

Notice of Race (NoR)

RYA Junior Club Championships 2027 - Qualifier

Organising Authority: Felpham Sailing Club

Venue: Felpham Sailing Club, Blakes Road Felpham, West Sussex PO22 7EE

Date: Friday 21 August 2026

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 The club Sailing Instructions will apply <https://felphamsailingclub.co.uk/racing/sailing-instructions/>

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 This event is a qualifying event for the RYA Junior Club Championships 2027 and will be conducted in accordance with the current RYA Junior Club Championships Qualification Guidance.

2. Eligibility & Entry

2.1 Entry is open to all competitors who are eligible for the RYA Junior Championships 2027, 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

2.2 The age limit is under 16 on the 1st September 2027.

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

2.4 Please enter by sending an email to Roger Belton (email: roger.f.belton@gmail.com), by 20th August 2026. Entry in person on the day is accepted prior to 11am.

2.5 Entry fees: Double-handed boat: £18.00 Single-handed boats: £10.00.

3. Communication

3.1 The official notice board will be located at Felpham Sailing Club.

3.2 Notices may also be published electronically where available.

3.3 Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions while racing and shall not receive communications not available to all boats.

4. Racing Schedule

4.1 Launching will take place off the beach in front of the clubhouse. The race area will be on the sea just off the beach.

4.2 Tide conditions are HT 18:16, 4.20m. Launching & recovery will be on a sandy beach.

4.3 Two races are scheduled. The second race will be sailed back-to-back as soon as practical after the completion of the first race.

Time	Activity
From 11:30	Registration
12:15	Competitor briefing
13:00	First warning signal

If local conditions cause a change to the schedule this will be announced on the Club Noticeboard.

4.4 No warning signal will be made after 16:00.

5. Support Boats

5.1 Support boats attending this event shall register prior to the event, contact Roger Belton (para 2.3 above). A concrete ramp is used to access the beach. We may need to organize a tractor to launch visiting support boats.

5.2 If agreed with the Race Officer, Support boats may assist with event safety. Coaching during racing is not permitted.

6. Scoring

6.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.

A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. A minimum of one race is required. Two races planned. No discards.

6.2 Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places.

6.3 Results will be sent to RYA Racing for aggregation of points

7. Equipment Inspection

Boats and equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules, safety requirements and this Notice of Race.

8. Venue

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

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

8.3 Dinghies and powerboats left overnight are at the owner's risk.

9. Courses

Course & marks will be advised on the Club Notice Board. A committee boat using flag & sound signals may be used. Alternatively, a line from the club and light & sound signals may be used. The light signals can be found here: <https://felphamsailingclub.co.uk/racing/sailing-instructions/>

10. Venue Safety

10.1 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.

10.2 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, and parents.

10.3 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.

10.4 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.

10.5 Volunteer marshals may be present at various times to direct competitors who then must abide by instructions given without delay.

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

10.7 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.

10.8 A First Aid Team will be on duty during the event.

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

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 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. Support Persons

Support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from the Race Committee.

13. Risk Statement

13.1 RRS 4 states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

13.2 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.

13.3 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 parent to decide about a young person’s suitability to participate, or not.

14. Insurance

14.1 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.

15. Environmental Impact

15.1 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.

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

15.3 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.

15.4 A hose and muffs are available in the dinghy park to wash through engines after use. Wash down facilities for dinghies is also available.

16. Supporting Information

16.1 Coaching from acknowledged experts may be provided before and after racing. Video recording of racing, and post racing feedback may be provided.

16.2 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.

16.3 Dinghies and powerboats may be delivered to the club on Thursday from 10am through to 8pm.

16.4 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 carparks. See here:

<https://felphamsailingclub.co.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Parking-at-Felpham-SC.pdf>

16.5 The FSC kitchen & bar will be open throughout the event supplying hot & cold drinks, and refreshments.

16.6 Please note that this one-day qualifier event is incorporated into the last day of Felpham Youth Regatta. FYR incorporates 4 days of racing with two races per day. There will be 15-20 young people racing for the Cadet Cup in the eight-race series.

17. Further Information

17.1 Contact: Roger Belton roger.f.belton@gmail.com

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

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