



CHALLENGER NOTICE OF RACE (2026)



ENGLISH OPEN CHALLENGER CHAMPIONSHIP

FARMOOR RESERVOIR OXFORD OX2 9NS

Saturday 16th May and Sunday 17th May 2026

Entry Fee £30

ONLINE ENTRY at <https://oxfordsailtraining.org.uk/ostt-open-event/challenger-regatta>

Competitor enquiries and information from Sally.Foulsham@oxfordsailability.com

The organising authority is **Oxford Sail Training Trust with CCA and Oxford Sailability**

Saturday Briefing 10-15 Race 1 12-00 Races 2 and 3 15-00

Sunday Race 4 and 5 10-30 Race 6 14-00 Prizes 16-00

PARKING is FREE. Dogs (other than guide dogs) are only allowed in the car park

Boats Farmoor operates a CHECK CLEAN DRY procedure.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS (Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028), the Challenger Class Design Rules, the Challenger Standard Sailing Instructions and any local sailing instructions.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that the Challenger Class Association implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.
- 1.3 In particular, all Challengers must comply with Design Rules F 2.3 (g & h):
 - F2.3(g) Tow line of free specification. Recommended 5 metres minimum length. Shall reach from a secure bow point back to the helmsperson
 - F2.3(h) Sponson Grab Lines of free specification. Shall be fixed near the outer ends of both front and rear crossbeams
- 1.4 The Class Design Rules and Challenger Standard Sailing Instructions are available from the Challenger Class Association website www.challenger-sailing.org.uk. Standard and local sailing instructions will also be available and on display at the registration desk.

2 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1 The event is open to all marks of Challenger.
- 2.2 All participating helms should be a standard, family, junior or affiliated member of the Challenger Class Association or a member of Oxford Sailability.

Competitors enter in one of the following fleets:

Gold: Experienced racers. Silver fleet sailors with 3 or more wins in the Silver fleet.

Silver: Less experienced racers.

Syndicate: Sailors sharing a boat during the event. Each individual must sign the entry form. The races must be distributed as equally as possible between the sailors forming the syndicate. The cumulative score for the boat will determine the series score of the syndicate and all members will share the prize. **They will sail in the Silver fleet.**

Bronze: All sailors carry a *mandatory* buddy onboard while racing. This fleet is limited to sailors who are very inexperienced or unable to sail the boat alone.

Challenger events rely on volunteers so:

- Where possible visiting helms, particularly those who are unable to rig the boat and take it to the water's edge, should bring someone to help them.
- Visiting helms who require personal care must be accompanied by someone able to provide that care.
- Competitors under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or individual acting in *loco parentis* who must remain at the venue at all times.

2.3 Entries should be made at least two weeks before the event by visiting the website <https://oxfordsailtraining.org.uk/ostt-open-event/challenger-regatta> and completing the BOOK NOW section.

You may make a late entry BUT if the organisers do not receive an advance entry booking, *which is needed to help with event planning*, there will be a late entry supplement of £10.00.

LATE entries can be made using the online booking system after the 2 week deadline has passed, OR on the day at the reception desk.

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3 FEES

The Entry fee is £30 paid when making your online booking.

4 PRIZES

Details of prizes (usually consisting of trophies etc.) are shown BELOW. At the discretion of the organising authority a fleet may need at least two boats for prizes to be awarded.

5 SCHEDULE AND OTHER VENUE SPECIFIC DETAILS

The schedule of races is shown above. Other details will be shown in the Challenger Standard Sailing Instructions or their supplements.

6 PENALTIES

As an alternative to protests, an Exoneration Penalty (and an Advisory Hearing or RYA Arbitration) of the RYA Rules Disputes procedure will be available. Details to be posted on the official notice board.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Challenger Standard Sailing Instructions will be used. They are available to download from www.challenger-sailing.org.uk and will be displayed on the official notice board at each event.

NB there may be slight alterations to the standard SI's made by the organising authority.

8 VISUAL IMAGES CONSENT

By signing the entry form, competitors grant the organising authority or their agents and the Challenger Class Association, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show or publish any motion pictures, still pictures and live or recorded coverage in any media of, or relating to, the event, unless they advise the organisers otherwise in writing prior to the event.

9 DATA PROTECTION

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 RRS 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 RRS and the other rules that govern the event, 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 SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding of adults at risk and, children and young people is the responsibility of the organising authority. Anyone with any concerns about safeguarding should, in the first instance, talk to one of the class association's Welfare Officers: Annie Molyneux (phone: 01476 593611 or 07732 781776;

email: annmolyneux157@btinternet.com) or Liz Newton (phone: 07812 694132;
email: lizziej.newton@gmail.com).

11 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 of the RRS 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:

- (α) 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;
- (β) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (χ) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (δ) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate, including survival in the water, taking into account any disability they might have;
- (ε) The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race
- (φ) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats or other officials and volunteers by the event organisers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (γ) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (η) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks; specific to their disability if any, at a particular venue or event or drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event **and to attend any safety briefing held for the event**;
- (ι) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

12.1 Further information about the Challenger Class Association is available at www.challenger-sailing.org.uk and www.facebook.com/ChallengerClassAssociationCommunity.

12.2 Information may also be available on the organising club's website or social media.

TROPHIES

The Shipwrights Trophy	First overall and English Challenger Champion
Anglo Marine Plate	First Silver Fleet
Bronze Barometer	First Bronze Fleet
1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place	in Bronze, Silver and Gold fleets
The Oxford Cup	Highest placed Oxford Boat
Pam Gee Plate	For Endeavour