

Series Notice of Race

British Keelboat League 2021

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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. Each event consists of a number of scheduled short fleet races between a selection of entered Crews with Crews sailing against every 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)* and local byelaws.
- 3.2. Races will be umpired, rule changes can be found in Attachment U.
- 3.3. The right of appeal is denied in accordance with RRS 70.5(a).
- 3.4. RRS 40.1 applies at all times while sailing or transferring between boats.

4. Event Details

Qualifiers	Host Club(HOA)	Boats	No. Crew	Entry Fee	Entry Deadline
5 th & 6 th June	Royal Corinthian YC	707	4/5	£330	24 th May
5 th & 6 th June	BKL Womens Championship RYA (from Hamble – see 5.3)	RS21	4	£330	24 th May
12 th & 13 th June	Hayling Island SC	RS21	4	£330	31 st May
24 th & 25 th July	Royal Northern & Clyde YC	RS21	4	£330	12 th July
14 th & 15 th August	Royal Western YC	RS21	4	£330	2 nd August
4 th & 5 th September	Cardiff Bay YC	RS21	4	£330	23 rd August
Series Final					
24 th to 26 th September	Poole YC	RS21	4	£535	13 th September

5. Entry and Eligibility

- 5.1. Entries are invited from any Club affiliated to the RYA.
- 5.2. The number of crew, including helm, for each event is listed in Event Details. Every member of a team shall be a bona fide member of the club entering and shall be registered with the HOA by the entry deadline shown in Event Details.
- 5.3. Crews shall have no more than three male sailors onboard at any one time.
- 5.4. All crew for the BKL Womens Championship shall be female or identify as female.
- 5.5. All crew for the BKL Youth Championship shall be aged over 15 but under 25 years old on 31st December 2021.
- 5.6. Entries and Entry Fee payment should be made online via www.britishkeelboatleague.co.uk no later than 2359 on the Entry Deadline listed in 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.
- 5.7. A minimum of 6 entries and, subject to COVID-19 limitations, 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.
- 5.8. A Club may enter two teams to each qualifier. Clubs wishing to make additional entries should email expressions of interest to bkl@rssailing.co.uk.
- 5.9. All crew under 18 years of age must produce a completed parent/guardian consent form with their entry.
- 5.10. Should an event be canceled due to COVID-19, a refund will be issued to all entered Clubs.
- 5.11. Should a team be unable to find a replacement for a registered crew member; who is not be able to attend due to government COVID-19 restrictions related to their location of residence, contacts or test result; the entry will be refunded.

6. Damage

- 6.1. By entering, Teams agree to be bound by the damage requirements as found in Attachment X.

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 three 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. The SOA at its sole discretion may offer additional invitations as wildcard entries to the Series Final.
- 10.3. The top performing Clubs at the Series Final may be invited to enter the Sailing Champions League 2022.
- 10.4. The winning club at the Series Final will be presented with the BKL Trophy.

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

Rule 3 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".

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.

- 14.1. 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) They are fit to sail and that they believe the crew and the boat and crew is capable of competing in the anticipated conditions.