Notice of Race

RYA Junior Club Championships 2025

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Northampton Sailing Club

4th and 5th October 2025

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Yachting Association; the event is hosted by Northampton Sailing Club.

1. Introduction

1.1. The RYA Junior Club Championships will take place on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th October 2025 at Northampton Sailing Club, Pitsford Reservoir, Brixworth, Northants, NN6 9DG.

1.2. The event is a "Pairs" event with teams of sailors competing in many short races across multiple fleets and divisions. One boat in each fleet will be provided by the entry and boats will be shared by each pair in a fleet who will race in a separate division as indicated in the table below.

	Blue Division		Yellow Division
RS Feva XL Fleet	Sailor A & Sailor B	↔	Sailor D & Sailor E
Topper 5.3 Fleet	Sailor C	↔	Sailor F

2. Rules

2.1. The Event will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the RYA Prescriptions

2.2. Races will be umpired in accordance with the Rules and Rule Changes included in an addendum which will be published ahead of the event..

2.3. RRS 40.1 (Personal Floatation Devices) applies at all times while afloat.

2.4. Sailing Instructions will be published ahead of the event and may change some rules in the RRS, including but not limited to RRS 26, 28.2, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35, A2, A4 and A5.

2.5. The RYA Racing Charter is in effect and competitors are expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.

2.6. The notation [NP] in a rule in this Notice of Race (NoR) or the Sailing Instructions (SI) denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

3. Communication

3.1. The Online Official Noticeboard will be located at; Junior Club Championships

4. Entry and Eligibility Requirements [NP]

4.1. The sailors in a team shall be bona-fide members of the Club they represent and should not change during the event.

4.2. Six sailors shall constitute a team of which no more than four sailors are of the same gender.

4.3. Sailors shall be aged under 16 on 1st September 2025.

4.4. A sailor shall not sail in more than one fleet or division.

4.5. All teams must be accompanied by a designated adult chaperone, who shall remain available onsite during the event.

4.6. Teams may be requested to make one adult person available who can assist the OA with conducting the regatta, either on or off the water.

5. Request for Invitation

5.1. Entry to the Event will be by invitation only.

5.2. Requests for Invitation are encouraged from Teams representing RYA Affiliated Clubs.

5.3. Requests for Invitation will be accepted until Monday 21st July using the form available at: https://www.cognitoforms.com/RYA2/_2025RYAJuniorClubChampionshipsPilotApplicationForEntry

6. Invitation to Enter

6.1. From the requests for invitations received, an initial round of 20 invitations will be issued week commencing Monday 28th July.

6.2. Initial invitations for entry will be issued to two Clubs representing each RYA Region and Home Country in the order of the time and date of receipt of the request for invitation.

6.3. Requests for Invitation which did not receive an initial invitation will be placed, in order of time and date received.

6.4. Where an RYA Region or Home Country is represented by fewer than two Clubs, the invitations may be allocated to teams on the waiting list such that no RYA Region or Home Country shall receive a fourth invitation before any RYA Region or Home Country receives a third, and so onward.

6.5. Additional or Wildcard entries may be invited at the sole discretion of the OA.

6.6. Decisions of the OA about entry or eligibility shall not be cause for redress. This amends RRS 76.3.

7. Confirmation of Entry

7.1. Entries will not be considered valid unless all requirements of this Notice of Race are met.

7.2. Teams shall confirm their entry by accepting their invitation by no later than Monday 11th August. Invitations not accepted by this time will be assumed to have been declined and the invitation will be allocated to the next team on the waiting list.

7.3. Entry shall be made via the link provided to those teams offered an entry, entries will only be accepted once payment is complete.

7.4. Should the OA be able to secure a replacement entry for a team that has withdrawn, the OA may provide a refund of the entry fee, less a £50 administration fee and any costs already incurred at the time of withdrawal.

8. Entry Fees

8.1. The entry fee for a team will be £300.

9. Event Schedule

9.1. Registration will be in the clubhouse from 0800 to 0900 on 4th October

9.2. A briefing for all competitors will be at 0900 outside the clubhouse.

9.3. Racing will start at 1000 on Saturday 4th October and continue all day, until around 17.00. It will resume at 0900 on Sunday 5th October. Racing on Sunday is intended to continue until mid-afternoon however no warning signal will be made after 1700.

10. Equipment and Inspection [NP][DP]

10.1. Boats shall comply with their class rules.

10.2. Additional sail numbers may be provided by the OA to aid identification.

10.3. The OA may provide sails to one or both fleets, to assist equalisation and identification. This will not include spinnakers. Any allocation or variation in any supplied equipment shall not be grounds for redress, this changes RRS 61.4(b).

11. Clothing and Equipment [NP][DP]

11.1. All Competitors shall ensure they wear suitable clothing to protect from the effects of the existing weather conditions and water temperature whilst afloat.

11.2. The OA will not provide protest flags.

12. Format of Racing

12.1. The event will consist of two fleets; separated into two divisions (Blue and Yellow).

a) The RS Feva XL fleet with one boat per team sailed by two crews of two sailors, each crew sailing in a separate division.

b) The Topper 5.3 fleet with one boat per team sailed by two crews of one sailor, each crew sailing in a separate division.

12.2. Up to five Blue Division races for both fleets will be followed by up to five Yellow Division races for both fleets with sailors swapping boats with their teammates. Blue and Yellow Divisions will continue to swap and sail in up to five races at a time for the duration of the event.

12.3. The courses which may be sailed are included in Addendum C of this Notice of Race.

12.4. Racing will be scored using the system defined in the SI's. There will be no discards.

13. Prizes

13.1. The winning Club will be granted the title RYA Junior Club Champions.

13.2. Additional Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

14. Advertising and Sponsorship

14.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

14.2. The OA may request competitors to wear bibs that are loaned for the purposes of team identification.

15. Data Protection, Rights to use Name and Likeness

15.1. The personal information you provide to the OA will be used to facilitate your participation in the event and may be shared with third party organisations; a list of whom may be obtained by contacting the OA. 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 OA's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The entries, results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

15.2. By participating in this event competitors automatically grant to the OA 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.

16. Risk Statement

16.1. 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 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the 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 competitor briefing held at the venue;

h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims.

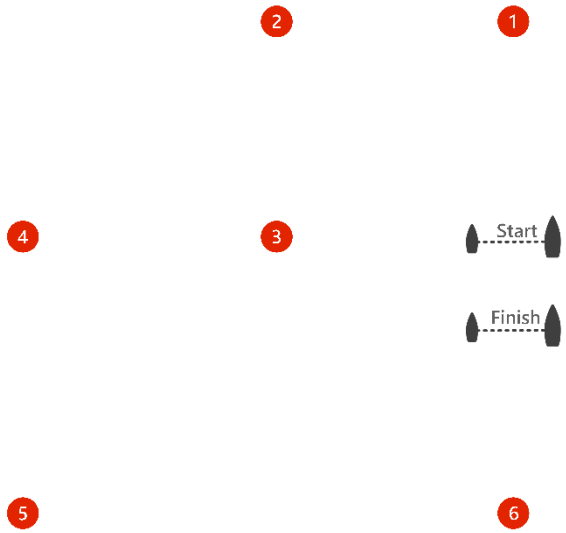
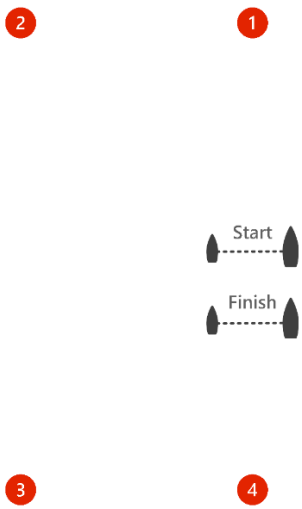
16.2. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibility of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

17. Cancellation

17.1. The Organising Authority may cancel the event in its absolute discretion. In the event that the Organising Authority decides to cancel the event they shall give at least 36 hours' notice to the Team Organiser, and shall refund the entry fee, less any costs already incurred.

Attachment C – Courses

The courses which may be used are as described below, additional courses may be described in the Sailing Instructions.

Mr. Greedy	Square
p = round to port; s = round to starboard Start – 1p – 2p – 3s – 4p – 5p – 6p – Finish	*p = round to port* Start – 1p – 2p – 3p– 4p – Finish
	 *This course may be mirrored such that all marks are left to Starboard.*