



Notice of Race (NoR)

STOKES BAY OPEN for SINGLE HANDERS

5th & 6th September 2026

The organising authority is Stokes Bay Sailing Club Ltd (SBSC), The Promenade, Stokes Bay Road, Gosport, PO12 2BL, UK.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the latest 'The Racing Rules of Sailing' and the prescriptions of the RYA. Competitors will also behave in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter. <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>
- 1.2 For the Europe Class only: the Race Committee may permit pumping, rocking and ooching in accordance with Europe class rules. The signals will be made according to RRS P5. This changes RRS 42.2(a), RRS 42.2(b) and RRS 42.2(c).

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available online and at the Official Notice Board from at least three days prior to the event at <https://www.stokesbay-sc.co.uk/open-events-2/>

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located in the entrance lobby of the clubhouse. A weather forecast and any current Notice to Mariners will be posted there.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Europe class and any single handed hiking dinghy with PN between 1218 and 957 (inclusive).
- 4.1a. There will be separate starts for Fast Handicap, Europe and Slow Handicap fleets with any further fleet splits dependant on entries.

- 4.2 Boats may enter the event by completing the online entry form at WebCollect <https://webcollect.org.uk/stokesbay-sc> and paying the requisite entry fee by no later than 2359hrs on Sunday 30 August 2026.
- 4.3 Late entries will be accepted with the payment of the late entry fee and completion of a paper form on the day.
- 4.4 Competitors under the age of 18 years on the day of the event will be required to complete and lodge a parental/guardian consent form either via WebCollect or paper form for a late entry.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Youth and Junior Entry (U20 Sailors only)	Entry Fee until 30/8/2026	Late Entry Fee
£40	£50	£65

- 5.2 Entry fee includes Regatta Dinner on Saturday 5th September 2026. Additional dinner tickets for friends and family can be purchased via WebCollect.

6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Item	Number of Races	Location
Friday 4 th 4.9.26	1830	Club Bar open for early arrivals		Clubhouse
Saturday 5 th 5.9.26	1000-1100	Registration		Clubhouse
Saturday 5 th 5.9.26	1100	Briefing		Clubhouse
Saturday 5 th 5.9.26	1255	1st Warning Signal	3	Stokes Bay
Saturday 5 th	Not Before	Regatta Dinner		Clubhouse

5.9.26	6pm			
Sunday 6 th 5.9.26	1025	1st Warning Signal	3	Stokes Bay
Sunday 6 th 5.9.26	After Racing	Prize Giving		Clubhouse

7.2 Number of races: The event will consist of up to six races with three planned for each day. Races will be run back-to-back on both days. However, additional races may be sailed in advance or arrears in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate. No more than 5 races will be held on any one day.

7.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1255 hrs on the 5th September 2026.

7.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1525 hrs.

8 COACH BOATS

8.1 Coach boats are prohibited for the duration of the event without exception.

9 SAILING AREA

9.1 Stokes Bay Sailing Club is situated in the East Solent area. The area used for the event is adjacent to a busy maritime shipping route area where large fast-moving shipping can be prevalent. Whilst normal sailing at Stokes Bay isn't subject to major shipping entering race areas, all competitors should be aware and avoid entering the designated shipping lanes. Racing will be located away from such areas and managed by the on-water racing team and RIBs.

10 COURSES

10.1 The course(s) to be sailed will be either windward/leeward or trapezoid configuration.

10.2 The courses for the event shall be provided in detail within the event sailing instructions (SIs).

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 For the event RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12 SCORING

12.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

12.2 A total of six races are planned.

12.3 A minimum of two completed races are required to constitute the event series.

12.4 One discard will be applied after four races have been completed.

12.5 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

13 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

13.1 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.

14 PRIVACY STATEMENT

14.1 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.

15 DATA PROTECTION

15.1 Competitors are required to sign the statement within Webcollect or on the paper form for a late entry.

16 RISK STATEMENT

16.1 ADDENDUM A (RYA)

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 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 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 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 for the event.

16.2 Whilst afloat, personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times. The Race Committee can disqualify a competitor who does not comply with this rule. Wet suits and dry suits are not considered to be acceptable personal buoyancy for the purpose of this instruction. This is in addition to RRS Rule 1.2, 40 and IC Flag 'Y' in the race signals.

16.3 Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 1 'Helping Those in Danger'. In the absence of a nearby Patrol Boat, any boat in a race is to stand by a boat which has capsized or is disabled unless it is clear that no assistance is required. Redress maybe requested. (RRS Rule 61)

16.4 Competitors who, for reasons beyond their control, come ashore at places other than the Club, shall contact the Club to notify their whereabouts as soon as possible. This will prevent unnecessary air-sea rescue and anxiety. Contact can be made via Radio (call sign 'Stokes Bay Bridge').

16.5 The provision of a Patrol Boat does not relieve competitors of their responsibilities.

17 INSURANCE

17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

18 PRIZES

18.1 Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of all associated event racing.

18.2 Prizes will be awarded in the following event categories

Slow Handicap 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Fast Handicap – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Europe – 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1st Female

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

19.1 For further information please contact Debbie Woodward. Tel. 023 9258 1513.
Email: administrator@stokesbay-sc.co.uk

Additional matters:

Arriving at Stokes Bay:

Please read the information on the club's website below the entry details at
<https://www.stokesbay-sc.co.uk/open-events-2/>

Carparking is available in the Pay & Display next to the compound or free on-street parking in the residential area to the north of the sailing club.

Camping and parking of motorhomes for the event duration.

Camping for larger tents and parking (only motorhomes, not cars) is available on the field adjacent to the Sailing Club (East side) for which a fee is payable. Please book via WebCollect.

Camping for small tents within the sailing club boat compound is permissible, however there is limited capacity.

Further accommodation options can be found at
<https://www.stokesbay-sc.co.uk/accommodation-for-open-events/>

Social Programme:

Friday evening: Bar open for drinks and snacks

Saturday evening: Regatta Dinner - Additional dinner tickets can be ordered via WebCollect.

The galley will be open for the duration of the event as will the bar at selected times.