

British Keelboat League 2019

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. The British Keelboat League is a nationwide competition between clubs with qualification events before a Final.
- 1.2. Each event is sailed in keelboats supplied by the Organising Authorities of type as specified in **Event Details**.
- 1.3. Events consist of a number of scheduled short fleet races between a selection of other entered Crews with Crews sailing against every other Crew as often as possible during an event.

2. Organising Authorities

- 2.1. The Series Organising Authority (SOA) is the British Keelboat League Association.
- 2.2. The Host Organising Authority (HOA) for each individual event is the Host Club in conjunction with the SOA.

3. Rules

- 3.1. Each event will be governed by the Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
 - (a) Races will be umpired using Addendum Q to the SI's (January 1, 2019; plus event specific modifications) which changes the definition Proper Course and RRS 20, 28.2, 44, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 70, B5 & F5.
 - (b) The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules including RRS 31 & 41 and will include local byelaws.
- 3.2. The right of appeal is denied in accordance with RRS 70.5(a).
- 3.3. A personal flotation device must be worn at all times whilst sailing or transferring between boats. This changes the preamble to RRS Part 4 and RRS 40.

4. Event Details

Date	Host Club	Boats	No. Crew	Entry Fee	Entry Deadline
5 th & 6 th May	Ullswater YC	RS21	4	£300	29 th April
25 th & 26 th May	Draycote Water SC	RS21	4	£300	19 th May
8 th & 9 th June	Royal Corinthian YC (Burnham)	707	4/5	£300	2 nd June
15 th & 16 th June	Royal Lymington YC	RS21	4	£300	9 th June
22 nd & 23 rd June	Royal Southern YC (U25)	RS21	4	£300	16 th June
20 th & 21 st July	Royal Western YC	RS21	4	£300	14 th July
7 th & 8 th Sept.	Royal Northern & Clyde YC	RS21	4	£300	1 st Sept.
Series Final					
27 th to 29 th Sept.	Royal Thames YC (at Queen Mary Reservoir)	RS21	4	£450	22 nd Sept.

5. Entry and Eligibility

- 5.1. Entries are invited from any Club affiliated to the RYA. The number of crew, including helm, required for each boat is listed under **Event Details**. Every member of a Crew shall be a bona fide member of the club entering.
- 5.2. All crew for the Royal Southern YC Event shall be aged over 15 but under 25 years old on 31st December 2019.
- 5.3. Entries and Entry Fee payment should be made online via www.britishkeelboatleague.co.uk no later than 2359 on the date listed under **Event Details**. Entries received after this may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authorities. Clubs will forfeit their entry fee if an entry is withdrawn after this date.
- 5.4. A minimum of 6 entries and a maximum of 12 entries will be accepted on a first come first served basis for each qualifier. Additional entries may be accepted at the discretion of the HOA.
- 5.5. A Club may enter two Crews to each qualifier. Clubs wishing to make additional entries should email expressions of interest to bkl@rssailing.com.
- 5.6. All crew under 18 years of age must produce a completed parent/guardian consent form with their entry.

6. Damage Deposit

- 6.1. Each Crew will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment and property up to a maximum of £1000 per incident.

7. Event Format and Schedule

- 7.1. Details of Registration and Briefings will be confirmed in individual pre-event information.
- 7.2. The first warning signal on the first day of sailing at each event will not be before 1027.
- 7.3. No race will be started after approximately 1600 on the last day of racing at each event.

8. Scoring

- 8.1. Races will be scored using a High Point System as defined in the SI's. There will be no discards.

9. Sailing Instructions

- 9.1. Will be available at each venue and may be posted at www.britishkeelboatleague.co.uk.

10. Prizes and Qualification

- 10.1. Prizes and mementos at each event will be awarded to the three highest ranked Crews.
- 10.2. The two highest ranked Crews at each qualifier will receive invitations for their Club(s) to enter the Series Final.
A maximum of two teams per club may compete at the final
- 10.3. Each Host Club shall be invited to the Series Final; and in addition the SOA will, at its sole discretion, offer invitations to Clubs as wildcard entries to the Series Final.
- 10.4. The top performing Clubs at the Series Final may be invited to enter the Sailing Champions League 2020.
- 10.5. The winning club at the Series Final will be presented the RTYC Theodore Pim Cup.

11. Advertising and Sponsorship

- 11.1. In accordance with the World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code, all advertising on supplied equipment will be made available to the Organizing Authorities.
- 11.2. Competitors may be required to wear bibs.

12. Media, Images and Sound

- 12.1. When required, supplied media personnel, equipment or dummies shall be carried on board while racing.
- 12.2. Any member of a Crew may be required to wear provided devices that may record, transmit or provide two way communication and; will make themselves available for interviews when requested by the HOA or SOA.
- 12.3. Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of supplied media equipment.
- 12.4. Competitors automatically grant to the SOA and HOA without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

13. Support Boats

- 13.1. Support boats will only be allowed at the discretion of the HOA and shall be clearly marked to identify the club they are supporting. Requests to launch must be made to the Host Club by the entry deadline for each event.

14. Risk Statement

- 14.1. Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 14.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. All those taking part should be fully aware and conscious of the actual and potential risks involved in active watersports, including drowning, hypothermia and other physical injuries including head injuries.
- 14.3. By taking part in the event, every 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 to such inherent risk 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) the provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the HOA does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - (e) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - (f) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to the host venue or the event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
 - (g) It is their responsibility to ensure that they are familiar with the type of boat used, and the supplied equipment and are suitably experienced with its operation.
 - (h) It is their responsibility for ensuring all supplied equipment is carried on board.
 - (i) That they are fit to sail and that they believe the crew and the boat and crew is capable of competing in the anticipated conditions.