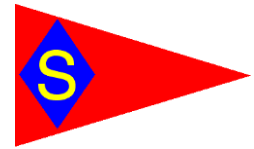


Snettisham Beach Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE (NOR) SBSC Club Racing – 2026 Season



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1. **Snettisham Beach Sailing Club (SBSC)** will be the Organising Authority for club racing at Snettisham Beach during the season. A *racing programme* giving the detail of the races, including dates and times, will be published at the commencement of the season and made available to paid up members.
2. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the **Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)** except where **changed on the Sailing Instructions (SI's)**. No boat will be regarded for points or trophies if they do not comply with the Club Rules and SI's.
3. **The Club Handbook / Programme** contains general requirements for racing at SBSC. These general requirements apply to all club racing during the season. Where these may conflict with this Notice of Race then this NOR will apply.
4. **Racing** is open to all paid up full club SAILING MEMBERS.
5. **Racing Fleets;** FOR 2026 Season and in the future until revision - these are defined as
[1] FAST FLEET: boats with class handicap PY of 964 and below
[2] SLOW FLEET: boats with a class handicap PY between 965 and 1218
[3] DOUBLE HANDED FLEET ; any double handed dinghy, excluding skiffs or cats, with a maximum PY of 1244
6. The Club Handbook/Programme and Sailing Instructions (SI's) may define specific **eligibility criteria** for specific series and trophies that will be run during the season, including the scoring arrangements for each series and the prizes that will be awarded.
7. **Junior racing;** please refer to the separate **Junior Notice of Race at SBSC**
8. **HANDICAPS/PY: With the exception of class racing, handicaps will be used.** The handicaps approved by the Club Sailing Committee for the season are published on the clubs website and will be; the RYA published handicap's. (The method of PY calculation for racing at SBSC will be set by the Sailing Committee each season)
9. **Rigs:** [1] A boat may race down a recognised rig size within a class but the boat will be scored according to the lowest PY of the rig sailed for the entirety of the series /regatta/cup. Rigs may not be changed once a boat has started a race. [2] Classes that have recognised separate handicaps for two handed and single handed formats can race in either format but will be scored according to the lowest handicap for the entirety of the series/ regatta/cup. [3] Boats/helms will not be officially recorded in the results (but they may take part) where they are sailed "short crewed" for their official class handicap.

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10. **Replica equipment** will be allowed for all club series/regattas/cups (this excludes Class Open events where Class Rules will apply – see separate specific class event Notification of Race)
 11. **The Racing Programme** identifies the start time for each race. Sailors intending to participate in a race shall muster at the Committee Boat or on the beach for a Beach Start, or at the appointed buoy for a Gate Start so that the Race Administration Team can note the starters. If a competitor RETIRES it is their responsibility to inform the OOD of their status and to do so as soon as practically possible up to 1 hour after the end of the race.
 12. **Officer of the Day (OOD) / Race officer** The number of races each day is shown in the programme. The decision to sail or abandon sailing will be made by the OOD. The conduct of the days racing including all matters is solely under the direction and instruction by the OOD, who may consult their Race Day Team as they see fit.
 13. **Postponements** If a club race is postponed due to excessive wind / no wind / insufficient water, or other reason, the Sailing secretary will advise either by email / the website /club notice board the revised date and time of the race. Postponed races may not be rescheduled at the discretion of the sailing secretary if time and available dates do not reasonably allow.
 14. **The Club Standard Sailing Instructions** change the following rules of the RRS:
 - (a) The preamble to Part 4 and Rule 40 such that personal flotation devices must be worn at all times.
 - (b) Rule 26 to use an alternative starting procedure when a number of classes are being started in sequence.
 15. **Mustering for race:** Full club members do not need to enter or sign-on for a race or series in advance. By mustering for a race sailors:
 - (a) Agree to be bound by the RRS, the SI's, and the relevant parts of the Club Handbook, and
 - (b) Have valid insurance to participate in the racing of not less that £3,000,000.
 16. Sailors are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure their **equipment is in compliance** with their class rules but competitors are not required to be a member of their class association or have a valid measurement certificate.
 17. The club **Standard Sailing Instructions** have been published on the club website and can be downloaded from there. A hard copy of the relevant SI's in force will be kept on file and available for inspection by the members by the sailing secretary.
 18. **Courses** for racing will be around the club buoys as indicated in the SI's. The course as decided by the OOD for a particular race will be displayed on the side of the committee boat before the start of each race, for beach starts or gate boat starts the course will be verbally communicated by the beach based OOD or verbally communicated by the appointed gate boat starter prior to the race start. It is individual sailors' responsibility to attend any on shore briefing about race courses and starting procedures for the day.
 19. **Scoring** will generally be in accordance with RRS Appendix A, but different series have different requirements for the numbers of races to count – these are described in the Sailing Instructions. Sailors allocated to Club duties during a series may claim average points for the race(s) they are unable to participate in. Average points will be calculated at the end of the series on the basis of all

races in the series that the sailor sailed in, irrespective of whether or not these races are subsequently discarded.

20. Official Sailing Results & Trophies

Trophies will be awarded to the 1st placed sailor/and crew of particular Cup races and Series and Fleet within series, as determined by the Sailing Committee on commencement of the racing season. The 1st placed helmsmen /and crew will be recorded in the official schedule of Summary Racing Results on the end of the season and entered into the club records.

Risk Statement

21. Rule 4 of the RRS states: *“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”*
22. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
 - (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

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