



NOTICE OF RACE

Southampton University Sailing Club

Wessex Winter Warmer

8th-9th February 2025

1 INTRODUCTION

The event is for teams of three boats and will be sailed in Firefly dinghies supplied by the Organising Authority. Each boat shall be sailed by two people.

2 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) is Southampton 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 UK Team Racing Association (UKTRA) Standard Team Racing Sailing Instructions will apply. These change some rules in the RRS; they are available on the UKTRA website (www.teamracing.org) and at registration.
- 3.4 In accordance with RRS 70.5(a) the right of appeal will be denied.

4 APPLICATIONS FOR INVITATION

- 4.1 Entry to the event will be by invitation only via the OA.
- 4.2 Applications for invitations are open to all and will open on Monday 30th October.
- 4.3 Applications for invitations must be submitted online before the closing date of Monday 6th January at 2300. The application form can be found on the kSail Portal at the following link: <https://events.ksail.co.uk/2025/Warmer/> and https://events.ksail.co.uk/ksail_events/EventDetailsView/24/

5 INVITATION OF ENTRY

- 5.1 The maximum number of teams is 20.
- 5.2 Selected teams will be invited to enter from Wednesday 8th January.
- 5.3 Initial invitations of entry will be issued by evaluating the following criteria:
 - (a) Previous events entered both via the team and individual sailors
 - (b) Results achieved by both the team and individual sailors
 - (c) Reputation held by the team and individual sailors within the team



- 5.4 Applications for invitation which did not receive an initial invitation will be placed on a waiting list, ranked using the criteria above in 5.3
- 5.5 Additional entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA
- 5.6 Decisions of the organising authority about entry or eligibility shall not be cause for redress. This amends RRS 62.1.

6 CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY

- 6.1 Entries will not be considered valid unless all requirements of this Notice of Race are met
- 6.2 The entry fee will be £440 per team.
- 6.3 Teams must accept their invitations by making payment of the entry fee by no later than 2359 on Friday 24th January; invitations not accepted by this time will be considered declined. Replacement or additional entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA and on payment of the entry fee.
- 6.4 Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment and property up to a maximum of £500 per incident. When a team is assessed as liable for damage, it shall restore the deposit to the original value in order to continue sailing. Damage attributed to competitors generally or to an unidentified team will be attributed equally between all teams. A team may apply to the protest committee to determine their responsibility for any damage.

7 EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The format of the event will be included in the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.2 Registration will take place at 0815 at Spinnaker SC on Saturday 8th February.
- 7.3 There will be a briefing at 0845 at Spinnaker SC.
- 7.4 The first warning signal will not be before 0912.
- 7.5. There will be no warning signal for any stage other than knockouts after 1500 on Sunday 9th February.

8 BUOYANCY AND CLOTHING

- 8.1 Adequate personal flotation devices and wet or dry suits shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat.
- 8.2 In compliance with Spinnaker SC bylaws; wetsuits, as a minimum standard, must be of "long john" design and provide thermal insulation up to the wearer's shoulders. Spinnaker SC rules and bylaws can be found on the Spinnaker SC website via the following link: <https://www.spinnakerclub.co.uk/legal/club-rules-and-bylaws-2020>

9 CANCELLATION

- 9.1 The OA may cancel the event or decline an entry at its sole discretion.
- 9.2 Should the OA cancel the event within 36 hours of the scheduled start of race 1 any refunds will be at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.

If an entry is withdrawn by a competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refund
Up to Saturday 25th January	100%
Up to Wednesday 29th January	50%
After Wednesday 29th January	0%

10 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 10.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant the OA the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show at their discretion any photography, audio and video recordings and any other reproductions of them made at the venue and on the water, from the time at their arrival at the venue until their final departure, without compensation.

11 RISK STATEMENT, INSURANCE

- 11.1 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 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 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) They are 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.