

Notice of Race (NoR)



STOKES BAY SAILING CLUB UK EUROPE NATIONALS & BRITISH OPEN



30th May to 1st June 2025

The organising authority is Stokes Bay Sailing Club Ltd (SBSC), The Promenade, Stokes Bay Road, Gosport, PO12 2BL, UK.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. Guidelines for discretionary penalties are available on the World Sailing website.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the latest 'The Racing Rules of Sailing' and the prescriptions of the RYA. Competitors will also behave in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter. <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>
- 1.2 The Race Committee may permit pumping, rocking and ooching in accordance with Europe class rules. The signals will be made according to RRS P5. This changes RRS 42.2(a), RRS 42.2(b) and RRS 42.2(c).
- 1.3 Rule 40.1 (Personal Floatation Devices) is changed so that it will apply at all times. No signals will be made.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available online and at the Official Notice Board from at least three days prior to the event at <https://www.stokesbay-sc.co.uk/open-events-2/>

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located in the entrance lobby of the clubhouse. A weather forecast and any current Notice to Mariners will be posted there.
- 3.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data communication and shall not receive voice or data transmissions, that is not available to all boats.
- 3.3 No form of coaching, both on or off course side, is permitted during racing. Racing shall be considered to be held from the first racing sound signal of the day to completion of all races and finishing of all competitors in the last race of each day.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Europe class where competitors are paid up members of the Class Association.

- 4.2 Boats may enter the event by completing the online entry form at WebCollect <https://webcollect.org.uk/stokesbay-sc> and paying the requisite entry fee by no later than 2359 hrs on the 25th May 2025.
- 4.3 Late entries will be accepted with the payment of the late entry fee and completion of a paper form on the day.
- 4.4 Competitors under the age of 18 years on the day of the event will be required to complete and lodge a parental/guardian consent form either via WebCollect or paper form for a late entry.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Youth Entry (eligible for Under 20)	Entry Fee until 25/5/2025	Late Entry Fee	Weekend Entry Fee until 25/5/2025	Late Weekend Entry Fee
£90	£110	£130	£80	£90

- 5.2 Late entry fees, after 2359 hrs on the 25/5/2025, shall be payable for both standard and weekend entry fees.
- 5.3 Entry fees include tickets for the Drinks Reception on Thursday 29th May and the Championship Dinner on Saturday 31st May. Additional dinner tickets for friends and family can be purchased via WebCollect.

6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Item	No. of Races	Location
29/5/25	1900	Drinks Reception		Clubhouse
30/5/25	0900-1000	Registration		Clubhouse
30/5/25	1115	Briefing		Clubhouse
30/5/25	1255	1st Warning Signal	3	Stokes Bay
31/5/25	1155	1st Warning Signal	3	Stokes Bay
1/6/25	1025	1st Warning Signal	3	Stokes Bay
1/6/25	After 1430	Prize Giving		Clubhouse

- 7.2 Number of races: The event will consist of up to nine races with three planned for each day. Races will be run back-to-back on all three days. However, additional races may be sailed in advance or arrears in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate. No more than 4 races will be held on any one day.
- 7.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1255 hrs on the 30th May 2025.
- 7.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1425 hrs.

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 A statement to confirm that the boat in all aspects complies to the class rules and a valid measurement certificate is held, shall be signed by the competitor or their parent or guardian as part of registration.
- 8.2 All participants boats may or may not be subject to inspection during the event by a member of the UK Europe Class Association.
- 8.3 Competitors shall not change or replace spars, sails and foils during the event unless such replacements are agreed with the Race Officer for reasons of failure of the original items, where evidence may be requested.
- 8.4 A competitor's sail shall display at all times the correct class number for the registered hull unless agreed in advance by the Race Officer.
- 8.5 [DP] In the event that it is proved that the competitor's boat and ancillaries are not as required by Class rules, then the competitor shall be open to disqualification from the event.

9 COACH BOATS

- 9.1 Coach boats are prohibited for the duration of the event without exception.

10 SAILING AREA

- 10.1 Stokes Bay Sailing Club is situated in the East Solent area. The area used for the event is adjacent to a busy maritime shipping route area where large fast-moving shipping can be prevalent. Whilst normal sailing at Stokes Bay isn't subject to major shipping entering race areas, all competitors should be aware and avoid entering the designated shipping lanes. Racing will be located away from such areas and managed by the on-water racing team and RIBs.

11 COURSES

- 11.1 The course(s) to be sailed will be either windward/leeward or trapezoid configuration.
- 11.2 The courses for the event shall be provided in detail within the event sailing instructions (SIs).

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 For the event RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13 SCORING

13.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

13.2 A total of nine races are planned.

13.3 A minimum of three completed races are required to constitute the event series.

13.4 One discard will be applied after four races have been completed; two discards will be applied after eight races are completed.

13.5 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

14 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

14.1 Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of, or relating to, the event.

15 PRIVACY STATEMENT

15.1 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.

16 DATA PROTECTION

16.1 Competitors are required to sign the statement within Webcollect or on the paper form for a late entry.

17 RISK STATEMENT

17.1 ADDENDUM A (RYA)

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. 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 organizer 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.

17.2 Whilst afloat, personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times. The Race Committee can disqualify a competitor who does not comply with this rule. Wet suits and dry suits are not considered to be acceptable personal buoyancy for the purpose of this instruction. This is in addition to RRS Rule 1.2, 40 and IC Flag 'Y' in the race signals.

17.3 Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 1 'Helping Those in Danger'. In the absence of a nearby Patrol Boat, any boat in a race is to stand by a boat which has capsized or is disabled unless it is clear that no assistance is required. Redress maybe requested. (RRS Rule 61)

17.4 Competitors who, for reasons beyond their control, come ashore at places other than the Club, shall contact the Club to notify their whereabouts as soon as possible. This will prevent unnecessary air-sea rescue and anxiety. Contact can be made via Radio (call sign 'Stokes Bay Bridge').

17.5 The provision of a Patrol Boat does not relieve competitors of their responsibilities.

18 INSURANCE

18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

19 PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of all associated event racing.

19.2 Prizes will be awarded in the following event categories

Junior - Under 18 (U18) on the 31st December in the Year of the event

Youth - Under 20 (U20) on the 31st December in the Year of the event

Master - 40+ on the first day of the event

Grand Master - 50+ on the first day of the event

Great Grand Master - 60+ on the first day of the event

Legend - 70+ on the first day of the event

Ladies - (female sailors)

19.3 The number of prizes (places) awarded in the designated event categories shall be dependant on the overall amount of event entries on the 25th May 2025.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

20.1 For further information please contact Debbie Woodward. Tel. 023 9258 1513.

Email: administrator@stokesbay-sc.co.uk

Additional matters:

Arriving at Stokes Bay:

Please read the information on the club's website below the entry details at

<https://www.stokesbay-sc.co.uk/open-events-2/>

For those who want to arrive early and get some practice you are most welcome to join in SBSC Wednesday night racing. Use of club facilities is charged at £7 a day.

Camping and parking of motorhomes for the event duration:

Camping for larger tents and parking (only motorhomes, not cars) is available on the field adjacent to the Sailing Club (East side) for which a fee is payable. Please book via WebCollect.

Camping for small tents within the sailing club boat compound is permissible, however there is limited capacity.

Further accommodation options can be found at

<https://www.stokesbay-sc.co.uk/accommodation-for-open-events/>

Social Programme:

Drinks Reception Thursday evening and Championship Dinner Saturday evening.

Additional dinner tickets can be ordered via WebCollect. The galley will be open for the 3 days of the event as will the bar at certain times.