



CHEW VALLEY LAKE SAILING CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE

Fireball & Scorpion Open Meeting
Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th March 2026
Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club

The organising authorities are Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club Ltd <https://www.chewvalleysailing.org.uk/>
UK Fireball Class Association <https://www.fireballsailing.org.uk/UK>
National Scorpion Association <https://sailscorpion.co.uk/>

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Venue Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club, Walley Court Road, Chew Stoke, Bristol, BS40 8XN

1. Rules

- 1.1. The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, Class Rules and the Bristol Water byelaws.
- 1.2. Competitors will behave in accordance with the [RYA Racing Charter](#).
- 1.3. With the exception of assistance dogs, strictly no dogs are permitted onsite.

2. Entries

- 2.1. Entries should be made in advance through the Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club website at <https://webcollect.org.uk/cvlsc/event/fireball-scorpion-open-2026>.
- 2.2. The entry fees per boat are as follows (prior to deadline for early entries):

CVLSC members £25.00

Visitors £35.00

- 2.3. The deadline for early entries is 23:59 on Wednesday 25th March 2026. Late entries to be accepted on Saturday 28th March 2026 no later than 10:55 and will be subject to an additional £10.00 fee.
- 2.4. Those competitors under the age of 18 years at the time of the event shall be required to complete and lodge the parental/guardian's consent form included in the entry form with the Race Committee prior to the start of racing.
- 2.5. If an entry is cancelled by a competitor:
 - (a) Prior to the early-entry closing date, any entry fee paid will be refunded in full, less a £5.00 administration charge.
 - (b) after the early-entry closing date, no entry fee paid will be refunded.
- 2.6 The maximum number of entries across all the fleets is 80. Any entries after the total is reached is at the discretion of the Race Committee.

3. Cancellation

- 3.1. The Organising Authority may cancel the event at its absolute discretion.
- 3.2. Should the Organising Authority cancel the event prior to the conclusion of race 1 the entry fee will be refunded.

4. Communication

- 4.1 The official notice board will be located on the window of the training room in the South-East corner of the ground floor of the CVLSC clubhouse.

5. Schedule of Races

5.1 Racing to take place on Saturday 28th March:

- a) Briefing 11:00.
- b) 1st Race warning signal not before 11:55.
- c) The intention is to sail 4 races back to back.
- d) Target time for the races is 40 minutes.

5.2 Racing to take place on Sunday 29th March:

- a) 1st Race warning signal not before 10:55.
- b) The intention is to sail 3 races back to back.
- c) Target time for the races is 40 minutes.

5.2. No warning signal will be made after 15:00 on Sunday.

5.3. A maximum of 4 races will be sailed per day and a maximum of 7 races will be sailed in total.

6. Sailing Instructions

6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the CVLSC WebCollect entry site no later than 24 hours before the first warning signal. A single hard copy will be posted on the official notice board on the day of the event

<https://webcollect.org.uk/cvlscc/event/fireball-scorpion-open-2026>.

7. Clothing and Equipment

7.1. RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

8. Scoring System

8.1 The scoring system is as defined in RRS Appendix A.

8.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

8.3 When fewer than four races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.1

8.4 When four or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.1

9. Prizes

9.1. Prizes will be awarded, depending on the number of entries, after the conclusion of the last race.

10. Rights to use Names & Likenesses

10.1. 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.

11. Risk Statement

Sailing by its nature is 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 or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitors briefing held for the event.

12. Insurance

12.1 Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000.

13. Invasive Species

13.1 CVLSC and Bristol Water are committed to the prevention of the spread of invasive species. We are following the Environment Agency and RYA guidelines – ‘CHECK CLEAN DRY’

<http://www.nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry>

Please make sure your boat has been clean and dry for at least 2 days prior to your arrival. The entry form will require you to self - certify that this is the case. You may be required to check and wash your boat before leaving Chew.

14. Social Arrangements

14.1 Hot food will be available during the day with Antonia's Deli antoniasdeli@protonmail.com at the club.

14.2 A limited number of Campervans may be permitted on site overnight on Saturday 28th March. Only if pre-booked and the booking is confirmed by a CVLSC committee member.

The Camper Van booking form is here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/QhvCtjB1UC?origin=lprLink>

There will be a fee of £10.00 paid at registration on the day of the event..

Camping (tents) is not permitted.