

Event Notice of Race

British Keelboat League Marconi Event 3-4th June 2023

www.britishkeelboatleague.co.uk



The Organising Authority(OA) is Marconi Sailing Club

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The British Keelboat League is a nationwide competition leading to the Sailing Champions League.
- 1.2. There will be more Teams than boats at each event with each Team being scheduled to race in a selection of races against as many different Teams as equitably possible.
- 1.3. The British Keelboat League Marconi Event Qualifier will take place between 3rd June 2023 and 4th June 2023
- 1.4. This qualifying event forms part of the British Keelboat League Series 2023. The competition is open to Teams or Clubs to compete in qualifying events for invitation to the Series Final.
- 1.5. The Event will be sailed in SB20 type keelboats supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 1.6. Qualifier Events
Details of qualifier events including links to Event Notice of Race, dates, boats, venue, entry fees and entry forms can be found at www.britishkeelboatleague.co.uk
- 1.7. Details of the Series Final including Notice of Race, dates, boats, venue, entry fees and entry forms can be found at www.britishkeelboatleague.co.uk

2. Rules

- 2.1. Each event will be governed by the Rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* and local byelaws.
- 2.2. Races will be umpired, rule changes can be found in Appendix UF British Keelboat League Series
- 2.3. The right of appeal is denied in accordance with RRS 70.5(a).
- 2.4. Rule 40.1 applies; a personal flotation device must be worn at all times whilst sailing or transferring between boats.

3. Event Details

- 3.1. These are published at <https://www.marconi-sc.org.uk/2023bkl-event/>
- 3.2. Entry can be made by completing the form at <https://www.marconi-sc.org.uk/entry-form-marconi-british-keelboat-league-qualifier-3-4th-june-2023/>

4. Entry and Eligibility

4.1. Entry and Eligibility 1

- (a) The number of crew, including helm is, 4 There are no weight limits.
- (b) A minimum of 8 entries and a maximum of 10 entries will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Additional entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
- (c) Gender Requirements:
There are no gender requirements for this Qualifier. Crews should however be aware of the requirements of invitation to enter the Series Final (see NoR 9.3)
- (d) Not in use
- (e) All crew under 18 years of age on 2nd June 2023 must produce a completed parent/guardian consent form 7 days before registration.
- (f) Every crew member shall be registered with the OA at least 7 day before the event begins.
- (g) Should the event be cancelled, the OA will attempt to rearrange, if this is not possible a refund will be issued to effected entries less any expenses already incurred.

4.2. Entry and Eligibility 2

- (a) Teams will compete using a team name, this can be a club, class association, school, University or a name that has relevance to the team.
- (b) Entries and Entry Fee payment should be made at <https://www.marconi-sc.org.uk/entry-form-marconi-british-keelboat-league-qualifier-3-4th-june-2023/> no later than 2359 on 6th May 2023. Entries received after this may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Event Organising Authority. Teams will receive from the Event

Organising Authority an emailed request to pay on completion of their entry form. Teams will forfeit their entry fee if an entry is withdrawn after 6th May 2023.

5. Damage

- 5.1. By entering, Teams agree to be bound by the damage requirements as found in Attachment X to this Event NoR.
- (a) A damage deposit for the amount of £500 will be required at registration and before a team may sail. When a team is assessed as liable for damage, it shall restore the deposit to the original value in order to continue sailing.
 - (b) Damage costs attributed to competitors generally or to an unidentified team will be attributed equally between all teams.
 - (c) A team may apply to the protest committee to determine their responsibility for any damage.

6. Event Format and Schedule

- 6.1. Registration will be on 3rd June 2023 between 0800 – 0830 hours in the club house at Marconi Sailing Club
- 6.2. A briefing for competitors will be held at 0830 hours on 3rd June 2023 in the club house at Marconi Sailing Club.
- 6.3. The first warning signal will not be before 1030 hours on 3rd June 2023 and 0930 hours on 4th June 2023.
- 6.4. On the final day of racing, it is anticipated that races won't be started after 16:00.

7. Scoring

Races will be scored using a High Point System as defined in the SI's. There will be no discards.

8. Sailing Instructions

- 8.1. Will be available at registration and posted on the official notice board which is located at race reception in the Marconi Sailing Club clubhouse.

9. Prizes and Qualification

- 9.1. Prizes and mementos will be awarded to the three highest ranked Crews.
- 9.2. Additional trophies and prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 9.3. The two highest ranked Teams that meet the Series Final entry requirements, will receive invitations to enter the Series Final. Entry and Eligibility for the Series Final will be detailed in the Event Notice of Race provided by the Organising Authority of the Series Final. Invited teams should expect that at least one of the following criteria may require to be met during their qualification and onward participation at the Series Final.
 - (a) Crews shall have no more than three male sailors
 - (b) Youth crew where all crew are aged under 25 and the skipper is over 15 on 1 January 2023
 - (c) All crew identify as female
 - (d) At least 2 crew identify as disabled sailors
- 9.4. Additional invitations for wildcard entries to the Series Final may be issued at the sole discretion of the BKLA.
- 9.5. To be eligible for onward invitation to the Sailing Champions League the Team must represent an RYA Affiliated Club of which all crew are bona-fide members.

10. Advertising and Sponsorship

- 10.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 10.2. The organising authority may provide bibs that competitors are required to wear as permitted by the World Sailing Advertising Code.

11. Media, Images and Sound

- 11.1. When required, supplied media personnel, equipment or dummies shall be carried on board while racing.
- 11.2. Any member of a Crew may be required to wear provided devices that may record, transmit or provide two way communication and; will make themselves available for interviews when requested by OA.
- 11.3. Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of supplied media equipment.
- 11.4. Competitors automatically grant to the OA and the BKLA; 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 including the ability to assign this right to others.

12. Support Boats

- 12.1. Support boats will only be allowed at the discretion of the OA and shall be clearly marked to identify the club they are supporting. Requests to launch must be made to the OA by the entry deadline for the event.

13. 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 its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.

- 13.1. By taking part in the event, every 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) the provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the EOA does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (e) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (f) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to the host venue or the event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
- (g) It is their responsibility to ensure that they are familiar with the type of boat used, and the supplied equipment and are suitably experienced with its operation.
- (h) It is their responsibility for ensuring all supplied equipment is carried on board.
- (i) They are fit to sail and that they believe the crew and the boat and crew is capable of competing in the anticipated conditions.