



**BLAZE
Class
Association**



Blaze Class Association N.O.R requirements.
PEVENSEY BAY SAILING CLUB
NOTICE OF RACE
14 & 15 September 2024

1. RULES

The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, with the exception to any class specific racing rules as listed below.

Entrants and authorised guests are temporary members of PBSC during the period of the event and shall, always, comply with the Club rules.

RRS 40.1 always applies while afloat.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be published online at and at the Blaze Class Association website <https://www.blaze-sailing.org/event-details/blaze-southern-championship-2024> by 17.00hrs 7 September 2024.

3. COMMUNICATION

Competitor communication will be on the Noticeboard inside the clubhouse entrance, or if weather permits, on a whiteboard situated on the ground floor patio.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Entry is by booking a place on www.pbsc.org.uk/openevents/Blaze Entry closes at midnight on Wednesday 11 September 2024.

The Regatta is open to all Blaze, Fire and Halo boats sailed by members of the Blaze Class Association. Fire sails are permitted to sail within the Blaze fleet but will be scored as a Blaze (i.e no handicap). The choice of sail (if anyone chooses to bring both) will be set at registration and cannot be changed for the duration of the event. Halo sails can also enter; however, their position will not be included in the official results.

All participants MUST be members of the Blaze Class Association <https://www.blaze-sailing.org/plans-pricing>

All helms under the age of 18 during the event shall complete the parent/ guardian declarations as part of the entry process and include details of the parent/guardian acting in charge of that child, who shall be present at Pevensey Bay Sailing Club at all times during the event.

5. FEES

Entry, meals and camping are payable via the PBSC Blaze events page www.pbsc.org.uk/openevents/Blaze

Entry includes two days of sailing, full use of the clubhouse, changing rooms, showers and bar, provision of safety boats and prizes for the winners as detailed below. Ample parking is available on site, free of charge.

On site camping for tents, campervans and Motorhomes is available on the club's green, adjacent to the clubhouse. Camping is available on both Friday and Saturday night.

The full entry fee for the event is £60, **reduced to £50 if pre-registered and paid via the PBSC website before 8 September 2024**. Registration can be made on the day, but we prefer registration via the PBSC booking page, found on the PBSC website events page www.pbsc.org.uk/openevents/Blaze

A **50% deduction** in the entrance fee is offered to all female entrants and persons under 26yrs of age. This deduction is kindly funded by the Blaze Class Association.

Camping is available at a price of £20 for two the nights (Friday & Saturday). Any queries regarding camping can be directed to Vice.Commodore@PBSC.org.uk

A Saturday evening BBQ is available for £15 per person, bookable on PBSC Blaze events page www.pbsc.org.uk/openevents/Blaze

The wet bar will be open to purchase breakfast baps, light meals, teas & coffees throughout the event. Please pay using a credit or debit card.

6. IDENTIFICATION AND ADVERTISING

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

7. EVENT SERIES

The regatta forms part of the Blaze Traveller Series, details of which can be found on the Blaze Class Association website <https://www.blaze-sailing.org/copy-of-home>

8. SCHEDULE

Competitors and support boat crews are required to register prior to racing on the ground floor patio outside the front of the clubhouse, or inside the clubhouse if raining. Registration opens at 09.00hrs

Competitor briefing will be at 10.30hrs on Saturday, 10.00hrs on Sunday, on the ground floor patio outside the front of the clubhouse.

Format of Racing: It is intended to run 7 races over the two days. The intended

format is as follows; this may be varied:

Day	First Warning Signal	Intended no. of races
Saturday 14 September 2024	12.25hrs	4 races back-to-back
Sunday 15 September 2024	10.55hrs	3 races back-to-back

There will be no more than four races in any one day.

On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 16:00hrs.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

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

10. VENUE

Pevensey Bay Sailing Club – Old Martello Road, Pevensey Bay, East Sussex. BN246DX (what three words lightbulb.peroxide.nicer) Telephone 01323 761002 (weekends only).

The intended sailing area will be off Pevensey Bay beach, directly opposite clubhouse, within two miles from PBSC. Boats are not expected to return ashore between races.

The sea area between the line of yellow buoys to the east of the club is for safe swimming. The course will be set beyond the line of buoys however boats should not enter this area except in an emergency.

11. COURSES

The course(s) to be sailed will be either Trapezial or Inverted 'P' and detailed in the SIs and displayed on the race whiteboard on the outside patio, alterations to the course will be displayed on the whiteboard at least one hour before the start of racing.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

The penalty system will be described in the SIs.

13. SCORING

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 (i.e. 1x discard).
- 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 (i.e. 2x discard).

14. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

In accordance with the BCA's position, support person vessels will not be permitted at this event.

15. BERTHING

Boats can be stored on the beach in front of the club, the car park or on the green as appropriate. Vehicles are not permitted to park on the grass.

16. DISTINGUISHING NUMBERS

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

PRIVACY STATEMENT 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 Pevensey Bay Sailing Club's privacy policy. 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.

18. RIGHT TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

Competitors automatically grant to Pevensey Bay Sailing Club and 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

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

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.

21. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded depending on entry numbers.

The minimum number of prizes to be awarded will be:

BLAZE 1st to 5th

1st Lady

1st Youth

1st Polyester

FIRE prizes will be awarded if there are 5 or more Fire sails entered. The number of prizes will be the square root of the number of entries, rounded down, and to a maximum of 3rd place.

22. CANCELLATION

The final decision on whether the event can proceed will be made at 9pm Thursday 12 September, however the event could be cancelled at any time thereafter if weather conditions change.

If the forecast wind strength causes cancellation of the event, a refund of 50% entrance and pre booked food can be claimed. All camping fees can be refunded. This is to cover the basic costs incurred by the club in arranging the event. In such event, please make your request via email to vice.commodore@PBSC.org.uk

Notice of the cancellation will be posted on the PBSC website www.pbsc.org.uk/openevents/Blaze, the club notice board and the Blaze Class Association website. <https://www.blaze-sailing.org/event-details/blaze-southern-championship-2024> no later than 9pm Thursday 12 September, unless unexpected weather changes necessitate last minute cancellation.

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

The PBSC Events officer can be contacted via email Vice.Commodore@PBSC.org.uk

Further information available is available on the Pevensey Bay Sailing Club website www.PBSC.org.uk

Sneak a preview of Pevensey Bay Sailing Club www.youtube.com/watch?v=EB_YQC_IC0k

Weather <http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/forecast/u10301b4b#?tab=fiveDay>

The tide flows towards Hastings (to the east) on the flood coming up to high tide and a back again to Eastbourne (to the west) on the ebb to low tide. The rate of flow is approximately 2 knots at the peak during the spring ebb tides. The tidal range is between 2.5 and 7.8 meters from lowest to highest tide on the monthly cycles with neap tides being the lowest and spring tides being the highest. This weekend tides will be coming up to springs with a tidal range of 5.8m.

14 SAT	02:41 L: 2.33m	08:38 H: 5.50m	15:24 L: 2.24m	21:07 H: 5.80m	☀ 06:33 ☾ 19:14	☉
15 SUN	03:57 L: 1.81m	09:43 H: 6.23m	16:24 L: 1.68m	22:05 H: 6.51m	☀ 06:35 ☾ 19:12	☉

24. SOCIAL

The balcony terrace will be open throughout the weekend, teas and coffee and snacks can be purchased from either the wet bar or in the upstairs clubhouse.

Breakfast baps will be available to purchase on Saturday & Sunday mornings from the wet bar.

The clubhouse and its bar will remain open on both Friday and Saturday evening. A Saturday evening BBQ will available, please book via the PBSC Blaze events page www.pbsc.org.uk/openevents/Blaze