

# Notice of Race - Imperial Icicle 2026

Imperial College Sailing Club

14th-15th February 2026



## 1: Introduction

The event is for three boat teams and will be sailed in Fireflies supplied by the organising authority. Each boat shall be sailed by two people. The event will be held at **Queen Mary Sailing Club, Queen Mary Reservoir, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 1UA, United Kingdom.**

## 2: Organising Authority

The organising authority is Imperial College Sailing Club.

## 3: Rules

3.1) The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.

3.2) Races will be umpired.

3.3) The UK Team Racing Association (UKTRA) Standard Team Racing Sailing Instructions will apply. These change some rules in the RRS; they are available on the UKTRA web site ([www.teamracing.org](http://www.teamracing.org)) and at registration.

3.4) In accordance with RRS 70.5(a) the right of appeal will be denied.

## 4: Entries and Deposit

4.1) *Entry Procedure*

- (a) The minimum number of teams needed to hold the event is five.
- (b) Entries are invited from any teams. The entry form is available on the BUSA website or by emailing sailing@ic.ac.uk.
- (c) The closing date for receipt of entries and payment of the entry fee is **Friday 16th of January 2026**. Entries will not be guaranteed until payment is made in full.
- (d) The entry fee will be **£360** per team.
- (e) If at 18:00 on the Closing Date the minimum number of teams have entered, the event will proceed.
- (f) If at 18:00 on the Closing Date there are insufficient entries the event will be cancelled, and the entry fee less any bank charges will be returned.
- (g) If on the Closing Date the event is oversubscribed the Organising Authority will advise the team(s) concerned, these teams may request to be placed on a waiting list or have their entry fee (less bank charges) returned. All teams that have entered correctly and are not offered a place will have its entry fee (less any bank charges) refunded.

4.4) Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment and property up to a maximum of **£400** per incident. A deposit for this amount will be required at registration and before a team may sail. When a team is assessed as liable for damage, it shall restore the deposit to the original value in order to continue sailing. Damage attributed to competitors generally or to an unidentified team will be attributed equally between all teams. A team may apply to the protest committee to determine their responsibility for any damage.

#### 4.5) *Withdrawal*

- (a) When a team accepts an invitation and later withdraws before the closing date, the entry fee (less any bank charges) will be returned.
- (b) When a team accepts an invitation and later withdraws after the closing date, the entry fee will not be returned unless the team is able to find a replacement team that meets the requirements of this NOR.

## 5: Event Format and Schedule

- 5.1) The format of the event will be decided by the Race Officer.
- 5.2) Registration will take place at 08:30am in Queen Mary Sailing Club on **Saturday 14th of February 2026**.

5.3) There will be a briefing at 09:00 in Queen Mary Sailing Club on **Saturday 14th of February 2026**.

5.4) The first warning signal will be at 09:27 at the earliest.

## **6: Buoyancy and Clothing**

Adequate personal flotation devices and a wetsuit or drysuit shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat and on the pontoons.

## **7: Risk Statement, Insurance**

7.1) Rule 4 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.

7.2) When the boats are provided by the competitors, the boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000.

## **8: Prizes**

These will be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.