

Poole YC

18/19 April 2026

Notice of Race

The Organising Authority is Poole YC in conjunction with the UK Cherub Class Association, ISO Class Association and the International Canoe Class.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The Organising Authority implements the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter. Competitors shall undertake to sail in accordance with the Charter.
- 1.3. The following documents also govern this event, and are therefore Rules, however a boat may not protest another boat for breaking any rule in these documents:
 - The Poole YC bylaws.
 - Support Boat Rules which can be found in the Poole YC Operating Procedures.
- 1.3. The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.4. The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.5. The RYA Arbitration will be available.
- 1.6. In the event of a conflict between documents, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available [Poole YC Website](#) no later than 18:00 on 16th April 2026. Paper copies will not be available.

3. Communication

- 3.1. The official notice board will be [Poole YC Website](#) – details of which will be published in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.2. [DP] While afloat, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Cherub Class that are sailed by current members of the UK Class Association.
- 4.2. Entries must be made online on the [Poole YC Website](#) before 18:00 on 16th April 2026. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority.
- 4.3. To be considered an entry for the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4. Competitors under the age of 18 years at the time of the event shall complete and submit a parental consent form at registration.

5. Fees

- 5.1. The entry fee is £55.
- 5.2. Payment must be made online by 23:59 on Thursday 16 April 2026.

6. Crew Limitations

6.1. Class rules apply

7. Advertising

7.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. See World Sailing Advertising Code.

8. Qualifying Series and Final Series - Does not apply

9. Schedule

9.1. Registration will be Poole YC 18th April 2026, 10:00. Details of how to register will be given in the Sailing Instructions.

9.2. A competitors briefing will be Poole YC 18th April 2026, 10:45.

9.3. Race schedule: will be given in Sailing Instructions

9.4. The event will consist of up to 6 races. The intention is that there will be no more races a day than is shown in the schedule. However, additional races may be sailed either in advance or arrears in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate.

9.5. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

10. Equipment Inspection

10.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate if requested.

10.2. Boats may be inspected at any time.

10.3. Boats shall comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection. [DP].

10.4. 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.

11. Clothing and Equipment

11.1 RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. [DP]

12. Venue

12.1 New Harbour Road West, Hamworthy, Poole, Dorset, BH15 4AQ

12.2. The race areas will be within the confines of Poole YC and will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

13. Courses

13.1. The course(s) to be sailed will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

14. Penalty System

14.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced with by the One-Turn Penalty.

14.2. The Post-Race Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures will apply (for information on the procedures, visit the RYA website). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

15. Scoring

15.1. 1 race are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2. A boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores, excluding her worst scores as listed below:

Races completed	Scores excluded
1 – 4	0
5 – 8	1
9 – or more	2

15.3. Rule A5.2 is changed so that a boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not sail the course, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area, and a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.

16. Support Person Vessels [DP]

16.1. All support boats will register with the Race Officer on 18th April 2026, 10:00.

16.2. RRS 37 will be used. Except when responding to the signal in RRS 37, support boats, coaches and other support persons shall stay at least 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start on that course until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

16.3. During the event, support boats shall not tow boats participating in the event unless the race committee have signalled that towing is allowed.

16.4. Kill cords shall be worn at all times whilst engines are running. The Course Safety Leader will be looking out for compliance on this issue, there are no excuses and boats will be requested to leave the race area immediately if kill cords are not being used appropriately.

17. Chartered or Loaned Boats – Not Applicable

18. Berthing

18.1. [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

19. Haul-Out Restrictions – Not Applicable

20. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools – Not Applicable

21. Data Protection

21.1. The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the racing. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the racing (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal 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 racing and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

21.2. By participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during racing, and of all of his/her material related to the championship, without compensation.

21.3. In order to manage the events, information provided by competitors will be held on a database. The management of personal information and images will comply with General Data Protection Regulations. More details are available on request.

22. Risk Statement

RRS 3 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 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 is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g) It is their 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 briefing held for the event.

23. Insurance

23.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.

24. Prizes

24.1. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority and the UK-Cherub Class Association.

25. Event Contacts

25.1. Event Contact – AJ Windsor – Sailing@pooleyc.co.uk
Class contact Paul Croote - ukcherub@gmail.com

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