

Series Notice of Race

British Keelboat League 2018

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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 Royal Thames Yacht Club(RTYC) and the Royal Yachting Association(RYA).
- 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)*.
- 3.2. RRS 20, 28.2, 44, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.1, 65, 66 and 70 will be changed by Addendum Q.
- 3.3. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules including RRS 31 & 41 and will include local byelaws.
- 3.4. Races will be umpired under Addendum Q
- 3.5. The right of appeal is denied in accordance with RRS 70.5(a).
- 3.6. RRS 40 is changed to apply to all times whilst competitors are sailing or transferring between boats.

4. Event Details

- 4.1. The following events are scheduled for 2018.

Date	Host Club	Boats	No. Crew	Entry Fee	Entry Deadline
9 th & 10 th June	Royal Northern & Clyde YC	Sonar	4	£240	1 st June
9 th & 10 th June	Royal Corinthian YC (Burnham)	707	4/5	£250	1 st June
23 rd & 24 th June	Royal Torbay YC	SB20	4	£250	15 th June
18 th & 19 th August	Royal Yacht Squadron (Cowes)	J/70	4	£320	10 th August
Series Final					
28 th to 30 th September	Royal Thames YC (Cowes)	J/70	4	£480	14 th September

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. Entries and Entry Fee payment should be made online via the [RYA Racing Events Website](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing-events) 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 Clubs will forfeit their entry fee if an entry is withdrawn after this date.
- 5.3. 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.
- 5.4. A Club may enter two Crews to each qualifier. Clubs wishing to make additional entries should email expressions of interest to keelboatracing@rya.org.uk.
- 5.5. All crew under 18 years of age must produce a completed parent/guardian consent form available on the RYA Events website. Without a completed form, sailors under the age of 18 will not be allowed to compete.

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. A deposit of at least £500 will be required at registration and before a crew may sail. When a crew is assessed as liable for damage, it shall restore the deposit to the original value in order to continue sailing.

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 on the RYA Racing Events Website.

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 will receive invitations for their Club(s) to enter the Series 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 will be invited to enter the Sailing Champions League 2019.

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.

11.3. Crews entered in a qualifying event may secure sponsorship subject to the approval of the SOA but shall not enter into any agreement that extends beyond 2018.

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

(a) May be required to wear provided media devices that may record, transmit or provide two way communication.

(b) 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. 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, competitors and each and every competitor agree and acknowledge 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) they have checked that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event;

(e) they have checked that they and their fellow crew members are fit to participate;

(f) 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;

(g) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

(h) 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.