

Notice of Race

RYA Women's Team Racing National Championship & BUSA Women's Team Racing Championship

28th/29th November 2026

Spinnaker Sailing Club



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1) INTRODUCTION

The event is for three boat teams and will be sailed in firefly type dinghies supplied by the Organising Authority. Each boat shall be sailed by 2 people.

2) ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is Spinnaker Sailing Club, in conjunction with the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) and British Universities Sailing Association (BUSA).

3) RULES

- a)** The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- b)** The Bylaws of Spinnaker Sailing Club shall apply at all times during the event to all competitors, officials and support persons.
- c)** Races will be umpired.
- d)** The Sailing Instructions shall be available on the <https://events.ksail.co.uk/2026/Ryawomens/> no later than 1700 on Thursday 26th November 2026.
- e)** In accordance with RRS 70.3(b) the right of appeal is denied.

4) ENTRIES & DEPOSIT

- a)** Entries are invited via online entry form from clubs, class associations, schools and universities.
- b)** Up to 24 entries will be accepted on a first come first served basis.
- c)** The entry fee is £440 per team before 1200 (midday) on 6th November 2026, then, £600 per team until 1200 on 13th November 2026.
- d)** The closing date for receipt of entries and payment of the entry fee is 13th November.
- e)** No competitor may sail for more than one team. After an entry has been accepted the members of a team shall not be changed without the prior written approval of the race committee.
- f)** Teams shall consist of sailors who identify as female. Entries shall comply with the Transgender and Non-Binary RYA Competition Eligibility Policy found <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/british-sailing/policies-and-guidance/>
- g)** Teams who fulfil the following criteria may also enter the 2026 BUSA Women's Team Racing Championship:
 - i)** The Team shall consist of sailors from the same institution, representing a university or higher education establishment that is a member of, and in good standing with, the British University Sailing Association;
 - ii)** Each competitor shall present valid Student I.D. for inspection at registration.
- h)** Any sailor under the age of 18 on the first day of the event shall complete a parental consent form at: <https://forms.gle/KVSfWwsRaz34HuLR7>
- i)** 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 X to this Notice of Race.

5) EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

- a)** The intended format of the event will be specified in the SIs.
- b)** Registration will take place at Spinnaker Sailing Club, on Saturday 28th November from 0830-0900.
- c)** There will be a competitor briefing at 0900 on Saturday 28th November 2026.
- d)** The first warning signal will not be earlier than 0927 on Saturday 28th November 2026.

6) BUOYANCY AND CLOTHING

Competitors shall wear an adequate personal flotation device at all times when afloat, in addition all competitors will be required to wear wet suits (of a minimum of a long john design with thermal insulating material up to the shoulders of the competitor) or dry suits.

7) RISK STATEMENT AND INSURANCE

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;
- g)** 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.

8) PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as below.

- a)** The highest placed UK Team (one representing a UK Based Organisation, there is no nationality requirement for individual sailors within the team) will be awarded the RYA Women's Team Racing Trophy.
- b)** The U19 trophy will be awarded to the highest place UK Team in which all sailors are Under 19 years of age on 28/11/26.
- c)** The BUSA Women's team Racing Trophy will be awarded to the highest placed team who qualify in accordance with clause 4)g) of this Notice of Race.
- d)** Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams overall.
- e)** Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

9) CANCELLATION

The OA reserves the right to cancel the event. The entry fee and any deposits paid will be refunded less any un-avoidable costs.

10) DATA PROTECTION

- a)** The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. 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.
- b)** By participating in this event competitors automatically grant to the OA the right in perpetuity to make photographic, audio and video recordings at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue until their final departure, without compensation. Competitors may decline to provide this consent via the entry form.

Attachment X –Damage

It is expected that all competitors show due care and attention on to the venue, boats and equipment that is 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. 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. Subject to rule 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 will be considered as Misconduct and the Organising Authority may:

- (a) disqualify the team in question without a hearing, this changes RRS 63.1;
- (b) reject any future entries from the teams' organisation;
- (c) report the team to the Protest Committee for a breach of rule 69

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