Bembridge Sailing Club

National Swallow Class, National Championships, 5th – 6th July 2025
In Association with the National Swallow Class.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1. The Organising Authority shall be Bembridge Sailing Club.

2. RULES

2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the National Swallow Class Association, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto. In the case of any discrepancies, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2.2. The Sailing Instructions may make permitted changes to any rules, but the following are specifically subject to change: RRS 25, 28.1, 32.1 35, 41.1, 64.1(a), A2 & A5.

3. ADVERTISINGS

3.1 Boats may advertise in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

3.2 Boats will not be required to display advertising supplied by the Organising Authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

4.1. The championship is open to all boats of the National Swallow Class.

4.2. All boats shall comply with the National Swallow Class Rules.

4.3 Whilst racing, the person helming the boat shall be a current full member of the National Swallow Class Association.

4.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing and signing the online Regatta entry form and disclaimer, click here to view. Upon submitting an entry form, participants must pay the entry fee of £90 directly to the club via bank transfer. There will be no refunds after 29th June 2025.

4.5. No authorisation is required for the substitution of crew or equipment, except as required by class/handicap or rating rules.

4.6. In completing the entry form, the entrant confirms that he/she holds adequate insurance and in particular holds insurance against third party claims in the sum of a minimum of £3 million. Boats may be asked to produce their measurement certificate with their entries.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES, BRIEFING & WARNING SIGNALS

5.1 The warning signal and class flag will be Flag '**B**' with a start sequence of 5,4,1 Go, as per RRS 26

5.2 The schedule will be as follows:

Date	Race	Warning Signal
Saturday 5th July	1	10:55hrs
	2	Following completion of race 1.
	3	Following completion of race 2.
Sunday 6th July	4	11:10hrs
	5	Following completion of race 4.

5.3 If the weather or other circumstances prevent the completion of the scheduled Championship series, (i.e. 2 races, 6.2) the event may be rescheduled later in 2025. In a rescheduled event, the results of any completed race in the original event shall be included.

5.4 There will be a briefing for all competitors at 10:00 on Sat 5th July 2025 at BSC.

6. SCORING

6.1. Scoring will be by the Low Point System.

6.2. **2** races are required to be completed to constitute the Swallow Class National Championships.

6.3. When fewer than **4** races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with no discard

6.4. When **4** or **5** races have been completed, there will be one discard.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1. Sailing Instructions will be available on the Bembridge Sailing Club Website www.bembridgesailingclub.org no later than 22nd June 2025.

8. RACING AREA AND COURSES

8.1. The racing area will be the East Solent within the Bembridge Bay area.

Portsmouth Tide Times corrected for BST				
Date	**High Water**	**Height**	**Low Water**	**Height**
Fri 4th July 2025	19:21	4.0m	11:18	1.9m
Sat 5th July 2025	07:55	3.7m	13:17	1.9m
Sun 6th July 2025	09:04	3.7m	14:05	1.9m

8.2 The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. PRIZES

Royal Corinthian YC Trophy	National Championship winner
Bang Wedgewood Bowl	Second placed boat overall
Wolfe Memorial Salver	Highest placed boat in all races on first day
Mossman Cup	Highest placed boat in all races on second day
Fractured Hip	Highest placed boat overall with combined crew age of 210 years or more
Thurne Tankard	First lady overall
Vernon Trophy	Passage race to Bembridge

9.1. In view of the need to return to Itchenor, on completion of the last race, prize giving will be arranged by the Swallow Class at a later date.

10. MEASUREMENT, INSPECTIONS & HAULING OUT

10.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

11. MOORING & ACCOMMODATION

11.1 Mooring during the regatta will be available at the Under Tyne moorings, Bembridge near to the lifeboat station; a launch service will be provided to and from moorings by BSC. If the launch is not on station at the time, it can be raised on VHF Channel M2, P4, Callsigns Delta and India.
The Club can be contacted on 01983 872237. BSC Club launches will be available on Saturday and Sunday to take you to and from the moorings.

11.2 Please see the BSC list of accommodation which has been provided and the National Swallow Class Association website for accommodation during the regatta.

11.3

Programme of Events		
Date	**Timings**	**Events**
Fri 4th July	16:00 – 17:00	Arrival of Swallow fleet on passage race over. Launches ashore
	18:00	Briefing (As soon as everyone ashore)
	19:30	BBQ at BSC.
Sat 5th July	09:30	Muster for launches to moorings
	11:00	Race 1
		Race 2
		Race 3
	16:00 – 17:00	Launches ashore
	20:00	19:30 for 20:00 Championship Dinner at BSC.
Sun 6th July	10:00	Muster for launches to moorings
	11:15	Race 4
		Race 5
		Start of Passage race for return to Itchenor

12. SAFETY & DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

12.1. Each boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in this Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces that responsibility.

12.2. It is for the skipper of each boat to decide whether the boat is seaworthy and/or fit to sail in any conditions that may be encountered. By going to sea, the skipper confirms that the boat is seaworthy and fit to sail and that its crew is competent to sail in any conditions that may be encountered.

12.3. Nothing done by the Organising Authority can reduce the responsibility of the skipper nor will it make the Organising Authority responsible for any loss, damage or personal injury, however the same may have occurred, as a result of the boat's participation in the event.

The term 'Organising Authority' shall include any person helping to run and/or assist with the event and it includes, but is not limited to, the Bembridge Sailing Club, the Race Committee, Principal Race Officer, trustees, support boat, sponsor, supporters and other companies and organisations officially involved with the event.

If any provision in this Section (Safety & Disclaimer of Liability) is deemed for any reason to be invalid, void or deleted, the remainder of this Section shall nevertheless remain in force.

12.4. The provision of support boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

12.5. A boat that retires from a race shall make every effort to ensure that the Race Committee is notified as soon as possible and before returning to her berth. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the series.

12.6. A boat shall comply with the Class Rules and prescriptions with regard to safety and shall carry a personal floatation device (PFD) for each person aboard. Buoyancy aids shall be a minimum buoyancy ISO 12402 (formally EN 393) performance level 50 (Newtons) and life jackets will be a minimum buoyancy ISO 12402 performance level 150 (Newtons). PFD's will be carried whilst aboard a BSC launch and worn on a BSC RIB.

12.7. The fact that the Race Committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this Notice of Race.

12.8. All boats shall carry a functioning marine VHF with at least channels 16, 72, 77 & 37 (M2/P4). Safety and race management information will be passed on channel 77.

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