



Notice of Race

Broadstairs Sailing Club

2021 Sailing Season

1. The Organising Authority will be the Broadstairs Sailing Club Sailing Sub-Committee.
2. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024, RYA Prescriptions and Broadstairs Sailing Club Sailing Instructions. The Exoneration Penalty (and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration) of the RYA Rules Dispute Procedures will be available.
3. Members should note that Broadstairs Sailing Club implement the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024) or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter
4. Sailing Instructions will be available on the BSC Website at least one month prior to the start of the season. Racing notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the Race Office and in the Clubhouse.
5. Club races are open to member's monohull boats of any recognised class. Racing will be on a Handicap basis using the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick System and Average Lap scoring will be used.
6. Laser and Aero sailors should declare a preferred rig, on their Registration Form, at the start of the season and this will decide their PY number for series races. For individual races, you will be permitted to select a smaller rig but this will not make a change to your handicap. Any change to a bigger rig will be treated as a new entry in that series.
7. To race in 2021 members will need to complete a registration form which will be valid for all BSC series club races throughout 2021. The registration form can be found on Web Collect or via a link from the Club Website. Registration Forms and boat details should be completed before the start of the season (or by the member's first race) to qualify for series results. (see BSC Sailing Instructions B1.1)
8. RRS 40.1 (Personal Floatation Devices) shall apply at all times whilst afloat.
9. A Fleet system will be introduced for the 2021 season. The Gold and Silver Fleets will sail all races. The Bronze Fleet will sail all races after the completion of the Development Group coaching. Members should select the Fleet in which they choose to sail when registering their boat for the 2021 race program. Members with boats rating Lightning 368 (PY 1162) and above who do not wish to join the Gold Fleet may register for the Silver Fleet.

Gold Fleet	Extended Course	When possible, the Gold Fleet will sail an extended course designed to be more challenging for experienced sailors in boats rating Lightning 368 (PY 1162) and above.
Silver Fleet	General Handicap	Nothing changes for the Silver Fleet which will be open to all boats sailing the same courses as 2019/20
Bronze Fleet	General Handicap	The Bronze Fleet will sail with the Silver Fleet and is designed to be for sailors who have progressed from training and those progressing from the development group and training programs in the current year.

10. **The 2021 sailing season will comprise the following series and races;**

Series or Race	Dates	Number of Races
Saturday 1st Series	27 th March to 10 th July	22 races 15 to count
Sunday 1st Series	28 th March to 11 th July	24 races 16 to count
Easter Egg Regatta Series	3 rd , 4 th , and 5 th April	6 races 4 to count
Evening Series	22 nd April to 19 th August	17 races 12 to count
Double Handed Trophy	Double handers. Sat/Sun club races in May	10 races 7 to count
Flag Officers Choice	3 rd May and 31 st May	TBA
Spring Special Trophy Races	15 th and 16 th May	4 races 3 to count
Golden Spoon Trophy	26 th & 27 th of June	6 races 4 to count
Saturday 2nd Series	17 th July to 23 rd October	22 races 15 to count
Sunday 2nd Series	18 th July to 24 th October	26 races 17 to count
Schools Out Trophy Races	24 th and 25 th July	4 races 3 to count
Summer Sun Trophy Races	21 st and 22 nd August	4 races 3 to count
Dyson Dash Hospice Race	30 th August	3 races 3 to count
Autumn Sunset Trophy Races	25 th and 26 th September	4 races 3 to count
Final Blast Trophy Races	23 rd and 24 th October	4 races 3 to count
Cadet Cup	Youth races - monthly - trophy weekend Sundays	16 races 11 to count

Full details of the 2021 sailing programme are available on the Club web site

www.broadstairssailingclub.com

11. **Risk Statement**

Rule 3 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”

Sailing is by nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each member 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;	(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;
(b)	They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;	(g)	It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the BSC operating area drawn to their attention in any rules, sailing instructions or bye-laws issued by the Club and to attend any safety briefings.
(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;	(h)	Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2,000,000 against third party claims;

Full details of BSC club racing can be found in the BSC 2021 Sailing Instructions published on

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All enquiries should be made to the Sailing Secretary, Peter Noble,
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