



Blaze National Championship 2025

6th – 8th June 2025

Organising Authority (OA): Pevensey Bay Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

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1. RULES 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in: The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 – 2028

1.2 Any Blaze Class Associations rules.

1.3 In the event of a conflict between documents, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available online no later than 20:00 on Monday 2nd June 2025, via [PBSC Blaze National Championship 6-8 June 2025 – SAILING INSTRUCTIONS](#) and also at <https://www.blaze-sailing.org/event-details/bca-blaze-national-championship> and also posted on the official noticeboard at Pevensey Bay Sailing Club.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official noticeboard is located on the Clubhouse ground floor, opposite the bottom of the stairs at Pevensey Bay Sailing Club.

3.2 Useful information may also be relayed via WhatsApp group, set up using mobile numbers from entry forms, however this will not be used for official notifications.

3.3 While racing, 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.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Regatta is open to all Blaze and Fire boats sailed by members of the Blaze Class Association.
- 4.2 Any Fire will be scored as a Blaze in the main results and separate Fire results posted.
- 4.3 The sail type registered shall not be changed throughout the event.
- 4.4 All helms and crew under the age of 18 during the event shall submit signed parent/guardian declarations as part of the entry process and submit details of the parent acting in charge of a child who shall be present at Pevensey Bay Sailing Club at all times during the event.
- 4.5 It will NOT be possible to join Blaze Class Association at the event. BCA membership must be completed online at <https://www.blaze-sailing.org/plans-pricing> by 23:59 on Thursday 5th June to be eligible for a race result.
- 4.6 The Entry Form and payment must be completed online via <https://www.blaze-sailing.org/event-details/bca-blaze-national-championship>
- 4.7 By submitting an entry for this event all sailors declare understanding and acceptance of the Disclaimer of Liability in NOR 19.

5. ENTRY FEES

- 5.1 Online entry closes at 23:59 on Tuesday 3rd June.
- 5.2 In order to encourage early entry, the fees are as follows:
- Up until 23:59 on Thursday 15th May 2025 entry will be £85.
 - From Friday 16th May 2025 the entry will be £120.
 - Youth (Under 26) and Ladies entry will be half price (£42.50) only if entries submitted by 23:59 on Thursday 15th May.
- 5.3 In-person entries can be made at PBSC until end of registration at 21:00 Thursday 5th June. In-person entries made after 23:59 on Tuesday 3rd June will be subject to a £10 surcharge.

The entry fees include three days of racing, car parking, full access to the clubhouse, showers and facilities.

A Friday night meal of chili and rice can be booked and paid separately via the entries page (£5)
A Saturday night BBQ meal can be booked and paid separately via the entries page (£15)
Last food bookings taken online at 23:59 on Tuesday 3rd June.

In celebration of 80 years since Victory in Europe (VE Day), PBSC will be holding a 1940's themed party on the Saturday evening, with prizes for the best 1940's costume. Everyone is welcome.

On-site camping shall be free on Thursday 5th June and £15 per pitch for Friday and Saturday nights. Payment direct to PBSC at registration.

6. IDENTIFICATION AND ADVERTISING

- 6.1 When provided by the Organising Authority, boats shall display numbers and advertising.

7. EVENT SERIES

- 7.1 The regatta forms part of the Blaze Traveller Series, details of which can be found at <https://www.blaze-sailing.org/blazetravellerseries>

8. SCHEDULE

8.1 All competitors must register their entry via <https://www.blaze-sailing.org/event-details/bca-blaze-national-championship> (or in person at PBSC on Thursday 5th June until 21:00 with a £10 surcharge).

8.2 Event attendance registration will be at the Pevensey Bay Sailing Club between 18:00 and 21:00 on Thursday 5th June or from 09:00 on Friday 6th June.

8.3 The Competitors briefing will be in the Clubhouse or on the Club Patio at approximately 10:45 on Friday 6th June.

8.4 Championship Races are scheduled as follows:

Race No.	Day/Date	High Water	Low Water	Scheduled Warning Signal of 1st race:
1, 2 & 3	Friday 6 June	08:26 5.42m	15:07 1.89m	12:00
4, 5 & 6	Saturday 7 June	09:23 5.64m	15:57 1.77m	10:30
7 & 8	Sunday 8 June	10:10 5.90m	16:41 1.65m	10:30

8.5 Races can be run ahead of schedule due to weather, for example, if weather forecast changes and appears poor for the Sunday, a fourth race may be held on the Saturday.

8.6 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on the 6th June is 12:00.

8.7 There will be no warning signal after 13:55 on Sunday 8th June.

8.8 Blaze and Fire will have the same start.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1 [DP] Boats, sails and equipment may be inspected for Class rules compliance prior to, during, or after racing.

10. VENUE

10.1 Pevensey bay Sailing Club, Old Martello Road, Pevensey Bay. BN24 6DX.

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Google Maps: '[PBSC on Google Maps](#)'

YouTube video: '[PBSC on YouTube](#)'

10.2 The sailing area will be on the costal water off Pevensey Bay Sailing Club, approximately 1 mile east of Eastbourne Marina and will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

10.3 At no time may competitors sail inside the line of yellow swimmers' buoys (between the yellow buoys and beach), located to the east of the sailing club.

10.4 While racing, the yellow swimmers' buoys will be treated as an obstruction.

11. COURSES

11.1 There will be a selection of courses including, but not limited to: Trapezoid, Sausage-Triangle, or inverted 'P'. To be detailed in the SIs and subject to RO decision on the day.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 The Post-Race Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures will apply (for information on the procedures, visit the RYA website). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

13. SCORING

13.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta series.

- a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed a boat's regatta series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- b) When 4-7 races have been completed, a boat's regatta series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.
- c) When 8 races have been completed, a boat's regatta series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst two scores.

14. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

14.1 Support teams and vessels are not permitted.

15. BERTHING

15.1 All Blazes can be stored with the Club's compound; a Club representative will guide you a suitable location.

16. DISTINGUISHING NUMBERS

16.1 Under exceptional circumstances, the Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by RRS77 and RRS Appendix G. Such permission is only valid if sought in writing before proceeding afloat.

17. DATA PROTECTION

17.1 The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the racing. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the racing (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 racing and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

17.2 By participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during racing, and of all of his/her material related to the championship, without compensation.

17.3 In order to manage the events, information provided by competitors will be held on a database. The management of personal information.

18. RIGHT TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

18.1 Competitors automatically grant Pevensey Bay Sailing Club, the Blaze Class Association and their sponsors 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.

19. RISK STATEMENT

19.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia of other causes. 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;
- (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 competitors briefing held for the event.

20. INSURANCE

20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of **£5,000,000** per incident or the equivalent.

21. PRIZES

21.1 Prizes will be awarded depending on entry numbers.

21.2 The minimum number of prizes to be awarded will be: BLAZE Overall 1st to 5th, 1st Lady, 1st Youth, 1st Polyester & Fire prizes.

21.3 Fire prizes will be awarded to the square root of the number of entries, rounded down, and to a maximum of 3rd place.

22. CANCELLATION

22.1 The final decision on whether the event can proceed will be made on Wednesday 1st June 2025.

22.2 Notice of the cancellation will be posted on the PBSC website events page and the Blaze Class Association website no later than Wednesday 1st June 2025.

22.3 Refunds will be awarded as follows:

	On or before 31st May	After 1 st June
If entry is cancelled by entrant	100% refund	No refund
If entry is cancelled by Organising Authority	100% refund	75% refund (to cover costs of bought in food and trophies) In such case, cancellation will only occur if weather conditions unexpectedly change and make running/sailing the event unsafe.

22.4 The event may be cancelled at any point if weather conditions are deemed by the Race Officer to be unsafe to sail, or unsafe to launch Safety Boats.

22.5 The event may be cancelled if the number of registered participants is deemed too low to make the event financially viable, in such a case a full refund will be given.

=====END OF NOTICE OF RACE=====

FURTHER INFORMATION

PBSC and Clubhouse

PBSC was formed in the mid 1950's and was initially located in the Village of Pevensey Bay, approximately 1 mile from its current location. The Club moved to its larger accommodation in the 1970's where it provides better changing and showering facilities. As well as direct access to the beach, the club has a large camping field behind the clubhouse and ample boat storage.

The clubhouse has a function room with a galley and bar area, a large first floor patio above the boathouse and a wet bar on the ground floor patio. The following YouTube video provides a good insight to the club's facilities. ['PBSC on YouTube'](#)

Local Area information

PBSC is located on the West side of Pevensey Bay, approximately a 1 mile walk along the beach from the Village of Pevensey Bay and the landing place of William the Conqueror in 1066. The village of Pevensey Bay contains, pub, Indian & Chinese restaurants, a Kabab and Fish & Chip shop, as well as a convenience store, chemist and post office.

Eastbourne Marina is approximately ½ mile west of the PBSC Clubhouse, and offers a Marina, a selection of bars & restaurants, along with independent retailers and major chains such as Asda, Boots, Mountain Warehouse and B&M.