

Wigan and St.Helens Open Challenger Event

26th-27th April 2025

Wigan and St. Helens Sailing Club

Rushdene Wigan, WN3 5HJ

Programme



Friday	
13:00	The gate to the club will be open.
1800	To leave your Challenger at the club overnight you must arrive before 18:00.

Saturday	Sunday
Registration on arrival	09:45 Briefing
10:00 Briefing	10:30 Races 5, 6 and 7
11:00 Races 1 and 2	13:00 Lunch
13:00 Lunch	14:00 Prize giving
14:15 Races 3 and 4	Departure
Evening meal Hot Pot Supper	

The entry fee is £30.00 , either by online banking to: Wigan and St. Helens Sailing Club, Sort Code: 60 24 02 Account number: 02068737 (use code CH and Surname as reference). On the day 26/04/25 at Wish-SC between 0830am & 1030am (£35.00), at the Registration Desk, before racing commences.

Saturday Evening Entertainment – Hot Pot Supper and Bar

A Hot-Pot supper and sweets will be available **tickets £15.00 per head**.

An alternative vegetarian meal is also available. **Please state requirements on entry form, along with any allergies. To facilitate catering, ticket orders are required by Wednesday 16th April 2025. Please include ticket price with entry fee.**

If you intend to compete at the Wish open Challenger event you should complete the online registration form available at <https://www.wish-sc.co.uk/challenger-2025>

- Accommodation. The nearest hotel is the Premier Inn J25 M6.
- The contact at Wish Sailing Club is John Riley, email: sailing.sec@wish-sc.co.uk
- Mobile:07786 175995
- Want to join the fleet for Hot Pot Supper Saturday evening £15.00 (the meal must be booked and paid in advance at registration).
- Catering is also available over the weekend at the club.

CHALLENGER NOTICE OF RACE (2025)

Saturday 26th / Sunday 27th April 2025



1 The Organising Authority is Wigan and St. Helens Sailing Club here on in referred to as 'WiSH-SC' and the Challenger Class Association.

2 RULES

2.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS (Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 -28), the Challenger Class Design Rules, the Challenger Standard Sailing Instructions and any local sailing instructions.

2.2 In particular, all Challengers must comply with Design Rules F2.3(g&h):

- F2.3(g) Tow line of free specification. Recommended 5 metres minimum length. Shall reach from a secure bow point back to the helms person.
- F2.3(h) Sponson Grab Lines of free specification. Shall be fixed near the outer ends of both front and rear crossbeams.

2.3 The Class Design Rules and Challenger Standard Sailing Instructions are available from the Challenger Class Association website **www.challenger-sailing.org.uk**. Standard and local sailing instructions will also be available and on display at registration.

3 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

3.1 The event is open to all marks of Challenger.

3.2 All participating helms should be a standard, family, junior or affiliated member of the Challenger Class Association or a member of Wish Sailing Club.

Competitors enter in one of the following fleets:

Gold: Experienced racers. Silver fleet sailors with 3 or more wins in the Silver fleet.

Silver: Less experienced racers.

Syndicate: Sailors sharing a boat during the event. Each individual must sign the entry form. The races must be distributed as equally as possible between the sailors forming the syndicate. The cumulative score for the boat will determine the series score of the syndicate and all members will share the prize. **They will sail in the Silver fleet.**

Bronze: All sailors carry a *mandatory* buddy onboard while racing. This fleet is limited to sailors who are very inexperienced or unable to sail the boat alone.

Challenger events rely on volunteers so:

- **Where possible visiting helms, particularly those who are unable to rig the boat and take it to the water's edge, should bring someone to help them.**
- **Visiting helms who require personal care must be accompanied by someone able to provide that care.**
- **Competitors under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or individual acting in *loco parentis* who must remain at the venue at all times.**

Entries should be made by 16th April either by completing the online form at <https://www.wish-sc.co.uk/challenger-2025> or by emailing equivalent information. If the organisers do not receive an advance entry, which is needed to help with event planning, there may be a late entry supplement of up to £5.00 payable at registration.

4 FEES

Registration and entry fees should be paid in advance to the organisers or **at registration on arrival at the venue**. Competitors should also complete a standard event entry form at this point if they have not already done so.

5 PRIZES

Details of prizes (usually consisting of trophies etc.). At the discretion of the organising authority a fleet may need at least two boats for prizes to be awarded.

6 SCHEDULE AND OTHER VENUE SPECIFIC DETAILS

The schedule of races is shown above. The Schedule of events may be amended if the series falls behind schedule, if predicted conditions warrant it necessary, or for any other reason caused by something outside of our reasonable control. However, no racing will be brought forward of the published 1st warning signal.

Other details will be shown in the Challenger Standard Sailing Instructions or their supplements.

7 PENALTIES

As an alternative to protests, an Exoneration Penalty (and an Advisory Hearing or RYA Arbitration) of the RYA Rules Disputes procedure will be available. Details to be posted on the official notice board.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Challenger Standard Sailing Instructions and local sailing instructions will be used. They are available to download from

www.challenger-sailing.org.uk or <https://www.wish-sc.co.uk/challenger>

and will be displayed on the official notice board at the event.

9 VISUAL IMAGES CONSENT

By signing the entry form, competitors grant the organising authority or their agents and the Challenger Class Association, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show or publish any motion pictures, still pictures and live or recorded coverage in any media of, or relating to, the event, unless they advise the organisers otherwise in writing prior to the event.

10 DATA PROTECTION

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 RRS 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 organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the RRS and the other rules that govern the event, personal information may be shared with the RYA and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

11 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the RRS state: "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. 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, including survival in the water, taking into account any disability they might have.

- e) The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.
- f) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats or other officials and volunteers by the event organisers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- g) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances
- h) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks; specific to their disability if any, at a particular venue or event or drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event **and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.**
- (i) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

12.1 Further information about the Challenger Class Association is available at **www.challenger-sailing.org.uk** and **www.facebook.com/ChallengerClassAssociationCommunity**.

12.2 Information may also be available on the organising club's website or social media at <https://www.wish-sc.co.uk>

Scoring

7 races scheduled, low point scoring with 1 discard if 3 races or more are completed.

End of Notice of Race.