



A-class & Unicorn Open

Eastbourne Sovereign Sailing Club

25th & 26th July 2026 - Notice of Race



1. Rules

- 1.1 The Event will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA and Class Rules of boats competing unless modified by the Event Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.3 The races will be managed by Eastbourne Sovereign Sailing Club (ESSC).

2. Eligibility & entry

- 2.1 The regatta is open to Foiling & Classic A-class catamarans, and Unicorn catamarans.
- 2.2 All competitors shall be a member of their respective class association.
- 2.3 Competitors under the age of 18 must be accompanied by either a parent or guardian, with both parties required to complete a under 18 consent form available from reception on the 1st day.

3. Fees

- 3.1 This event entry fee is £65. This includes a Saturday evening meal and comedy night ticket.
- 3.2 Additional fees are: Motorhome camping: £10 per night / Tent camping: £5 per night. No electric hookup but access to toilets overnight.
- 3.3 Payments to be made on Saturday morning in the clubroom by either card or cash.

4. Schedule

- 4.1 Registration will take place in the main clubroom from 09:30am until 11:00am on Saturday 25th July.
- 4.2 All boats wishing to compete must register.
- 4.3 The sailors briefing will be made Saturday morning at 11:00 on the patio.
- 4.4 The race schedule will be as follows:
 - Saturday: 1st start warning signal – 12:55am
 - 2nd & 3rd races will be back to back after the 1st race.
 - Sunday: 4th start warning signal – 10:55am
 - 5th & 6th races will be back to back after the 4th race.
- 4.5 No more than 6 races will be sailed.
- 4.6 No warning signal may be made after 3pm on Sunday 26th July.
- 4.7 Races are expected to last one hour.

5. Sailing Instructions

- 5.1 The sailing instructions will be available from reception and on the event page found at www.sailing-at-eastbourne.co.uk

6. Venue

- 6.1 The racing area will be within Eastbourne Bay.
- 6.2 Venue information is available at www.sailing-at-eastbourne.co.uk

7. Communication

- 7.1 The official notice board will be inside the rear clubroom. Notices will also be published on the notice board.
- 7.2 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.



8. Courses

- 8.1 Course to be sailed will be a windward/leeward, passing through the start/finish line on each upwind leg.
- 8.2 Course map will be available with the sailing instructions from reception and on the event page.
- 8.3 Club racing will be taking place at the same time, using a triangle course and a smaller windward/leeward course. Participants of the event may come across club boats during the racing, and may be required to give additional room if a vessel is in difficulty.

9. Data Protection

- 9.1 The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. The organizing authority shall keep information supplied by competitors on file and will be compliant and managed according to government GDPR legislation, for the purposes of running the event. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

10. Media & Drones

- 10.1 The Organizing Authority may arrange for one or more drones to film all or part of the racing. You consent to drones flying within 50 meters of you and other competitors. Drones are inherently potentially dangerous, and competitors recognize this risk and should avoid any contact with them and should not try to touch them. Any drone operators will be subject to complying with the current UK legal requirements, certifications & compliance, set out by the government and the civil aviation authority (CAA).
- 10.2 By entering and participating in this event, each competitor and his/her supporters grant to ESSC the absolute right, authority and permission in perpetuity to make, use, distribute, broadcast, publish and show in any media, at their discretion any images, motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television, audio and video recordings, and reproductions and edits of them and/or their boat/s made during the event from time to time on and off the water, and of all of his/her data, information and material related to the event, without compensation.

11. Risk Statement

- 11.1 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."
- 11.2 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 omission.
 - (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 familiarize 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.
 - (h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third-party claims, or the equivalent in other currencies.

