



Notice of Race

Solo Nigel Pusinelli, Southern Area Championship and 70th Anniversary race at Felpham Sailing Club, Saturday 11th July 2026 – Sunday 12th July 2026 sponsored by Pinnell and Bax

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is Felpham Sailing Club, Blakes Road, Felpham, West Sussex, PO22 7ES

2. RULES

2.1. This event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028.

2.2. Competitors shall sail in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter.

2.3. Rule 40.1 applies at all times when afloat.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. The sailing instructions will be available before the event, electronically on the Felpham Sailing Club website: <https://felphamsailingclub.co.uk/>

3.2 In case of conflict between the NoR and SIs the SIs will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.5 (c) 2.

4. COMMUNICATION

4.1. The official notice board will be the notice board at Felpham Sailing Club.

4.2. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

5. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

5.1. The event is open to all boats which have a valid measurement certificate issued by the RYA.

5.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration on the Felpham Sailing Club website, or registering on the day, paying the required fee of £45.

5.4. Entries are limited to 50 boats.

5.5. There may be a tally system. Details will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

6. FEES and ENTRY

6.1. The entry fee is payable via the Felpham Sailing Club website: £45.

Website: <https://felphamsailingclub.co.uk/>

6.2. If the event is cancelled by the OA a full refund will be given.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. Class Training Friday 10th July – contact Southern Area Rep for details.

7.2. Event Registration: Reception entry check-in from 09.00-10.00

7.3. Briefing: Saturday 11th July at 11.00am, Felpham SC clubhouse.

7.4. The first warning signal shall be made no earlier than 11.55

7.5. Three races shall be sailed back to back on 11th July, three races shall be sailed back to back on 12th July

7.6. No warning signal will be made after 15.00hrs on the 12th July

7.7. Races may be run ahead of schedule to account for adverse weather conditions, or for any other reason, at the Race Committee's discretion.

7.8. Solo 70th Anniversary Invitation Race will take place soon after the last official race on Saturday. 10 sailors drawn from the entry will compete in a short course race for a prize of £70. More details on the day. This race won't count towards the Pusinelli or Southern Area championships, but will be a standalone competition.

8. SCORING

8.1. The low point scoring system (RRS Appendix A) will apply.

8.2. Two races shall be completed to constitute a series

8.3. The total score for each boat shall be the sum of her scores as follows:

8.3.1 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores

8.3.2 When 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding the worst score

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS AND CLOTHING

9.1. Boats and equipment may be inspected at any time.

9.2. RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times whilst afloat.

10. VENUE

10.1. The venue is Felpham Sailing Club, Blakes Road, Felpham, West Sussex, PO22 7ES. Sailing area south of the club.

11. COURSES

11.1. The courses will be decided on the day of the event. Full details will be in the Sailing Instructions(SIs) and briefing.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1. The post-race penalty and RYA arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. The post-race penalty will be 30%.

13. SUPPORT VESSELS

13.1. Support boats will not be allowed.

14. DATA PROTECTION

14.1. The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the racing. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the racing (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 organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the racing and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

14.2. By participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during racing, and of all of his/her material related to the championship, without compensation.

14.3. In order to manage the events, information provided by competitors will be held on a database. The management of personal information and images will comply with General Data Protection Regulations. More details are available on request.

15. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 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;

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 briefing held for the event;

16. INSURANCE

16.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

17. PRIZES

17.1. Prizes will be awarded at a prizegiving located in the club house lounge asap after the final race of the day.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are the greensward to the east of the club.

Early Arrivals sailors who would like to make the event a long weekend are welcome to arrive at the Club from Friday evening (access will be available from around 5.00pm)

Catering and Bar Facilities: Breakfasts, Sandwiches, snacks and beverages will be available throughout the weekend. Bar facilities will be available after racing on Saturday with a meal (additional cost) and live band at the club. All payments for food and beverages to be made at the time of purchase. Special dietary requirements should be notified at the time of booking.

Dogs on site: Dogs are allowed on site. Dogs are not permitted upstairs in the sailing club building.

Parking: Vehicles may park on the local roads adjacent to the club, behind the beach huts (don't forget to pay), and in the village car park (free) 9 minutes walk from the club.

Further Information: For any further information, please contact the class association or Felpham Sailing Club.