



NOTICE OF RACE 2024

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INTRODUCTION



The UKFSC Committee invite all firefighter, past and present, to race in this year's UK Firefighters Sailing Championship. An invitation is also extended to colleagues in other emergency and associated services. This years racing will be organised in association with Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club (CCYC).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Our contact information can be found in section 20 Further Information. We look forward to seeing you all on the water soon.

DEFINITIONS

(The) Committee:	The United Kingdom Firefighters Sailing Championship Committee as described in its Constitution.
Charter Company:	A Charter Company which owns the yacht, and from which the yacht is rented.
Race Committee:	The Race Committee shall be provided by Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club (CCYC) and consists of the Principal Race Officer (PRO), the Race Officer (RO) and other elected persons the PRO and RO deem necessary.
NOK:	Next of Kin

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising Authority is the United Kingdom Firefighters Sailing Championship Committee in association with Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club

Amendments are for version 2 are in **red** font

RULES

- A. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 - 2024.
- B. The National Authority (RYA) prescriptions will apply.
- C. Competitors shall note that the UKFSC Committee implements the RYA Racing Charter, and all sailors shall be expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found on the RYA web site.
- D. Charter Company Rules shall apply, and can be foundW at the following links:
 - I) <https://www.arrowtrophy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Sunsail-410-Class-Rules-2020.pdf>
 - II) <https://fairviewsailing.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/37-Class-Rules.pdf>
- E. If there is a conflict between languages the English text shall take precedence.
- F. Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Racing Instructions; the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. (this changes RRS63.7)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be published on the web site (www.UKFSC.org.uk) no later than 01 March 2024 and shall be available on the Racing/Entry tab.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- A. Entries shall be made by completing the Registration Form found on the UKFSC Website (www.UKFSC.org.uk). No entries shall be allowed after 17:00BST on 01 March 2024.
- B. For entry purposes a crew shall be a maximum of 8 persons, consisting of a Skipper, First Mate and 6 Crew. Additional crew members may be entered at additional cost.

- C. Up to a maximum of two crew members need not be members of the Emergency or associated Services.
- D. The event shall be open to all classes, provided they have a current RYA YTC Rating Certificate. The RYA YTC Rating for Chater boats hired from Sunsail and Fairview shall be published in the Sailing Instructions.
- E. The Organising Authority shall not be responsible for the hiring of competitors yachts.
- F. All yachts entered shall be allocated into one of the following fleets:
 - I) Spinnaker Class
 - II) Asymmetric Class
 - III) White Sail Class

ENTRY FEES AND CANCELLATIONS

- A. The entry fee shall be £1,450.00GBP based on crews described in 5b. Additional crew member may be entered at a cost of £70 per person. A deposit of £560 shall be paid by within 30 days of acknowledgement of entry. The balance should be paid no later than 17:00BST on 01 March 2024.
- B. Competitors Charter Boats shall not be released by their respective Charter Company until the deposit has been paid. The organising authority shall not be responsible for hiring of competitors yachts. Chater companies will require a 25% deposit on booking.
- C. Should the organising authority reject an entry they shall be refunded the entry fee in full.
- D. If an entry is cancelled by a competitor any monies paid, less the deposit, shall be refunded.
- E. The Organising Authority may cancel the event and reject or cancel entries at its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.

RATINGS

Charter boats shall have their RYA YTC rating documented in the sailing Instructions.

REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

- A. The Organising Authority and Race Committee reserve the right to inspect boats at any time during the event.
 - B. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.
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ADVERTISING

- A. Advertising is permitted in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.
- B. Boats may be required to fly banners supplied by the Committee when in port to promote the event sponsors.
- C. Boats may be allowed to fly additional flags and banners promoting team sponsors, providing that it does not detract from the event sponsors. In this case the Yachts Skipper will be asked to either remove or move the flag/banner so as not to detract from the event sponsors advertisement. The Committees decision will be final.

INTENDED SCHEDULE FOR 2024

SUNDAY 28 APRIL	Collect Yachts from Charter Company (if applicable)
MONDAY 29 APRIL	Training day Opening Ceremony Cowes Corinthian YC
TUESDAY 30 APRIL	4 Races Scheduled Evening Entertainment Island SC
WEDNESDAY 01 MAY	4 Races Formal Dinner & Prize Giving Cowes Yacht Haven
THURSDAY 02 MAY	Passage Race Depart

HARBOURS, RACE AREAS AND COURSES

- A. Berths will be available in Cowes Yacht Haven for the duration of the event.
 - B. The Race Area will be the Solent and the Approaches. Courses shall be described in the Sailing Instructions and the daily Skippers briefings.
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SCORING

- A. The low points scoring system of Appendix A shall apply. Rule A5.3 Shall be used, deleting rule A5.2.
- B. For the purposes of rule 90.3
 - I) One race is required to be completed to constitute a series; and
 - II) When less than four races are completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

HAULING OUT RESTRICTIONS

- A. The lifting, haul-out, drying out of the yacht or use of a diver for the cleaning of the hull is strictly prohibited without the written permission of the organising authority, Race Committee and if applicable the Charter Company.
- B. The underwater surface of the yacht shall not be tampered with in anyway without the written permission of the Organising Authority, Race Committee and the Charter Company.

RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, 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.

PRIVACY STATEMENT

The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis of processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

INSURANCE

Competitors are to ensure all Charter boats are adequately covered in accordance with the Charter Companies policy.

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. 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 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. 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 by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- F. They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather, and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

The UKFSC, its sponsors, and other organising clubs accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property.

PRIZEGIVING AND TROPHIES

Prizes shall be awarded at the discretion of the Committee.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information will be published on the website as it becomes available. Once entered Skippers/Team Leaders will receive up-date emails with further information.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee, the following email is available to answer your questions:

info@ukfsc.org.uk

