



BOSHAM
SAILING CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE

BOSHAM MASTERS

sponsored by

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15th – 18th May 2025

Friday Party sponsored by



Incorporating Yachting World Dayboat and Devon Yawl open meetings
on 17th – 18th May

Chichester Harbour h.w. Fri 14:44, 4.3m; Sat 15:24, 4.2m; Sun 16:11, 4.2m

1. Organising Authority

- 1.1. The organising authority is Bosham Sailing Club ('BSC' or the 'Club'), Quay Meadow, Bosham, West Sussex PO18 8LU.
- 1.2. The race committee comprises the sailing manager, the race officer, the patrol co-ordinator and the BSC Masters organiser.

2. Rules

- 2.1. Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in:
 - (a) the [Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028](#) (RRS). These include the [prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association](#) (RYA), the class rules of the boats taking part, and the notice of race (NoR), sailing instructions (SI) and notices to competitors (NtC).
 - (b) the [RYA Racing Charter](#), and
 - (c) the [Revised Chichester Harbour Race Code of Conduct](#),
- 2.2. RRS 40.1 applies at all times when afloat. Buoyancy aids must be worn.
- 2.3. The SI may change some racing rules. Changes will be detailed in the SI.
- 2.4. If there is any discrepancy between the NoR, SI or NtC displayed on BSC's website and any printed version in circulation, the online version shall prevail.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to Competitors will be published on the [event webpage](#) and may additionally be displayed at the BSC clubhouse.

4. Entries and Eligibility

- 4.1. Subject to 4.3, Bosham Masters is open only to monohull dinghies and members of BSC plus invited classes. The invited classes are Finn, ILCA (all rigs), Devon Yawl, Yachting World Dayboat.

4.2. Entries must be made via the [event webpage](#). Entries close one hour before the planned start of each day's racing. Racing entry fees are:

2/3 handed boat for 2- or 3-days entry	£16 (£20 non-BSC member)
2/3 handed boat for a one-day entry	£8 (£10 non-BSC member)
Single handed boat for 2- or 3-days entry	£11 (£15 non-BSC member)
Single handed boat for a one-day entry	£6 (£8 non-BSC member)

4.3. Acceptance of any entry as a helm by a competitor aged under 18 years old on the day of the event shall be at the discretion of the race committee.

4.4. The class and rig of a boat entered for Bosham Masters will determine the race category in which she is entered, except in the case of the Tideway class, where the qualification "and rig" shall not apply in clause 4.5.

4.5. If four or more boats of the same class and rig have entered by noon on Thursday 15th May 2025 to race on one or more days, those boats of that class/rig shall form a class race.

4.6. If there are not sufficient boats entered by noon on 15th May to form a class race, those boats shall be entered in a fast, medium or slow handicap race. A boat's handicap will be the PN set against the class and rig of such a boat for club racing at BSC. The handicap limits for the fast, medium and slow categories are:

Fast: PN <=1121
Medium: PN 1122 to 1250
Slow: PN >1250

4.7. All participants agree to be bound by the RRS and all other rules that govern the event, confirm they have read and accept the provisions of the NoR, and that their boat conforms to the requirements of the event.

4.8. Subject to clause 4.3, for all participants aged under 18 on the day of the race, their parents/ guardians confirm they have read and agree to the declaration attached to this NoR.

4.9. All boats must display an annual Chichester Harbour plaque or pay visitor's dues whilst sailing.

5. Safety, Registration and Briefing

5.1. Competitors are required to sign-on on at the BSC clubhouse before they go afloat and to sign-off after returning to shore on each day of racing.

5.2. Competitors not launching from Bosham can sign on and off on the water but must make their way to/from the start/finish area at their own risk (see SI).

5.3. The main event briefing will be held at the BSC clubhouse at 11:00 on Friday 16th May. A briefing for the YWDB & Devon Yawl open meeting will be at 11:30 on Saturday 17th and a 'go/no go' briefing at 12:00 on Sunday 18th May.

6. Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions (SI) are the Sailing Instructions for Club Racing available on the BSC website [here](#) and on the [event webpage](#).

7. Racing Programme, Courses and Racing Areas

7.1. For the Bosham Masters, six races are planned, comprising two races each day. For the YWDB and Devon Yawl open meetings, four races are planned. The race committee reserves the right to alter this programme at its discretion to suit the weather conditions over the whole event.

7.2. The first warning signal will not be before:

Fri – 12:55
Sat – 13:25
Sun – 13:55

7.3. By 18.00 on 15th May, a notice to competitors will be published identifying the classes of boats in each of the class race and handicap race categories, the programme of starts and the warning flags to be used for each of those starts. Depending on entries it is expected that there will be the following starts, with class races grouped as below:

Start 1: National 18 & CH18 class race– Flag ‘Q’

Start 2: Fast Handicap, Finn, ILCA 7 class races – Numeral Pennant 2

Start 3: Yachting World Dayboat class race – YWDB flag

Start 4: Medium Handicap, Devon Yawl, ILCA 6 class races - Numeral Pennant 3

Start 5: Slow Handicap, Chichester Scow, Tideway class races - Numeral Pennant 1

7.4. Race starts will be from the committee boat ‘Glad Emma’ in the main Chichester Channel, unless otherwise advised. Competitors are advised to leave plenty of time to get to the start area. The first race each day for Start 5 is expected to be from the Bosham Quay line. This will be confirmed at the morning briefing.

7.5. The courses to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat or Bosham Quay line in accordance with the SI. Course charts are included in the SI and are available from the club office.

7.6. All courses will be laid around inflatable and fixed racing marks in the main Chichester Harbour area and in Bosham Channel.

7.7. It is anticipated that the final race each day will finish at the Bosham Quay line.

8. Time Limit

The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes.

9. Scoring and Results

9.1. The low point scoring system as prescribed by the RRS Appendix A shall be used for each race category. Rule A5.3 will apply.

9.2. One race is required to be completed by a race category to constitute that category’s series.

9.3. Each boats score shall be the total of all her races, except that discards shall be applied as follows:

When three or fewer races have been completed in a race category, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores;

When four or five races have been completed in a race category, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score;

When six races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

9.4. A boat that comes to the starting area alone in a race shall be scored accordingly.

9.5. Results will be published on the BSC website.

10. RYA Exoneration Procedure

The Post-Race Penalty, Advisory Meeting and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply.

11. Trophies and Prizes

11.1. Trophies and prizes will be awarded for the Masters and the open meetings depending on the number of competitors.

11.2. The following trophies may be awarded:

Bosham Masters Trophy – Best overall performance

Plymouth Cup – N18

Leeward Trophy – Finn

Bobby’s Cup – ILCA (rig tbc on entries)

Rykens Cup – Medium handicap

Currey Cup – YWDB Masters
Doubloon Trophy – YWDB open meeting
David Ware Trophy – Devon Yawl Masters
Katrina Trophy – Slow handicap
Frank Parham Plate – Chichester Scow
Festival Cup – Tideway
President’s Bell – Lowest points score by lady helm aged 70 or more (excluding class winner)
George Smith Cup - Lowest points score by male helm aged 70 or more (excluding class winner)
Brass Binoculars – Highest points having started all races (including discards)
Upside Down Trophy – Most spectacular escapade

- 11.3.** All trophies awarded remain the property of BSC and shall be returned immediately to the Club on request.
- 11.4.** The holder (or their parent/guardian) is responsible for the trophy as per the Club bylaws, including engraving, safekeeping and adequate insurance and returning the trophy to the Club office on request at a date designated by the Club.
- 11.5.** No trophy may be taken outside of the UK.
- 11.6.** A prizegiving will take place after racing on Sunday 18th May.

12. Risk Statement

RRS Rule 3 ‘Decision to Race’ states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone.”

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk, including but not limited to adverse weather and water quality conditions, equipment failure, poor seamanship, injury or death.

By taking part in the event, each 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;
- (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) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover, if any, is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their own responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this 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.

13. Insurance

All boats shall be adequately insured with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.

14. Privacy Statement

The personal information you provide to BSC will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. Personal information will be stored and used in accordance with [BSC’s privacy policy](#). When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

15. Media

BSC (or approved persons) may take photographs and video footage of events/training for use in connection with the promotion of the Club and its activities. If you do not consent to the use of such images, please inform the BSC Office at office@boshamsailingclub.com.

16. Social

The legendary 'Bosham Tea' is available at the clubhouse after racing each day – FREE! No booking required. In addition, the following social events are planned to take place at the clubhouse and are an ESSENTIAL part of Bosham Masters:

Thu 15th May – Quiz Night and canapes - FREE! Booking not required.

Fri 16th May – Après Sail Party sponsored by Peak Feeling Ski with DJ Mark Covell – FREE!
Booking not required.

Sat 17th May – Masters Dinner. Booking required.

17. Contact details

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PARENT/GUARDIAN DECLARATION

This declaration is agreed to at the time of entry by the parent/guardian of all participants under 18 years of age on the day of an event.

By entering you confirm that you have read and agree to the below terms and are duly authorised as the parent/guardian to agree to these terms. Bosham Sailing Club accepts no liability for false, inaccurate, or misleading declarations.

By entering, I give permission to the organisers of this event to administer any relevant treatment or medication to my dependent when/if necessary. It is my responsibility to inform the organisers of any known conditions and medication requirements.

In addition, if the case arises, I authorise the organisers to place my dependent under the care of medical professionals and give permission for any relocation and/or treatment required to be carried out in accordance with their diagnosis. I understand that I shall be notified of this situation occurring as soon as possible, but that participant safety may take priority.

Under law, this competitor is my dependent.

- I accept and acknowledge the risks and liabilities outlined in the Risk Statement in the NoR.
- I declare that during the event the boat sailed by my dependent will be adequately insured with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.
- I confirm that my dependent is competent to take part and able to deal with conditions that may arise during the event.
- I confirm I will not allow my dependent to participate whilst intoxicated or otherwise unfit to do so.
- I confirm that the boat my dependent is sailing in is seaworthy and correctly rigged for the conditions expected.
- I confirm that I am responsible for my dependent's property whether afloat or ashore.

During the event:

- I will be responsible for my dependent throughout the event, and I will be available at the event venue during the time my dependent is afloat.

OR

- I will appoint a person, named in an email to office@boshamsailingclub.com, who has agreed to act in loco parentis. They will be responsible for my dependent throughout the event and will be available at the event venue during the time my dependent is afloat.

Event Disclaimer:

Participants are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for participants to decide whether their boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea participants confirm the boat is fit for those conditions and they are competent to sail. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or participants, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the event. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the event. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and competitors of their responsibilities.