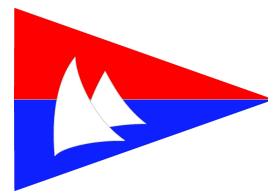


British Schools Dinghy Racing Association Team Racing Finals 2019



Welcome to the British Schools Dinghy Racing Association Team Racing Finals 2019 - our 30th Anniversary.

The event is being hosted by Radley College at Oxford Sailing Club.

The purpose of this document is to help competitors and staff with any queries they may have ahead of the event. Please note that it may get updated from time to time as queries arise and so the publication date and version in the footer should be checked.

Key Personnel:

BSDRA Commodore - Mr Andy Cornah

BSDRA Coordinator - Mr Paul Robson

Local Event Host - Mr George Barker

Principal Race Officer - Mr Keith Sammons

Chief Umpire - Mr Chris Atkins

Event schedules and documentation can be found at events.ksail.co.uk/2019/BSDRAGFinals/

This document does not form any part of the rules, Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions. Information here is for guidance only and to help you at the event. Any errors in this document are not a valid reason for protest or redress.

The first warning signal of the day will be at 0910 on day one and 0900 on day two, not some indeterminate time later when everyone is ready.

The venue will open at 0800 each day.

There is a competitor briefing at 0845 On Saturday.

At all times anyone is afloat (competitors and volunteers) you must wear your tally band visibly either on the wrist or buoyancy aid shoulder strap.

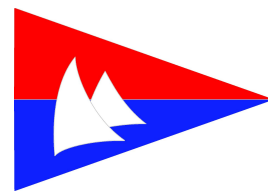
1. Location of Race Office, changeovers, courses, changing rooms etc

- Race office is in the room at the end of the bar.
- Changeover RIBs will leave from the large pontoon and there'll be a Beachmaster with VHF there who can advise as race numbers progress
- Fireflies: start boat is Skippy
- Fevas: start boat is White Dory
- Oxford SC gets a lot of visitors and some of them are not honest. Don't leave your kit - even just a bag of clothes - in the changing rooms. Please lock it in your minibus.

2. Scoring Query Procedure

Teams should check their race positions and results as soon as returning ashore from racing. Any queries should be directed to the Race Office as soon as possible.

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3. Protests/Request for Redress Procedure

Protests and request for redress need to follow the procedure as detailed in the Sailing Instructions and the Racing Rules of Sailing.

- To protest another boat; your timely hail of protest and red flag needs to be clearly heard and seen by the umpires and the boat you are protesting.
- To request redress (eg for breakdown or something that was out of your control) you need to try to carry on racing if you can, and fly your red flag immediately and until an umpire, start or finish boat acknowledge.

Any request for Redress in the racing area needs to follow the procedures as in the Sailing Instructions and the Racing Rules of Sailing, this normally requires the display of a Red flag and notifying/awaiting an acknowledgement from the race committee or umpires. It also should be done at the earliest opportunity, i.e. when you notice/it is clear there is a problem. If you are asking for redress due to a breakdown, unless it is dangerous to you or the boat, it is expected you will make every effort to continue to race unless instructed not to.

There are occasions where a protest or redress can be asked for ashore by asking the race office in writing, however a decision by an umpire in response to a protest or redress on the water can't be changed.

4. Breakdown notes

The basic rule of thumb is...

- If you can reach it, then it is expected you fix it
- If a knot comes untied, you should have checked it
- If a shackle, clevis pin/ring goes astray, you should have checked it and dealt with it
- Ensuring shroud pins and shackles are taped when you get into a boat will stop them coming adrift

You are expected to check your boat when you get in and try to deal with any issues. It is recommended that you carry a spare piece of string, shackle and tape. Poor seamanship is not normally grounds for redress!

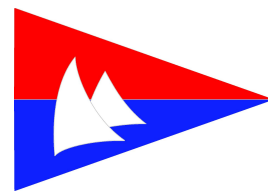
If something major breaks because it is too high to reach or it's a part which you can't fix e.g. tiller extension UJ, snapping toe-strap webbing you should try to carry on racing and show your red flag to the umpire.

5. Expectations on behaviour - reference Rule 2/69 and penalties which can be imposed

We know that as sailors your attitude and behaviour will be fantastic, but just in case you forget...

- Rule 2 is fair sailing, remember to take your penalty turns either voluntary or when given by an umpire.
- Rule 69 is breach of good manners, good sportsmanship, or unethical behaviour.

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- Rules apply whilst sailing, on the beach, at the venue and any time you can be connected to the event e.g. accommodation
- Your team's results can be affected by penalties for breaking these rules

6. Food & Drinks - how/where to obtain. Additional food available?

Teams who have pre-ordered food will have tickets in the pack given at registration

Additional food and drink may be purchased from the galley subject to availability

Umpires and on the water volunteers - we will keep you fed but do feel free to prompt us if you start feeling peckish/thirsty.

Please note that everyone should bring their own water bottle - a tap is provided! We will not be providing bottled water to help reduce plastic.

7. Accommodation - Location, meals/timings, fire, key contacts

Accommodation is at Hill End OEC. Roomings and locations will follow.

Saturday evening dinner is a BBQ which will be outside with everyone together.

You must check-out on Sunday morning before leaving for the sailing venue.

8. Anything Else

We are fortunate to have a very highly skilled Race and Umpire Team supporting the event, both volunteers giving up their time, plus dedicated school staff. Please use this knowledge and ask questions and come and have a chat.

The umpires where possible will stop at the end of the race and you can ask about decisions made - they are always more than happy to explain what they saw and why they came to a decision. The umpires and race teams also know a lot about team racing, tactics and how to make a boat sail fast - why not ask for some advice, they don't bite!