



The Scorpion National Championship 2026

Saturday 1st August to Friday 7th August 2026
Looe Sailing Club

Organizing Authority: Looe Sailing Club
in conjunction with the National Scorpion Class Association (UK)

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028.
- 1.2 Documents governing this event, including this Notice of Race and any amendments thereto, will be available at the online notice board: [Online Notice Board](#)
- 1.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.4 If there is conflict between the NoR and SIs, then the SIs shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5(c).
- 1.5 Competitors shall comply with the Venue health & Safety Requirements at all times: [Health and Safety Requirements – Looe Sailing Club](#)

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 20th July 2026 at the [online notice board here](#).

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located [here](#)
- 3.2 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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.
- 3.3 A NSCA (UK) WhatsApp group will be established for the Event to inform competitors when announcements have been posted on the official noticeboard. The official notice board takes precedence in case of a discrepancy. It is also hoped that a daily announcement will be made on this group.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to boats of the National Scorpion Class that have a valid measurement certificate. When RRS 78.2 is applied the certificate shall be produced or verified to the satisfaction of the NSA no later than 10:00 on Sunday 2nd August 2026 this changes RRS 78.2.
- 4.2 At least one of the helm or crew must be a full or full junior member of the National Scorpion Class Association, and the other must be at least an associate member of the National Scorpion Class Association.
- 4.3 Entries will be limited to 75 boats and accepted in the order that valid fully paid entries are received, after complying with NoR 4.2. This limit may be altered up or down at any time by the Organising Authority. Any subsequently excluded sailors will receive a full refund.

- 4.4** Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, to the event website by Sunday 26th July 2026.
- 4.5** Entries will close at midnight on Sunday 26th July 2026. However, at the discretion of the Organising Authority online entry may remain open beyond this date and further entries may be accepted.
- 4.6** Competitors aged less than 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form. This is done as part of the entry process on WebCollect.
- 4.7** To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.8** Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.9** Each boat shall carry a tow line of minimum 6 metres length and 6mm diameter.

5 FEES

- 5.1** Entry fees are as follows:

Entry fee per boat is £325.

Entry fee per boat is £250 where one of the crew is under 21 on 2nd August

Entry per boat is £100 where both of the crew are under 21 is £100

Entry fee per boat is £200 where one of the crew is under 18 on 2nd August 2026.

Entry fee per boat is £25 where both of the crew are under 18 on 2nd August 2026.

The entry fee also includes tickets for the Commodores reception on Saturday evening and bacon baps on the final day.

Entries can be made using link here [Webcollect Entry](#)

- 5.2** Other fees:

Additional tickets for non-sailors for tickets for the Commodores reception on Saturday evening and bacon baps on the final day will be made available at registration.

- 5.3** If an entry is cancelled by a competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refund
Up to and including 30 th June 2026	100%
After 30 th June 2026	15%

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1** National Scorpion Class Rules shall apply (shall consist of two persons).

7 ADVERTISING

- 7.1** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. These could include, but not limited to:

- a) Event and Class sponsor advertising
- b) Coloured bibs for Event and/or category leaders [NP];
- c) Cameras and sound equipment [NP]; and
- d) Tracking and timing system equipment [NP];

- 7.2** The Organizing Authority may provide bibs that competitors are required to wear as permitted by the World Sailing Advertising Code.

- 7.3** Advertising is permitted in accordance with the class rules and World Sailing Regulation 20.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES – does not apply

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1** Registration:

Date	From	To
Saturday 1 st August	10:00	12:00
Saturday 1 st August	14:00	17:00
Sunday 2 nd August	09:00	10:00

9.2 There will be a briefing for competitors on Saturday 1st August at 20:00 in the LSC Clubhouse.

9.3 Dates and times of racing:

Date	Race	Warning Signal	Time of High Water
Sunday 2 nd August	Practice Race Points Race 1 Points Race 2	11:55 Back to back	09:11
Monday 3 rd August	Points Race 3 Points Race 4 Crews race (Subject to conditions)*	12:55 Back to back Back to back	09:43
Tuesday 4 th August	Points Race 5 Points Race 6	12:55 Back to back	10:15
Weds 5 th August	Points Race 7 Points Race 8	12:55 Back to back	10:52
Thurs 6 th August	Points Race 9 Points Race 10	12:55 Back to back	11:39
Fri 7 th August	Lay Day – to be used if less than 6 Championship races completed.	T.B.A.	12:43

*See 15.4

9.4 Number of races:

(a) The Championship will consist of a maximum of 10 races.

(b) No more than four races will be sailed on any day.

9.5 On Thursday 6th August no warning signal will be made after 14:55 if 6 or more races have been completed.

9.6 On Friday 7th August no warning signal will be made after 14:55 unless fewer than 3 races have been completed.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.

10.2 Changes to sail numbers shall be requested via the Online Notice Board and **may** be approved by the Organising Authority where suitably justified by extenuating circumstances. This changes RRS Appendix G1.1.

10.3 Boats may be inspected at any time.

The OA, Measurer, and representatives of the NSCA (UK) may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and/or equipment and sails before, during or after any race at their discretion.

10.4 [DP] Boats shall also comply with RRS 78.1.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1 RRS 50.1 shall apply.

11.2 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat, this changes RRS 40.1 & 40.2

11.3 [DP] Competitors may be required to wear event bibs provided by the Organising Authority.

12 VENUE

12.1 The event venue is:

Looe Sailing Club

2 Buller St
Looe PL13 1AS

Arrival and Venue information will be available at [Championship Arrival Info and Process – Looe Sailing Club](#) and on the Online Notice Board

12.2 Racing shall take place in Looe Bay

13 COURSES

13.1 The courses and starting systems will be defined in the Sailing Instructions. The courses to be sailed will be a combination of Windward / Leeward Legs and Triangles. Full details will be available in the Sailing Instructions together with race mark descriptions.

13.2 The starts will be either Line or Gate starts at the discretion of the race committee. Depending on numbers and conditions, the intention is to have Gate Starts.

13.3 The expected race target time for the lead boat to finish will be 50-60 minutes

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 [DP] Each competitor shall ensure that their support person/s comply with the RRS and Sis.

15 SCORING

15.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 Series scoring:

When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores;

When from five (5) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score;

When nine (9) or ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

15.3 Scores will accrue to the nominated helm of each entry. Any change of helm will constitute a new entry in the series. Any helm or crew changes need to be requested via the [Online Notice Board](#) and approved by the Organising Authority.

15.4 The crews' race, if sailed, will not form part of the scoring series.

15.5 RRS 90.3(e) shall apply.

15.6 Where, prior to releasing boats to launch from the dinghy park on a day of racing, the organising authority considers racing conditions to be safe but also challenging, due to wind strength and/or sea conditions, boats that do not start and/or finish a race on that day, shall be scored the number of finishers +3. This will be signalled onshore as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions. This does not diminish competitors responsibilities under NOR 22 on all days of racing. This changes RRS 90.3

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 [DP] Support person vessels shall be marked with flags or other markings as requested by the Organising Authority

16.2 [DP] Support boats shall register at the Race Office during the registration period and shall be responsible for any launching fees direct to the appropriate authority.

16.3 [DP] Support person vessels shall remain clear of racing.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

17.1 A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

18 BERTHING

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

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS – does not apply

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS – does not apply

21 DATA PROTECTION

21.1 The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have

agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (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 event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.'

22.2 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 omission;
- 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 organizer 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 familiarize 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.

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 The overall winning boat will be awarded the first-place trophy and the title "National Champion". Additional trophies and prizes, daily prizes and novelty prizes will be awarded according to a list to be published by the Class Association.

25 DRONES

26.1 The Organizing Authority may arrange for one or more drones to film all or part of the racing. By entering you consent to drones flying within 10 meters of you and other competitors. Drones are inherently potentially dangerous, and competitors recognize this risk and should avoid any contact with them and in particular should not try to touch them.

26.2 Use of drones by anyone in the vicinity of the course without permission, and in accordance with approval of the Organising Authority, is prohibited. Further information on flying drones in the area is available at the [online notice board here](#).

28 FURTHER INFORMATION

28.1 For further information please contact The Event Organiser:

Scorpion Class Nationals Coordinator – Dave Elston

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END OF NOTICE OF RACE

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