

The Great North Asymmetric Challenge

19th – 20th September 2026

Bassenthwaite Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.2(a).
- 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 RRS 40.1 always applies whilst afloat.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the Bassenthwaite Sailing Club website and on the official notice board.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the clubhouse foyer notice board.
- 3.2 [DP] While racing, 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 regatta is open to all mono-hull dinghies (and Laser Vortexes) carrying an asymmetric spinnaker, in a configuration recognised by their Class Association.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter online via the Bassenthwaite SC website (<https://webcollect.org.uk/bass-sc>).
- 4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4 The closing date for entry is midnight Friday the 18th September 2026. Entries after this date will be at the discretion of the host Club.

5. FEES

- 5.1 A £10 early-entry discount is given to all entries received online by midnight Wednesday 16th September 2025.
- 5.2 An additional £5 discount is available to helms aged 17 or under as of 19th September 2026.
- 5.3 Entry fees prior to discounts: Double- hander £45 per boat; Single-hander £35 per boat

6. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Dates of racing are 19th and 20th September inclusive.
- 7.2 Registration will be outside the Clubhouse between 0930-1100 on Saturday 19th September.
- 7.2 There will be a briefing for competitors at 1200 hrs on Saturday 20th September.
- 7.3 The Official Notice board is located inside the Clubhouse foyer.
- 7.4 The event will be an 8-race regatta held over two days.
- 7.5 The warning signal for race 1 will not be before 1256hrs on Saturday 20th September.
- 7.6 Races 2-8 will follow on Sat 19th / Sun 20th dependent upon conditions.
- 7.7 The warning signal for the 1st race on Sunday 21st September will not be before 1026hrs.
- 7.8 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 15.30 hrs.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 All boats must comply with their Class Association rules.
- 8.2 Boats and sails may be scrutineered or measured at any time during the regatta.

9. VENUE

The venue will be Bassenthwaite Sailing Club, Dubwath, Bassenthwaite Lake, Cockermouth, CA13 9YD.
The Race Area will be on Bassenthwaite Lake.

10. THE COURSES

The regatta will be sailed on windward/leeward courses. Details will be given in the Sailing Instructions and at the briefing.

11. SCORING AND PENALTY SYSTEM

Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- i). When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- ii). When 3, 4, 5 or 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- iii). When 7 or 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

12. 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 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 safety briefing held for the event.

13. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

14. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the winners and other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

FURTHER INFORMATION

- There are numerous local food outlets.
- Light catering will be available on Saturday and Sunday for breakfast and lunch.
- The bar will be open to provide drinks and light refreshments, plus teas and coffee's during the day.
- Camping is available on-site Friday and Saturday. Motorhomes/caravans £13.00/night, tent £11.00/night.
- Dogs are permitted in the Club Grounds but must be kept on a lead and are not allowed in the Clubhouse. All competitors will be honorary members of Bassenthwaite SC for the duration of the event.
- All competitors agree to be bound by the Bye laws of Bassenthwaite SC and the Lake District National Park.
- Fish and Chip Van and a Waffle van are booked for the Saturday night for competitors to order from at their discretion.
- There is a live singer booked for the Saturday night.