



# The Icicle

## Open Series 2026

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

### Notice of Race

(Subject only to minor amendment)

*Bough Beech Sailing Club invites mono-hull dinghies to sail under PY handicaps in a 16 race series over eight Sundays from the 4<sup>th</sup> of January to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2026. Races will be average lap format and organised into conventional and asymmetric fleets, with separate starts and courses.*

**Organising Authority:** Bough Beech Sailing Club

**Venue:** Bough Beech Sailing Club  
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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 relevant Class Associations, 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 40; RRS 41; RRS 45; RRS 60.1; RRS 64; RRS A5.1; RRS A5.2; RRS A9; Race Signal ICF 'L'; Appendix S 11.1.

## 2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. The series is open to all classes of centreboard or daggerboard monohull sailing dinghies whose waterline length does not exceed 6m (20ft).
- 2.2. Foiling dinghies are not permitted.
- 2.3. All entries must be made using the Web Collect link under the Icicle Series tab on the BBSC website:
  - Members of Bough Beech SC and its affiliates may enter free of charge.
  - Visitors must enter and pay the entry fee in advance.
- 2.4. Substitution of helm after commencement of the series will require a separate entry and will only be considered following written application to the race committee.

## 3. Fees

- 3.1. Required series entry fees are as follows:

| Icicle      | Entry                                          | Cost |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------|------|
| Full series | Double-hander (Adult)                          | £65  |
|             | Single-hander (Adult)                          | £45  |
|             | Double-hander (Youth - U18)                    | £30  |
|             | Single-hander (Youth - U18)                    | £20  |
|             | Visitor sailing with BBSC member (Adult)       | £20  |
|             | Visitor sailing with BBSC member (Youth – U18) | £10  |
| Per day     | Double-hander (Adult)                          | £10  |
|             | Single-hander (Adult)                          | £10  |
|             | Double-hander (Youth - U18)                    | £5   |
|             | Single-hander (Youth - U18)                    | £5   |

- 3.2. Boat storage at BBSC is free of charge for visitors entering the full series.
- 3.3. Members of BBSC may enter the series without paying additional fees.

## 4. Communication

- 4.1. In addition to the Official Notice Board, BBSC may communicate with sailors via a WhatsApp group. Join here: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FO9RXiBeJaB2tWaU9oofyM?mode=wwt>

## 5. Schedule

- 5.1. A briefing will be held at 1000hrs on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- 5.2. The schedule of races is as below:

| Date                                                                                                       | Class                                                    | Number of races per day                                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 and each Sunday thereafter up to and including 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2026 | All conventional classes, and RS Feva and RS Feva XL     | Two, weather permitting. No warning signal before 1055hrs |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 and each Sunday thereafter up to and including 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2026 | All asymmetric classes, excluding RS Feva and RS Feva XL | Two, weather permitting. No warning signal before 1100hrs |

- 5.3. If there are races to be caught up due to weather, then on any race day or days from Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January an additional race may be sailed in addition to the two races scheduled.
- 5.4. No warning signal will be given after 1500hrs on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026.

## 6. Sailing Instructions

- 6.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Bough Beech Sailing Club website.

## 7. Courses

- 7.1. The courses to be sailed will be defined in the Sailing Instructions and displayed on the course board.
- 7.2. The asymmetric fleet will sail on windward-leeward courses.

## 8. Scoring

- 8.1. The series will be scored using the World Sailing Low Points Scoring system as in RRS Appendix A4 and Appendix A5.3.
- 8.2. A minimum of four races are required to be completed to constitute the series.
- 8.3. 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 |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| 16                        | 9              |
| 14, 15                    | 8              |
| 12, 13                    | 7              |
| 10, 11                    | 6              |
| 8, 9                      | 5              |
| 6, 7                      | 4              |
| 4, 5                      | 3              |

## 9. Prizes

- 9.1. Bough Beech SC will award prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> place overall in both fleets.
- 9.2. The Race Committee may award further prizes at its discretion for both fleets.

## 10. Advertising

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

## **11. Risk Statement**

- 11.1. 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 event 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.
- 11.2. 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 series.

## **12. Insurance**

- 12.1. 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.

## **13. Rights and Copyright**

- 13.1. 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.

## **14. Data protection**

- 14.1 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 13) will comply with the Club's Privacy Policy and Data Protection Guidelines.
- 14.2. Bough Beech SC Privacy Policy:  
<http://www.boughbeechsc.org.uk/wpcontent/uploads/docs/BBSC-Privacy-policy.pdf>
- 14.3. Bough Beech SC Data Protection Guidelines:  
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# **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.



## Bough Beech Icicle Series 2026

WhatsApp group



This group QR code is private. If it is shared with someone, they can scan it with their WhatsApp camera to join this group.