

# Series Notice of Race

British Keelboat League 2022

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. The British Keelboat League is a nationwide competition in two Divisions leading to the Sailing Champions League
- 1.2. The Premiership is a series between twelve invited clubs accumulating points over three events; the winners qualify for the Sailing Champions League.
- 1.3. The Championship is open to Teams or Clubs to compete in qualifying events for invitation to the Series Final, where they will compete against the Clubs in the Premiership; the top Clubs at the Final may be invited to compete in The Premiership the following year.
- 1.4. Series events are sailed in keelboats supplied by the Organising Authorities of type as specified in Event Details.
- 1.5. There will be more teams than boats at each event with each Team being scheduled to race in a selection of races against as many different Teams as equitably possible.

## 2. Organising Authorities

- 2.1. The Series Organising Authority(SOA) is the British Keelboat League Association (BKLA).
- 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. A personal flotation device must be worn at all times whilst sailing or transferring between boats.

## 4. Event Details

### 4.1. The Premiership

| Premiership Events                                    | Host Club(HOA)            | Boats | No. Crew | Entry Fee               |
|---|---------------------------|-------|----------|-------------------------|
| 28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> May               | Carsington Sailing Club   | RS21  | 4/5      | £1850<br>(series entry) |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> August            | Queen Mary Sailing Club   | RS21  | 4/5      |                         |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> September to 2 <sup>nd</sup> October | Royal Southern Yacht Club | RS21  | 4/5      |                         |

### 4.2. The Championship

| Qualifiers  | Host Club(HOA)  | Boats | No. Crew | Entry Fee | Entry Deadline             |
|---|---|-------|----------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> May               | Ullswater Yacht Club  | RS21  | 4/5      | £365      | 8 <sup>th</sup> May        |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> June              | Royal Corinthian Yacht Club                                     | 707   | 4/5      | £365      | 29 <sup>th</sup> May       |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> June              | Hayling Island Sailing Club                                     | RS21  | 4/5      | £365      | 29 <sup>th</sup> May       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> July                | BKL Youth Championship<br>Queen Mary SC - see 5.3(d)            | RS21  | 4/5      | £365      | 19 <sup>th</sup> June      |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> July              | BKL Womens Championship<br>Royal Southern YC – see 5.3(e)       | RS21  | 4/5      | £365      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> July       |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> September         | Cardiff Bay Yacht Club  | RS21  | 4/5      | £365      | 28 <sup>th</sup> August    |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> September         | BKL Sailability Championship<br>RYA/Cardiff Bay YC – see 5.3(f) | RS21  | 4/5      | £365      | 4 <sup>th</sup> September  |
| Series Final  |   |       |          |           |                            |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> September to 2 <sup>nd</sup> October | Royal Southern Yacht Club                                       | RS21  | 4/5      | £600      | 18 <sup>th</sup> September |

## 5. Entry and Eligibility

### 5.1. For Both Divisions

- (a) The number of crew, including helm, for each event is listed in Event Details. Crews may change during an event but must race with the same number for every race unless excused in writing by the HOA.
- (b) Crews shall have no more than three male sailors on board at any one time.
- (c) All crew under 18 years of age must produce a completed parent/guardian consent form with their entry.
- (d) Every crew member shall be registered with the SOA at least one week before the event begins.

(e) Should an event be cancelled the SOA will attempt to rearrange, if this is not possible a refund will be issued to effected entries less any expenses already incurred.

## 5.2. The Premiership

(a) Applications for entry are invited from any Club affiliated to the RYA. Applications shall be made by email to [bkls21@rssailing.com](mailto:bkls21@rssailing.com) no later than 1159 on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

(b) Invites may be issued to clubs before the deadline as agreed by the BKLA. Invited clubs shall pay a £600 deposit within two weeks of receiving this invite or the deadline in 5.2(a) or their invite will be rescinded.

(c) All teams entering are required to enter the full Premiership series (3 events) by paying the full Entry Fee, payment shall be made no later than 2359 on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 or two weeks after receipt of invite, whichever is later. The entry fee is non refundable.

(d) Any number of sailors can compete for a club; every member of a team shall be a bona fide member of the club entering and shall be registered with the SOA at least two weeks before competing. [DP]

(e) Once a sailor competes for a club, they may later compete for another club; they may not then compete for the original club(s)

## 5.3. The Championship

(a) Teams will compete using a team name, this can be a club, class association, school, University or simply a name that has relevance to the team.

(b) Entries and Entry Fee payment should be made online via [www.britishkeelboatleague.co.uk](http://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. Teams will forfeit their entry fee if an entry is withdrawn after this date.

(c) 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.

(d) All crew for the BKL Youth Championship shall be aged over 15 but under 25 years old on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022.

(e) All crew for the BKL Womens Championship shall identify as female.

(f) At least 50% of the crew for the BKL Sailability Championship shall identify as disabled sailors or have a limiting long term health condition.

## 6. Damage

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

8.2. Clubs competing in the Premiership will be scored accumulative points across all events in 4.1 where first place is 8 points.

## 9. Sailing Instructions

9.1. Will be posted on each event's official online notice board.

## 10. Communication

10.1. The online official notice board is at <https://www.britishkeelboatleague.co.uk/official-noticeboard-2022/>

10.2. Each event will have a specific online official notice board, a link will be provided in the SI's

## 11. Prizes and Qualification

11.1. Prizes and mementos at each Championship event will be awarded to the three highest ranked Crews.

11.2. The two highest ranked Teams at each Championship qualifier will receive invitations to enter the Series Final. The SOA at its sole discretion may offer additional invitations as wildcard entries to the Series Final.

11.3. The top performing Clubs in the BKL Premiership may be invited to enter the Sailing Champions League 2023.

11.4. The trophies presented at the Series Final will be:

(a) the RS Sailing Trophy to the winner of the Series Final.

(b) the British Keelboat League Trophy to the winner of the BKL Premiership.

(c) the kSail British Keelboat League Championship Trophy to the highest ranked non-Premiership team.

## 12. Advertising and Sponsorship

12.1. In accordance with the World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code, all advertising on supplied equipment will be made available to the Organizing Authorities.

12.2. Competitors may be required to wear bibs.

### 13. Media, Images and Sound

13.1. When required, supplied media personnel, equipment or dummies shall be carried on board while racing.

13.2. 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.

13.3. Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of supplied media equipment.

13.4. 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.

### 14. Support Boats

14.1. 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.

### 15. 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.

15.1. 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.