



## NOTICE OF RACE



**32nd WSSYSA Regatta.  
Felpham Sailing Club  
Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th September 2026  
Organising Authority: Felpham Sailing Club,  
Blakes Road Felpham, West Sussex PO22 7EE  
for West Sussex Schools and Youth Sailing Association (WSSYSA)**

### **1. Rules**

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028*.

1.2 WSSYSA Regatta Sailing Instructions 2026 including changes to the RRS will be available electronically from the Felpham Sailing Club website and the WSSYSA website [www.wssysa.org](http://www.wssysa.org) by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2026.

1.3 Felpham Sailing Club implements the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter and by entering the event competitors agree to sail in accordance with the RYA Charter.

1.4 Rule 40.1 applies at ALL times afloat in accordance with Rule 40.2(c)

1.5 Rule 41 is amended as follows

Add RRS 41 Rookie fleet -: "when a competitor in a Rookie fleet race is seen by a safety boat crew to be significantly astern of the bulk of the fleet, in which case a safety boat crew may offer assistance to enable the competitor to overcome a manifest problem or improve their sailing performance at the time. Such assistance offered is to be accepted without penalty or protest.

On-water coaching for participants in the Rookie fleet will be permitted, but not for the other fleets.

### **2. Eligibility and Entry**

2.1 Entry is open to all competitors who are under the age of 19 years on the 20 September 2026, sailing monohull, non-foiling dinghies with a Portsmouth Number (PN) listed in the RYA PN list, available online at:

[www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/portsmouth\\_yardstick.aspx](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/portsmouth_yardstick.aspx)

2.2 Other classes may be accepted, and allocated a PN, at the discretion of the Race Committee.

2.3 All boats shall be able to be identified by having unique sail designations.

2.4 Competitors shall enter as teams that are managed by an adult Team Manager. The Team Manager shall have authority to act in loco parentis during the regatta and shall ensure that competitors are aware of and have read this and all other associated documents.

2.5 Eligible teams shall enter by sending a signed & completed WSSYSA Regatta Entry Form to the WSSYSA Regatta Event Director, Roger Belton (email: [roger.f.belton@gmail.com](mailto:roger.f.belton@gmail.com)), by 1st September 2026. Late entries may be accepted at the WSSYSA's discretion.

2.6 Team Managers may register amendments to the advised teams from 0900 until 1030 on 19th September 2026 at the Race Office (upstairs).

### **2.7 Entry fees:**

Double-handed boat: £46.00 Single-handed boats: £27.00

### **3. Racing Schedule**

3.1 Launching will take place off the beach in front of the clubhouse.

3.2 tides conditions will be as follows

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September LT 04.51 - 4.4m HT 17.14 - 4.2m

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September LT 06.23 - 4.1m HT 18.55 - 4.0m

A Safety Team Briefing will be held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm, and again on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> at 09:45. The briefing will be held in the FSC club room.

3.3 Six races are scheduled to be completed by each handicap fleet (except for Rookies). Depending on weather conditions up to four races may be sailed on each day.

The Event Director will contact participating clubs to confirm arrangements.

The Fast & Medium handicap fleets will race on their own course with separate starts for each fleet. The Slow handicap fleet will have their own race area. The Rookies will also have their own race area.

3.4 On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> of September the scheduled time of the first warning signal will be 10.55

3.5 On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September the scheduled time of the first warning signal for the first race 10.55. No warning signal will be made after 15:00.

3.6 Subsequent races will be sailed back-to-back as soon as practical after the completion of the previous race.

### **4. Support Boats**

4.1 Support boats attending this event shall register with the event director.

4.2 The outline plan is for three race areas and three committee boats, patrolled by about ten safety boats (TBC).

Help from participating clubs by providing crewed Safety Boats and Committee boats is very much appreciated.

4.3 If cash is required to cover fuel costs please contact the Event Director.

### **5 Scoring**

5.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

When three or more races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

When six races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores less her worst two scores.

5.2 Prizes will be awarded as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

A Team Prize (Handicap Fleets) will be awarded.

The top 4 placed competitors in each team will be aggregated to create the Team Score, using their ranking.

A Team Prize for the Rookie Fleet will also be awarded. The top 2 placed competitors in each team will be aggregated to create the Rookie Team Score, using their ranking.

### **6. Venue**

6.1 The racing is based at Felpham Sailing Club, Blakes Road, Felpham PO22 7EE.

6.2 **Visiting dinghies** will be allocated space on the eastern greensward adjacent to the promenade wall. Road trailers may be stored in the same location.

6.3 **Visiting support powerboats** will be allocated space in the locked club dinghy park.

6.4 Dinghies and powerboats left overnight are at the boat owner's risk. A security guard will patrol the site on Friday and Saturday nights.

### **7. Venue Safety**

7.1 The turning area at the south end of Blakes Road is a designated access point for emergency vehicles. This area must be kept clear except for loading & unloading.

7.2 The Regatta area including the Greensward, the Promenade, the slipway, the beach and launching area is a public open space and must be treated as such by competitors, team managers and parents.

7.3 The only access from the dinghy parking with boats, and from the clubhouse, to the beach is across a busy promenade which is a combined pedestrian and cycle pathway. Supervision must be maintained to protect the competitors and the public from mishaps and injury. Sails must be rigged on the beach to avoid flapping sails and booms on the Promenade.

7.4 The Promenade should be kept clear. Trolleys should be parked clear away from the slipway and kept above the tide line expected at the end of the days schedule.

7.5 Volunteer marshals may be present at various times to direct competitors who then must abide by instructions given without delay. A completed risk assessment form will be made available for Team Managers and competitors.

7.6 Felpham Sailing Club has a fully stocked First Aid kit in the Clubhouse with Ice Packs and Thermal Blankets available.

7.7 **Defibrillators** – one (un-coded) defibrillator is located immediately inside and adjacent to the front door of the clubhouse. There is a second public access defibrillator located at the south end of Blakes Road – adjacent to the mini golf hut.

7.8 A First Aid Team will be on duty during Saturday and Sunday. Each participating team is advised have their own first aid kits and first aiders.

7.9 Changing room spaces will be available for both boys & girls. Separate changing spaces for adults will be provided.

7.10 The Team Leader is responsible for the safety and welfare of their team when on the shore.

### **8.0 Not used**

### **9. Risk Statement**

9.1 RRS 4 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

9.2 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 accordingly 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 competitors 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.

It is acknowledged that some sailors may not be able to make the safest decision as to participate (or not) in racing given the sailing conditions. In these cases, it shall be the responsibility of the Team Manager to decide about a young person's suitability to participate, or not.

9.4 Team Managers shall ensure that skippers, crews and their parents or guardians are fully aware and conscious of this risk statement and the actual and potential risks including drowning, hypothermia and other physical injuries, including head injuries.

### **10. Insurance**

10.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident that is valid for this event and those sailing the boat.

### **11. Photography**

11.1 Competitors, parents and guardians shall accept that photographs of their boat and its crew may be taken whilst attending this event and shall automatically grant the Organising Authority and the WSSYSA the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and any other reproduction of them taken during the event, without compensation.

### **12. Environmental Impact**

12.1 Competitors are requested to avoid single use plastics. Please use re-fillable water bottles, which can be refilled in the Clubhouse. Keep all food and drinks wrappers well secured or pass them to a patrol boat if that is possible. Do not jettison them in the sea.

12.2 Rubbish bins are provided by the galley in the clubhouse. Please use these in preference to Council provided bins.

12.3 Water conservation: showers – please keep the length of showers to a minimum (also preserving the hot water for your fellow competitors) and keep swimwear on while showering.

12.4 A hose and muffs are available in the dinghy park to wash through engines after use. Wash down facilities for dinghies is not available.

### **13. Supporting Information**

13.1 Coaching from acknowledged experts for all fleets will be provided before and after racing. Video recording of racing, and post racing feedback is planned.

13.2 In case of bad weather we will endeavour to provide alternate activities to keep participants active and engaged if it is not possible to race.

13.3 For families and supporters: the club house and balcony will be open for all visitors to use. Local facilities include Adventure Golf, Tennis, Lobster Pot Café, Beachcroft Hotel & Blake's Bar, Fox Inn and the Boathouse Café and other local venues.

13.4 Dinghies and powerboats may be delivered to the club on Thursday evening from 5pm through to 8:30pm, and on Friday from 2pm through to 8:30pm.



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13.5 There is no parking available at the Club. Parking is found in the pay and display car park behind the beach huts, but please do check parking restrictions, particularly closure times in the evening. Free parking is available on local roads and on two nearby car parks. See here: <https://felphamsailingclub.co.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Parking-at-Felpham-SC.pdf>

13.6 The FSC kitchen & bar will be open throughout the event supplying hot & cold drinks, snacks and lunch.

13.7 We will be holding a raffle to offset some of the regatta costs and help keep entry costs down. Participating clubs are invited to contribute a sailing related raffle prize for a raffle to be held over the weekend. Whereas a bottle of rum maybe regarded as sailing related, it is not the best prize for a youngster! Any contributions gratefully received.

### **14 Contact details:**

14.1 Event Director: Roger Belton [roger.f.belton@gmail.com](mailto:roger.f.belton@gmail.com)

Regatta information is available here: <https://felphamsailingclub.co.uk/racing/open-meetings/>

And here:

<https://www.wssysa.org/>