register between 0830 and 0900 on Saturday 6th June at South Staffordshire Sailing Club.

5.3. There will be a competitor briefing at 0900 on Saturday 6th June 2026 at South Staffordshire Sailing Club.

5.4. The first warning signal will be at 0927

6. BUOYANCY AND CLOTHING

Competitors shall wear an adequate personal flotation device at all times when afloat. Wet or dry suits will be required

7. RISK STATEMENT AND INSURANCE

7.1. RRS Rule 3 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) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

8. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority

Attachment 1 – DAMAGE AGREEMENT

Competitors shall show due care and attention to the venue, boats and equipment provided for their use during the event.

Damage to boats causes delay and impacts everyone involved at the event. This attachment provides guidance to competitors and officials on how the cost of any damage that does occur will be assessed and allocated to teams as equitably as possible.

A. DAMAGE AGREEMENT

- A1 By entering the event, the team expressly agrees to comply with this process without delay or dispute. A failure to comply with an instruction or invoice issued may result in disqualification of the team from completed or future races without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- A2 Each team shall be liable for up to £500 of damage-related costs per incident (this includes boats, equipment and property) If the organising authority estimates that

the total damage attributable to the team exceeds this amount, the team will be required to pay up to the full amount of our insurance excess.

- A3 Any decision on the amount and allocation of any damage-related costs is solely for the Organising Authority to determine. However, a team or the Organising Authority may ask the Protest Committee for its opinion on allocation when there is substantial disagreement between the team and the Organising Authority.
- A4 Damage attributed to competitors generally or to an unidentified team will be attributed equally between all teams.
- A5 The Organising Authority may amend or cancel a damage notice at any time and may reinstate a team disqualified.

B. DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- B1 A damage liability form of £500 will be required to be signed at registration and before a team may sail.

C. DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

- C1 An initial assessment of damage will be made as soon as possible following an incident.
- C2 Further inspection and assessment of the damage shall have no effect on any penalty given by umpires or the protest committee, but may affect the amount of damage-related costs.

D. PAYMENT OF DAMAGE-RELATED COSTS

- D1 The Organising Authority may require a team to make an intermediate payment, up to the amount defined in paragraph A2 above, against allocated damage costs before the team may sail again.
- D2 If allocated damage-related costs are not paid at the event, the Organising Authority will issue an invoice to the team. Invoices shall be paid (without set-off or deduction) within 14 days unless an extension is agreed with the Organising Authority.
- D3 Failure to pay a damage invoice within 14 days (or any extension period) is a breach of this agreement and the Organising Authority may as a result:
 - a) reject future entries from the team's organisation;
 - b) report the matter to organisations such as BSDRA, BUSA, RYA and request that they take action against the team's sailors or organisation they represent.