



Snipe

Junior, Women's & Under 30 National Championship

Sunday 5th – Monday 6th April 2026

Notice of Race

(Subject only to minor amendment)

Organising Authority: Bough Beech Sailing Club

Venue: Bough Beech Sailing Club
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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 Snipe 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 Snipe class dinghies with a full Junior (under 22 on 31st December 2026), female, or under 30 crew.
- 2.2. Competitors must enter online: <http://www.boughbeechsc.org.uk/open-racing>. Early entries are appreciated.
- 2.3. Entries will be accepted up to midnight on 3rd April 2026.
- 2.4. Substitution of helm after the entry deadline will constitute 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: £25 per boat.
- 3.2. For Junior entries (helm and crew under 22), a reduced fee as follows: £20 per boat.

4. Schedule

- 4.1. Registration will take place from 0900 in the Clubhouse on 5th April 2026.
- 4.2. A briefing will be held at 1200hrs on 5th April 2026.
- 4.3. **Sunday 5th April:**

Class	Class Flag	Number of races	First Warning Signal
Snipe	Snipe	Six	1255hrs

- 4.4. Races are to be sailed back-to-back.
- 4.5. Snipes are invited to join in with BBSC club racing in the morning, in the Handicap class. Snipes will join the two afternoon club races as part of the Regatta.
- 4.6. No warning signal will be given after 1630hrs.
- 4.7. **Monday 6th April:**

Class	Class Flag	Number of races	First Warning Signal
Snipe	Snipe	Six	1025hrs

- 4.8. Races are to be sailed back-to-back.
- 4.9. No warning signal will be given after 1500hrs.
- 4.10. A training session may be held on Saturday 4th April (details in Additional Information section).

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 two races 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:

Races completed	Races to count
12	9
10,11	8
9	7
8	6
6,7	5
5	4
4,3	3
2	2
1	1

8. Prizes

- 8.1. Bough Beech SC will award prizes for 1st to 3rd place in the Juniors and the Women's events.
- 8.2. Trophies will be awarded for the first Junior and first Women's boat overall.
- 8.3. Trophies will be awarded for the first Junior boat in each of the first four races.
- 8.4. 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 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.
- 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 series.

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-Privity-policy.pdf>
- 13.3. 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. Monday lunches must be pre-ordered via WebCollect.

There will be an evening meal on Sunday 5th April.

Training Session

A training session may be held on Saturday 4th April. Please contact Lloyd (lloyddavidroberts@hotmail.com) or Matt (wmatthew@live.co.uk) to register interest. A capitation fee will be payable for non-BBSC members attending the training session, paid via WebCollect.

Social

A games evening will be held after sailing on Sunday 5th April.

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 available on the grassed area in front of the Clubhouse. Motorhomes may be parked in the car park for the duration of the event.

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.