



Notice of Race

The Academy Trophy 2026

Saturday 17th – Sunday 18th October

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Organising Authority: Royal Southern Yacht Club

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This event is one of the Royal Southern Yacht Club's two in house League Racing events. It is aimed at sailors under 30, but is an open event so all are welcome.
- 1.2. The event is run in J/70 type keelboats provided by the Organising Authority.
- 1.3. The event forms part of the British Keelboat League Series. The competition is open to Teams or Clubs to compete in qualifying events for invitation to the Series Final. Details for other BKL events, including the Finals, is available [here](#).
- 1.4. [NP] Boats shall comply with Southampton & Portsmouth Harbour byelaws where applicable. In particular, notice is drawn to ABP Southampton Notice to Mariners No 6 of 2025 which can be found [here](#).
- 1.5. [NP] The Moving Prohibited Zone (MPZ), as detailed in above mentioned Notice to Mariners is designated as an obstruction.
- 1.6. Competitors should note that the Organising Authority implements the RYA Racing Charter and they will be expected to sail in compliance with it.

2. Rules

- 2.1. The event will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2. Races will be umpired, rule changes can be found in Attachment UF.
- 2.3. RRS 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat except whilst on an anchored Hotel Vessel.

3. Event Details

- 3.1. The Official Noticeboard can be found on the event webpage - <https://scm.royal-southern.co.uk/event/the-academy-trophy-2026>
- 3.2. The schedule, and results, can be found on the kSail webpage - <https://events.ksail.co.uk/2026/AcademyTrophy/>
- 3.3. Teams can enter by completing the online form on the event webpage.

4. Entry

- 4.1. The entry fee shall be £550.
- 4.2. For teams entering before the Saturday 3rd October 2026 the entry fee will be £500.
- 4.3. If at least 50% of the team, including the skipper, are members of the Royal Southern YC, or an associate organisation, they will be eligible for a 20% discount on their entry fee.
- 4.4. The entry deadline is 2359 on Sunday 11th October 2026. Entries may be accepted after this date at the discretion of the Organising Authority subject to an additional 10% late entry fee.

5. Eligibility

- 5.1. The number of crew, including helm, is between 4 and 5. There are no weight limits.
- 5.2. All crew under 18 years of age must provide a completed parent/guardian consent form at registration.
- 5.3. 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.
- 5.4. There are no gender requirements for this event.

6. Event Format and Schedule

6.1.

Day:	Time:	Activity:
Saturday	0830 – 0850	Registration
	0900	Competitors' Briefing
	0915	Dock Out
	1027	First Warning
Sunday	0845	Dock Out
	0957	First Warning
	1600	Approximate time of last warning

7. Scoring

7.1. Races will be scored using a High Point System as defined in the SIs. There will be no discards.

8. Sailing Instructions

8.1. Will be posted on the Official Noticeboard on the event webpage.

9. Damage

9.1. By entering, Teams agree to be bound by the damage requirements as found in Attachment X to this Event NoR.

9.2. A damage deposit is not required before racing however each boat is liable for up to £1000 of associated costs due to damage as a result of any one incident (this includes boats, sails, equipment, and property). A failure to comply with this instruction or an invoice issued may result in disqualification from the event without a hearing. This changes RRS 61. The OA may also file a RRS 69 report to the jury.

9.3. Damage costs attributed to competitors generally or to an unidentified team will be attributed equally between all teams.

10. Prizes

10.1. The Academy Trophy will be awarded to the highest ranked team.

10.2. Additional trophies and prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

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

- RRS 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. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - e. The provision of patrol boat cover, if any, 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, regulations and/or bye-laws specific to sailing on the Solent including, but not limited to, to MPZ referred to in NoR 1;

- 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.
- i. They are fit to sail and that they believe the boat and crew are capable of competing in the anticipated

15. Cancellation Policy

15.1. Refunds will be issued as follows:

- (a) If entry is withdrawn by the competitor before the entry deadline, a full refund (less a £10 admin fee) will be issued.
- (b) If entry is withdrawn by the competitor after the entry deadline, no refund will be issued.
- (c) If entry is withdrawn by the Organising Authority, or if the Organising Authority decide in advance not to run the event, a full refund will be issued.