



Notice of Race

NSSA Single Handed Team Racing Championship

101 Genners Lane, Bartley Green, Birmingham, B32 3NU

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th October 2023

The Organising Authority is the National School Sailing Association (NSSA) in conjunction with Bartley Sailing Club.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The Event will be governed by the Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* including *Appendix D*, and local byelaws.
- 1.2. The standard UKTRA Sailing Instructions will apply. These change some Rules in the RRS and will be available before registration. Any changes to these Sailing Instructions, along with the details of registration, will also be posted on the event webpage <https://www.nssa.org.uk> before 29th September 2023.
- 1.3. Races will be umpired.
- 1.4. In accordance with RRS 70.5(a) the right of appeal will be denied.
- 1.5. The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.6. By entering and attending this event, all persons agree to abide by the Rules of Bartley Sailing Club including any protocols and procedures that the organisers request. These protocols and procedures will be on the club website.

2. Entries and Deposit

- 2.1. The event is for three boat teams and will be sailed in Toppers supplied by the organising authority. Each boat shall be sailed by one person. **Team members must be under the age of 19 on 1st September in the year of the event.**
- 2.2. In order for an entry to be valid, the following criteria must be met:
 - a) The organisation that a team is representing must have NSSA Group Membership for the current membership year (1st April 2023 to 30th March 2024).
 - b) All sailors participating in that team must have NSSA Youth membership for the current membership year (1st April 2023 to 30th March 2024). Teams may enter by completing the entry form and following associated instructions.
- 2.3. Valid entries will be confirmed by email upon receipt of payment for the correct entry fee by BACS to:
Sort code: 30 14 40
Acc. No: 00564831
Acc. Name: National School Sailing Association
Please use Reference "[Team] SHTR 2023"
- 2.4. The entry deadline is 1st October. No entries will be accepted after this date. Entries are not deemed accepted until confirmed by NSSA. Until 10th September, up to two teams per organisation will be confirmed on a first come first served basis, until the entry limit is reached. After 10th September, additional teams per organisation, and any new entries, will be confirmed on a first come first served basis, until the entry limit is reached.
- 2.5. If the entry limit is reached valid entries will be placed on a waiting list in the order received.
- 2.6. Each organisation represented must be accompanied by a responsible adult who will manage their teams.

- 2.7. Each team of three sailors should provide a volunteer who will make themselves available to assist the event team and should be prepared and equipped to spend the day afloat. Some shore roles will also be available. Teams who are unable to make meet this requirement will be subject to a surcharge of £10.
- 2.8. Teams will forfeit their entry fee if an entry is withdrawn after 17th September 2023.
- 2.9. The entry fee will be £102 per team.
- 2.10. By entering, teams agree to be bound by the damage requirements as found in Attachment X.

3. Event Schedule

- 3.1. Registration will open at 08:30am on Saturday 14th October and will close at 09:15am.
- 3.2. Competitors briefing will take place at 09:15am and competitors should be changed and ready to go afloat.
- 3.3. The first warning signal on Saturday 14th October will be not before 0957.
- 3.4. There will be no warning signal after 1530 on Sunday 15nd October.

4. Buoyancy and Clothing

- 4.1. RRS 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat or on the pontoons. This changes RRS 40.1.
- 4.2. All competitors will be required to wear wet suits or dry suits unless advised otherwise by the Race Committee through an official notice [DP].

5. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

The HMY Britannia Gig's Yoke will be awarded to the winners of the Championship.

The Lancashire Plate will be awarded to the highest placed team at the end of the Championship who was in the lower half of the league at the end of completed rounds on Saturday or Round 5, whichever is the later, but will not be awarded to a team which eventually finishes in the top 4 places in the Championship. If the entry is an odd number, the lower half will include the higher number (eg 31 entry = 16 teams). If three rounds have not been completed by the end of racing on Saturday, the Plate will be awarded to the team finishing highest in the lower half of the league (eg 36 entry = 19th place) in the Championship.

The Angus Westley Trophy will be awarded to the highest placed team at the end of the Championship whose members are all under 16 years of age on the start day of the event.

The Highest Placed Under 12 Trophy will be awarded to the highest placed team at the end of the Championship, whose members are all under 12 years of age on the start date of the event.

NSSA mementos will be presented to the leading four teams in The Championship, the winning team of The Lancashire Plate, the winning team of The Angus Westley Trophy (Under 16 Trophy) and winning team of the Highest Placed Under 12 Trophy.

6. Rights to use Name and Likeness

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. Any concerns may be made in confidence and in writing to the Event Director (contact details below).

7. Risk Statement

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) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the OA does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- e) The provision of patrol boat cover 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 specific to the host venue or the 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.
- 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 crew and the boat and crew is capable of competing in the anticipated conditions.

8. Cancellation

The organising authority reserves the right to cancel the event. The entry fee and any deposits will be refunded if possible.

Please contact Rob Mallet SHTRBARTLEY2023@gmail.com and the NSSA shtr@nssa.org.uk with any queries.

INVASIVE SPECIES PROCEDURE

Before launching, all competitors are required to ensure that – your boat has been ‘Checked, Cleaned and Dried’ for a minimum of two days prior to arriving at Bartley Sailing Club.

A non-native species of fresh water shrimp has been found in many reservoirs and it is imperative that the Check, Clean, and Dry principles are adhered to before the boat is launched elsewhere to prevent the spread of the non-native species to other locations in the UK.

ACCOMMODATION

There are many local hotels, campsites and youth centres who each provide ample accommodation. Unfortunately, due to club security we are unable to allow people to stay onsite, which does include caravans and motorhomes.

Dogs are allowed on site but must be under control at all times and are not permitted in the clubhouse or training centre.

SITE ACCESS AND PARKING

Cars are permitted within the dinghy park to allow dropping or collection of boats and equipment but must be removed immediately to a designated car parking area which will be highlighted for the event.

GALLEY

The Galley will be serving food and hot drinks until 3pm each day; please ensure you pre order your food prior to lunchtime - this can be done on the morning of each day from the galley team.

MEMBERSHIP

Entrants and authorized guests are temporary members of Bartley Sailing Club during the period of the event and shall comply with Club Rules and Bye-laws. Failure to observe these Rules and Bye-laws may result in the imposition of penalties, including disqualification from the event.

Attachment X – Damage

It is required of all competitors to show due care and attention to the boats that are 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 £100 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 Organising Authority 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 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 team's organisation.
 - (c) Suspend the NSSA membership rights of the team's organisation.
- X3.4 The Organising Authority may amend or cancel a damage notice at any time and may reinstate a team disqualified.