NOTICE OF RACE

Blackwater Sailing Club

TITLE	Beastie Tour 2026
DATE	Monday 31 August
ORGANIZING AUTHORITY	Blackwater Sailing Club
VENUE	Blackwater Sailing Club Basin Road, Heybridge, Maldon, Essex, CM9 4SD Tel: 01621 853923 www.blackwatersailingclub.org.uk
CONTACT	Details of location, directions, facilities and accommodation can be obtained by contacting the following: Email: cadet-events@blackwatersailingclub.org.uk
RULES	Races will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028* [RRS], the prescriptions of the RYA and the rules of the relevant class associations. The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.
ELIGIBILITY	All entrants need to be at least 8 years old, and less than 19 years old on 31 August 2026
ENTRY	Entry may be made online via the BSC website: https://blackwatersailingclub.org.uk/event-6488909 or by registering at the club.
ENTRY FEE	Entry fees for visitors are £22 per boat and should be paid online via the entry link above, or on registration.
ENTRY LIMIT	100 boats
REGISTRATION	In the Clubhouse from 11:30 on Monday 31 August
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS	Sailing Instructions will be issued at **r**egistration. Boats and equipment may be subject to scrutiny and/or measurement during the event at the discretion of the Race Committee.
BRIEFING	12:15 on Monday 31 August
RACE SCHEDULE	Three races, conditions permitting Subsequent races will be sailed as soon as possible after the previous race has finished. First start scheduled for 13:30
CLASSES	It is anticipated that there will be the following classes: • Optimist • RS Tera (both rigs) • Topper (both rigs) • RS Feva XL • ILCA / Laser (all rigs) • General handicap (PY 1202 or under) The organisers reserve the right to combine or split classes depending on the number of entries. The final selection of classes will be made available during the briefing. Classes may share starts. Where classes consist of boats with different Portsmouth Yardsticks (PY), the results will be calculated using the PY scheme and the RYA's published PY numbers for 2026.
STARTS	Unless otherwise indicated in a Notice to Competitors, the starting and finishing lines will be the Club Line between the race box and the meets on Northey Island. The inner limit mark is Club Limit, and the outer limit mark is Colliers, and boats shall pass between them when starting and finishing.
SPONSORSHIP	The races will be category C in accordance with Appendix 1 World Sailing Advertising Code.
SCORING	The low points scoring system of Appendix A of the RRS will apply. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series. When fewer than three races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. If three or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

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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 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, safety boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
f) The provision of safety 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 at the venue.

COACHED REGATTA FLEET(S)

Subject to the number of registrations, we may run separate regatta fleets in certain classes. In any case coaching during the race will be permitted in all fleets by coaches appointed by the organisers.

INSPECTIONS

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.

INSURANCE

All entrants are required to hold third party indemnity insurance with a minimum indemnity of five million pounds Sterling or equivalent for the total period of the event and affirm such cover to the Organizing Authority. Entrants not from the UK need to have the accepted Normal Min level of liability insurance for their country (this level needs to be displayed to all other competitors).