

Glasgow University Sailing Club

NOTICE of RACE

Glasgow Grouse

17th/18th October 2026

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 two people.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is Glasgow University 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, Team Racing Rules.
- 3.2. Races will be umpired.
- 3.3. The current UK Team Racing Association (UKTRA) Team Racing Sailing Instructions will apply.
- 3.4. In accordance with RRS 70.3(b) the right of appeal is denied.

4. ENTRIES & DEPOSIT

- 4.1. Teams wishing to enter shall complete the online entry form. The OA intends to accept entries from eligible teams on a first come, first served basis up to the maximum number of teams. Entries from different universities or clubs will be prioritised before third or fourth teams from the same organisation are accepted. If the OA cannot accept entries from third or fourth teams, their entry fee will be refunded in full. Team Captains will be notified on 2nd October 2026 whether their team has been accepted.
- 4.2. The entry fee is £399 per team. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA and will be charged the late entry fee of £429
- 4.3. The closing date for receipt of entries and payment of the entry fee is 25th September 2026 after which the late entry fee shall apply.

The entry form shall be completed online at - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc89B7O8y-KMvVTGVAS8JB3UpHf8h1iOpa6PwGVSpKZHAcryQ/viewform?usp=header>

- 4.4. 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. The team will pay a damage deposit of £300 at registration.

5. EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

- 5.1. The intended format of the event shall be Swiss League followed by semi-finals and a final.
- 5.2. Registration will take place on 17th October between 08:00 and 08:30 in the CCC Clubhouse at Bardowie.
- 5.3. There will be a competitor briefing on 17th October at 09:00 outside the CCC clubhouse.
- 5.4. The first warning signal will be no earlier than 09:27

6. BUOYANCY AND CLOTHING

Competitors shall wear an adequate personal flotation device and wetsuit or drysuit at all times when afloat.

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).
- 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

The damage deposit is as stated in NOR 4.4

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.