The Sheffield Shuffle - Team Racing Event

24-25th April 2027

NOTICE of RACE

1. Event:

1.1 The University of Sheffield Sailing club will hold 'The Sheffield Shuffle' on the 24rd & 25th April 2027, at Pennine Sailing Club, S36 4TF.

1.2 The event is for three boat teams, sailed in Fireflies. Each boat shall be sailed by a helm and a crew.

1.3 The racing will be run with **three flights** of Fireflies.

1.4 The organising authority will be The University of Sheffield Sailing Club

2. Rules:

2.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing,* including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules and the event Sailing Instructions.

2.2 Races will be umpired.

2.3 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.

2.4 In accordance with rule 70.3 the right of appeal will be denied.

2.5 In case of an on the water protest a single flag protest procedure will be used. When a boat wishes to protest she must hail 'Protest' and conspicuously wave a red flag at the soonest possible opportunity. The boat involved in the alleged incident may then choose to take the appropriate penalty spin (1 tack and 1 gybe) or to carry on racing and not take the penalty. If the penalty spin is not taken then the umpire shall decide whether to penalise any boat.

3. Entries and Deposit:

3.1 The closing date for receipt of entries, along with the payment of the entry fee **is 10th April 2027.**

3.2 The entry fee per team is **£350**.

3.3 If the event is oversubscribed, the entries will be determined at the discretion of the organising committee.

3.4 Each team will be liable to the cost of damage to the boats, equipment and property up to a **maximum of £300 per incident.** A deposit for this amount will be required before the team can sail. This will be via a signed form. 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. Event Format and Schedule

4.1 The format of the event will be a HLS Round-robin, semifinals and a final, please note SI 3.1.

4.2 There will be no registration, ensure you arrive on time for the briefing.

4.3 There will be a briefing at Pennine Sailing Club, Winscar Reservoir at 8.30am on 24rd April 2027.

5. Buoyancy and Clothing

Adequate personal floatation devices and full-length wet/dry suits must be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat.

6. Disclaimer of Liability/Insurance

6.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

6.2 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

6.3 When the boats are provided by the competitors, the boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims.

6.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, umpires, patrol boats and beach masters.

6.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

7. Prizes

There will be prizes awarded by The University of Sheffield Sailing Club at the end of the weekend.