



Firefly

Open Meeting

Saturday 13th September 2025

Notice of Race

(Subject only to minor amendment)

Organising Authority: Bough Beech Sailing Club

Venue: Bough Beech Sailing Club
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nr. Edenbridge
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Clubhouse: 01892 870 538
(Weekends only)

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1. Rules

- 1.1. All races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-28* as published by World Sailing.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the Firefly Class Association, this Notice of Race (NOR), and the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will apply. In the event of conflict between the rules, those of the SIs shall prevail.
- 1.3. The exoneration penalty (and advisory and arbitration hearings) of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedure will be available.
- 1.4. The following Rules will be subject to change: RRS 33; RRS 35; RRS 41; RRS 45; RRS 60.1; RRS 64; RRS A5.1; RRS A5.2; Race Signal ICF 'L', Appendix S 11.1.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. Entry is open to Firefly class dinghies.
- 2.2. Competitors may enter online: <http://www.boughbeechsc.org.uk/open-racing>. Early entries are appreciated.
- 2.3. Entries will be accepted up to 1000hrs on 13th September 2025.

3. Fees

- 3.1. Required series entry fees are as follows:

Entry type	Fee
Adult	£20
University student (helm & crew)	£10
Youth (under 19)	£10

4. Schedule

- 4.1. A briefing will be held at 1000hrs on Saturday 13th September.
- 4.2. Schedule of races:

Class	Class Flag	Number of races	First Warning Signal
Firefly	'F'	Four	1055hrs

- 4.3. Races are to be sailed back-to-back in two sets of two, with a lunch break ashore.
- 4.4. No warning signal will be given after 1600hrs.
- 4.5. Sunday 14th September: competitors are invited to join BBSC club racing on Sunday, in the handicap class.

5. Sailing Instructions

- 5.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Bough Beech Sailing Club website and displayed on the Official Notice Board in the clubhouse.

6. Courses

- 6.1. The courses to be sailed will be displayed on the course board.

7. Scoring

- 7.1. The series will be scored using the World Sailing Low Points Scoring system as in RRS Appendix A4 and Appendix A5.3.
- 7.2. A minimum of one race is required to be completed to constitute the regatta.
- 7.3. The number of races a boat may exclude from her score will depend upon the races completed as follows:

Number of Races completed	Races to count
4, 3	3
2	2
1	1

8. Prizes

- 8.1. Bough Beech SC will award prizes for 1st to 3rd place overall.
- 8.2. The Race Committee may award further prizes at its discretion.

9. Advertising

- 9.1. Boats shall display advertising if supplied by the Organising Authority.

10. Risk Statement

- 10.1. RRS 3 states: **‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.’** By participating in this Regatta, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 10.2. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta.

11. Insurance

- 11.1. It is a condition of entry that each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a level of cover adequate to cover all third-party claims.

12. Rights and Copyright

- 12.1. By participating in this series, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures, and live or recorded television and other reproductions of them during this series and of all of their material related to the series, without compensation.

13. Data protection

- 13.1. In order to manage the series, information provided by competitors will be held on a database. The management of personal information and images (as per NOR 12) will comply with the Club’s Privacy Policy and Data Protection Guidelines.
- 13.2. Bough Beech SC Privacy Policy:
<http://www.boughbeechsc.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/docs/BBSC-Privacy-policy.pdf>
- 13.3. Bough Beech SC Data Protection Guidelines:
<http://www.boughbeechsc.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/docs/BBSC-Data-Protection-Guidelines.pdf>

Additional Information

Invasive Species

All participating boats will be expected to have met Bough Beech SC's protective procedure against invasive species before entering SES Water grounds.

Dogs

Under the terms of SES Water's byelaws, dogs are not permitted on the premises of the Club, its grounds and car parks. Competitors **will** be asked to leave the premises if this byelaw is breached.

Club membership

Membership privileges are extended to visitors for the duration of the Regatta.

Catering

The galley will be open before sailing for breakfast and throughout the day for hot and cold food.

Parking

Parking is available in the Club car parks. Visiting boats should be rigged in the car park and walked down to the slipway on their launching trollies. Please note that cars are not permitted beyond the car parks. A car parking marshal may be used; visitors are expected to follow any direction regarding car and/or boat parking.

Camping

Camping is not permitted.

Security

Valuables should not be left in the changing rooms or visible in cars. Bough Beech SC accepts no liability for any items lost or damaged on its premises.