



Blithfield Sailing Club Ltd
Supernova Inland Championship Meeting
Notice Of Race
(22 Aug-23 Aug 2026)

1 Rules

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is Blithfield Sailing Club Ltd in conjunction with the Supernova Class Association.
- 1.2 Blithfield Sailing Club Ltd (BSCL) implements the RYA Racing Charter and entrants are required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, details of which can be found at the front of the RYA Rule Book. Racing will take place under the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. If there is conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, then the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2 Conditions of Entry

- 2.1 The races are open to any Supernova Dinghy. All boats, crew and equipment must comply with the measurement and sailing requirements of the Supernova Class.
- 2.2 Eligible boats should enter by registration in advance via a link on the Supernova Class Association website or directly through on the Blithfield Sailing Club Ltd website. On-line entries will close at 23:00 on 19 Aug 26 though entries will be permitted until the close of registration. The number of competitors shall be limited to 75 and competitors must be members of the Supernova Class Association.
- 2.3 The Entry fee will be £50.
- 2.4 Minors – All competitors under the age of 18 years at the time of the event are required to complete a parental declaration, signed by their parent or guardian, prior to competing.
- 2.5 All competitors must report to the Registration Desk between 09:00 and 11:00 on 22 Aug 25 prior to launching.

3 Signing on

- 3.1 Competitors must have paid the entry fee (on-line) and sign 'on' before the first race. If a competitor retires then they must sign 'off' when coming ashore.

4 Notices to Competitors

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Clubhouse.
- 4.2 The Event Sailing Instructions will be available on the Blithfield Sailing Club Ltd website and posted on the Club noticeboard. No additional copies will be provided.

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- 4.3 Any changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board not less than 30 minutes before the start of the Race.

5 Cancellation

- 5.1 The Organising Authority may cancel the event at its absolute discretion.

6 Schedule of Races

- 6.1 The race start times are scheduled as follows with the warning signal being 5 minutes prior to the start time.

Date	Race	Warning Signal
22 Aug	1 - Supernova Championship Fleet	Not before 11:25
	2 - Supernova Championship Fleet	To follow Race 1
	Lunch (or as otherwise briefed)	
	3 - Supernova Championship Fleet	To follow lunch
	4 - Supernova Championship Fleet	To follow Race 3
23 Aug	5 - Supernova Championship Fleet	Not before 09:55
	6 - Supernova Championship Fleet	To follow Race 5

- 6.2 The number of races is indicative only and will depend upon weather conditions.
- 6.3 Safety cover will be in position when the Club pennant flag is flying from the flagstaff on the Clubhouse.
- 6.4 Boats are only allowed to launch when this flag is raised.
- 6.5 Race timing will target approximately 45-50 mins after the start for the first finisher.
- 6.6 No warning signal shall be made before 11:25 on 22 Aug.
- 6.7 The Principal Race Officer will advise, at a briefing to be held at the Club at 10:30 on 22 Aug whether races are to be sailed back-to-back and the timing of the Saturday lunch break.
- 6.8 Additional races may be added to supplement lost or potentially lost races due to a poor or unviable weather forecast on either of the scheduled race days, and any such change to the schedule will be at the discretion of the Principal Race Officer, and communicated to the competitors via the race briefings and official notice board.

7 Trophies & Prizes

- 7.1 Formal Prizes will be awarded for the overall positions and any special categories depending on entry.
- 7.2 Additional Prizes will be awarded by Hartley Boats Chandlery.
- 7.3 The Prize Ceremony will be as soon as possible following the final race.



8 Safety Regulations

- 8.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.
- 8.2 When the Race Committee or a Safety Boat Operative considers that a boat or competitor is in difficulties it may instruct the boat or competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore. Equipment and Measurement Checks.
- 8.3 Competitors are required to comply with any reasonable request from a race official or safety boat. Boats failing to follow the instructions of safety boats will be reported to the protest committee, which may protest the boat. This amends RRS 60.3.
- 8.4 The OA may appoint a technical committee.
- 8.5 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions by the technical committee. On the water, a boat can be inspected or instructed by the technical committee to proceed immediately to shore for inspection.

9 Risk Statement

- 9.1 Sailing is a water sport that, by its nature, is unpredictable and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in any waterborne activity, each competitor agrees that:
- 9.2 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure to themselves, their crew and their boat whilst taking part in the event.
- 9.3 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- 9.4 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- 9.5 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- 9.6 The provision of a race management team, safety boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- 9.7 The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 9.8 Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims.
- 9.9 All entrants are also reminded of Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) Fundamental Rule 3 about responsibility.

10 Wind Strength

- 10.1 The minimum wind strength across the course should be 5 knots. The RO is to set the maximum wind strength according to experience and discretion based on local knowledge. *A request for redress cannot be made as a result of the application of this rule. This changes RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)*

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11 Scoring System

- 11.1 One race will constitute a series.
- 11.2 When up to 3 races have been sailed all races are to count.
- 11.3 When 4 - 6 races have been sailed a boat may discard their worst score.

12 Coaches & Supporters

- 12.1 No coach or support boats will be permitted. Coaches & supporters accompanying competitors are required to comply with the principles of good sportsmanship and behaviour and the rules of BSCL. Failure to do so may result in investigation by the Event organizers, and potentially in an instruction to the competitor to leave the premises of Blithfield Sailing Club without means of redress.

13 Rights to Use Names and Likenesses

- 13.1 By signing the entry form, 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 all media relating to the event. They also allow their names, age category, club and boat details to be displayed in competitors lists prior to the event and in results, on the BSCL website and in other subsequent publications.

14 Data Privacy

- 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 organizing 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

15 Invasive species procedure.

- 15.1 Before launching, all competitors are required to ensure that their boat has been 'Checked, Cleaned and Dried' for a minimum of two days prior to arriving at Blithfield Sailing Club.

16 Car & Boat trailer parking

- 16.1 Due to possible numbers attending the event:

All road trailers must be parked in the camping field behind the Clubhouse.

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Subject to ground conditions and number of entries, vehicles will be expected to park in the field.

17 Dogs

- 17.1 South Staffordshire Water do not permit dogs in the Clubhouse. Dogs must always be on a lead when in the grounds.

18 Accommodation

- 18.1 Free camping for tents and campervans/motorhomes is available onsite/in the camping field behind the Club on 21 Aug and 22 Aug. The Clubhouse will be open from 15:00 on 21 Aug for the duration of the event. Mains power is not available to the field.
- 18.2 Blithfield SC is close to a number of hotels and B&Bs. An internet search on the area will reveal accommodation to suit all tastes and pockets.

19 Site access & security

- 19.1 We share the water with Blithfield Anglers. During the daytime, the black gates at the entrance must be kept closed. The two sets of gates leading to the Club are required to be padlocked overnight. Those staying on-site should request the Access Code from the Club contacts below. All should be aware, especially spectators, that we do not have permission to walk outside of the sailing compound. This is rigorously enforced by SSW.
- 19.2 Drones/quadcopters/UAVs/RPAS are not permitted on-site.

20 Directions

- 20.1 Please refer to the map and directions on the Club website.

21 Galley

- 21.1 Free tea and coffee-making facilities are included in the entry fee.
- 21.2 Food, including a vegan option will be available to purchase on Friday evening.
- 21.3 Breakfast baps and lunch will be available to purchase on Saturday.
- 21.4 Saturday evening meal tickets must be purchased from the Registration Desk between 09:00 and 11:00 on 22 Aug if not already purchased on-line.
- 21.5 Breakfast baps, lunchtime sandwiches and cakes will be available to purchase on Saturday & Sunday.

22 Contacts

- 22.1 The Club contacts are: Doug Rankin, Supernova and General Fleet Captain on supernova@blithfield.org.uk and Peter Slater, Commodore on peteboris@icloud.com

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