

University of Warwick Sailing Club
NOTICE of RACE
The Warwick Turtle 2026
January 31st-February 1st 2026

1 INTRODUCTION

The event is for 3 boat teams and will be sailed in Fireflies supplied by the organising authority. Each boat shall be sailed by 2 people.

2 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is the University of Warwick Sailing and Windsurfing 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 web site (www.teamracing.org) and at registration.

3.4 In accordance with RRS 70.3(b), the right of appeal will be denied.

4 ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY

4.1 Entries are invited from University and School teams, both past and present as well as sailing clubs from around the UK and ROI. Entries will initially be limited to two places per university/club. If you want additional teams, email the organising committee to have extras added to a waiting list. If fewer than 18 teams have entered by the 31st December 2025, the organising authority will accept teams from the waiting list. Please contact the organising authority if unsure as to your eligibility at Claire.van-Heel@warwick.ac.uk.

4.2 The closing date for receipt of entries and payment of the entry fee is 1st January 2025.

4.3 The entry fee will be £350 per team.

4.4 Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment and property up to a maximum of £300 per incident. A deposit for this amount will be required in advance, and before a team may sail. 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.

4.5 The Organising Authority may reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.

4.6 Should the Organising Authority reject an entry, they shall refund the entry in full.

4.7 If a team withdraws before the 10th of January, their entry fee will be refunded. Any team withdrawing after this date must still pay the entry fee.

5 EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

5.1 The format of the event will be a round robin followed by leagues, semi-finals and a final, conditions permitting and at the discretion of the organising authority. The organising authority reserves the right to change this at any time.

5.2 Registration will take place on January 30th, 19:00 to 22:00. Location: The Old Library. 11-13 Bath St, Leamington Spa CV31 3AF. Additional registration will also take place on January 31st, 08:15 to 09:00. Location: Draycote Water Sailing Club, Draycote Water, Kites Hardwick, CV23 8AB.

5.3 There will be a briefing on January 31st, 09:00, at Draycote Water Sailing Club outside the clubhouse.

5.4 The first warning signal will be at 09:30 am on January 31st.

5.5 In addition to the ability of the Race Committee to abandon or postpone racing, the Organising Authority may cancel all or any part of the event. The entry fee for a cancelled part of the event will be refunded, less any costs already incurred in the running of the event.

6 BUOYANCY AND CLOTHING

6.1 Adequate personal flotation devices shall be worn at all times in accordance with RRS 40.1.

6.2 Wet or dry suits are required.

6.3 The organising authority reserves the right to refuse entry to any competitor who does not meet these requirements.

7 RISK STATEMENT, INSURANCE

7.1 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, 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 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.

7.2 No alcoholic beverages not purchased on site are to be consumed at the sailing club.

7.3 Transport to and from the reservoir is the responsibility of the team applying.

8 PRIZES

These will be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority. Entry forms are available on the BUSA website (www.busa.co.uk) or can be obtained by emailing Claire.van-Heel@warwick.ac.uk.