



Notice of Race

Event: **OK Grand Slam Travellers Series and Finn Spring Series**

Date: **05 April 2025**

Organising authority: **Burghfield Sailing Club**

Event Website: <https://www.burghfieldsailing.org/event/okfinn-open-meeting>

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2. The rules and bylaws of Burghfield Sailing Club will apply.

1.3. The racing rules will be changed as follows:

1.3.1. Rule 44.1 is changed so that a One-turn penalty replaces a Two-Turns Penalty when a boat may have broken one or more rules of Part 2.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. Key Dates:

Pre-entry Closing Date	23:59 Wednesday, 2 April 2025
Event Date	Sat, 05 Apr 2025

3.2. The event is open to all boats of the OK and Finn classes.

3.3. Entries may be made via the event website (discount applies, see below) or in person on the day.

3.4. In accordance with clause C.2.1(b) of the OK class rules, all entries in the OK class shall be members of the UK OK Class association.

3.5. All entries in the Finn Class must be full or Associate Members of the British Finn Association

4. NOT USED

5. FEES

5.1. The entry fee will be the same for OKs or Finns:

BSC Club Members

Before 23:59 on Wednesday, 2 April 2025 **£10 / boat**

After 00:01 on Thursday, 3 April 2025 **£15 / boat**

Non Club Members

Before 23:59 on Wednesday, 2 April 2025 **£15 / boat**
After 00:01 on Thursday, 3 April 2025 **£20 / boat**

5.2. Refund Policy

- 5.2.1. If a competitor withdraws before pre-registration closes at 23:59 on Wednesday 2 April 2025 they will receive a full refund. If they withdraw after this date they will receive no refund other than in exceptional circumstances.
- 5.2.2. If the event is cancelled by the organisers prior to the fleet launching all competitors will be offered a free transfer to a rescheduled date, or a refund (minus a small admin fee).

6. RACE FLEETS

- 6.1. OK and Finn classes will start and race separately.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. The times below in bold are fixed (subject to RRS procedures), the remaining times are for guidance only and may vary considerably, deviation will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

Registration	09:00-10:00
Competitors' Briefing	10:15
First A.M. Warning Signal	10:57
Lunch ashore	12:45-13:30
First P.M. Warning Signal	ASAP after Lunch
Last Warning	16:00
Ashore	16:30
Prize giving	17:00

- 7.2. The target is for 8 short races but more may be sailed at the discretion of the Race Officer. There is no maximum number races.

- 7.3. The intention is that there will be a short break ashore for lunch at approximately 12:45

8. MEASUREMENTS

- 8.1. Boats shall be class legal, there will be no pre-event measurement.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. Sailing instructions will be available on the event website at least 3 days before the event.
- 9.2. Sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board. Individual printed copies will not be distributed on the day, please print your own if required.

10. VENUE

Burghfield Sailing Club
Hangar Road
Theale, Reading
Berkshire
RG7 4AP

Visitor information: <https://www.burghfieldsailing.org/the-club/information-for-visitors>

11. THE COURSES

- 11.1. The courses to be sailed will be as published in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.2. Trapezoid courses will be used if practical.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. Rule 44.3, will not apply.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 13.2. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.3. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores as listed below:

Races Completed	Scores Excluded
1 - 2	0
3 - 5	1
6 or more	2

14. SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1. Support boats shall not be permitted.

15-18 NOT USED

19. PRIZES

19.1. Prizes will be awarded for a minimum of the first three places in each fleet.

19.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

20. STATEMENT OF RISK

Rule 4 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 involves an element of risk. 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 vessels, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol vessel 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 competitor briefing held at the venue;

21. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please see contact details on the event website.