

## **RBSC Junior and Novice Start Racing Regatta – Saturday 18th July 2026**

### **Aims of the Event:**

- To provide confidence and knowledge of racing to encourage adults and juniors to participate in future club racing activities.
- Be an enjoyable experience for all sailors who wish to learn new skills.
- Have a safe and fun competition with others of similar abilities.
- Enable increased participation at the 'Wednesday Evenings' pursuit series and 'Sundays' series racing in the future/next season.
- Celebrate the end of the summer block and present some prizes!

### **Event Categories:**

*Competitors must enter the appropriate race category for their age and ability level.*

- **Adults:** A person who is aged 18 or older and considers themselves a 'novice' at racing. Suited for someone who has had limited experience with club racing but has a basic level of core sailing skills.
- **Junior 'Gold':** Young person (under 18 years old), who is in the 'Swans' or 'Grebes' group on Friday Evening Training. Interested in simple yet competitive racing, building on skills learned throughout the training blocks.
- **Junior 'Silver':** Young person (under 18 years old), who is in the 'Cormorants' or 'Coots' group on Friday Evening Training. Fun and easy races to provide a simple introduction to a racing event.

### **Safety:**

- Buoyancy Aids are mandatory at all times when on the water, jetties and slipways (this includes parents/helpers/volunteers).
- There are club owned spare buoyancy aids hanging on the hooks outside the changing rooms which must be fitted and adjusted correctly when worn.

### **Signatures:**

- Competitors (and parent/carers of those under 18s) must sign before going afloat as this confirms valid insurance, club membership, acknowledgement of the sailing instructions, agreement with the clubs rules, policies and procedures and payment of the fee (if required).
- <https://www.rbsc.org.uk/racing-2/sailinginstructions/>
- <https://www.rbsc.org.uk/club-info/boats/>
- <https://www.rbsc.org.uk/safeguarding/>
- <https://www.rbsc.org.uk/rbsc-equality-policy/>
- <https://www.rbsc.org.uk/club-info/safety-for-all/>

See the general RBSC website for additional information or email: [training@rbsc.org.uk](mailto:training@rbsc.org.uk)

### **Loco Parentis:**

- Juniors should always have a parent/guardian/other adult responsible on site for them whilst they are at RBSC. This includes when they are out on the water!
- Contact details will have been obtained in the registration forms prior to the training blocks but if details or arrangements are different on the day then please inform us.
- A support person/parent or guardian by permitting their child to enter an event, agrees to accept the rules, policies and procedures of RBSC.



## Club Boats:

- If you are an adult (over 18yrs) and intend to borrow a club boat for this event, there is a 'hire fee' to be paid and it is **first come first serve basis**.
- This fee is a small contribution towards the upkeep of the club boats.
- You are able to book and pay for a club boat via your membership page on WebCollect go to 'browse subscriptions'.
- However some boats are unavailable to book online or if you are not so good with technology, you can also pay via cash by signing up on the sheet inside the club house.
- For **juniors there is no fee required to hire a club boat** (this is the club policy) but again it is first come first serve.
- Fill out this [FORM HERE](#) – to let us know what boat(s) you would like to borrow.

## Own Boats:

- Must be fully insured for racing and of an adequate sailing condition.
- No Entry Fee Required.
- Use the sheet printed in the club house to sign up for the event.
- In windy conditions, a mast-head float may be recommended to be attached.

## Crewed Boats:

- Juniors may sail 'doubled-up' in boats that are traditionally classed as single-handers such as an optimist or topper but can only compete in the 'Silver' Junior Category.
- Adults or other experienced racers may 'crew' for a junior or novice in any category but they must be in a traditionally double-handed boat (e.g. mirror dinghy, wayfarer, enterprise, GP14 etc.)
- Adults and support persons may help competitors with rigging and sailing to the race course, but during the race the named 'helm' must be holding the tiller and the mainsheet.

## Programme and Schedule:

- You may arrive any time before official registration to rig your boat, get changed, launch or sign up. It is important you are very sure about which equipment you are borrowing for the day as each club boat is slightly different.
- **Registration is at the latest 10:15** and this is where you come to pay any required fees if using cash; confirm any details by looking at the sheet; or sign up at the last minute on the day.
- A **competitors' briefing will be held at approximately 10:20** outside the club house, where the race officials will explain the running of the event. **You must have signed in BEFORE this point, later entries may not be accepted.**
- The **first start signal will go off no earlier than 10:35 am**. It may be required to be later due to a postponement, but this will be communicated on the day.
- Three races for each category, with Adults starting first followed by the Juniors 'Gold' then 'Silver'. Two races count to your overall score, your worst result is discarded.
- **Adults Start Times - Race 1: 1045, Race 2: 12:00, Race 3: 1330**
- **Junior 'Gold' Start Times - Race 1: 1050, Race 2: 1205, Race 3: 1335**
- **Junior 'Silver' Start Times - Race 1: 10:55, Race 2: 1210, Race 3: 1340**
- These timings are approximate but there will be a lunch break after Race 2, **please bring your own food and drink etc. as no catering planned.**
- For Adults and Junior 'Gold' categories, the races may be up to 45 minutes for all, using the 'regular' course and buoys used in RBSC series racing.
- Junior 'Silver' races will be shorter, a maximum 30 minutes long for all and using a modified course with the white 'P C M' marks.
- A short prize-giving ceremony will follow once Race 3 is finished and after results are finalised.