

THE RYDE SCHOOL KEELBOAT TROPHY

6 - 8 JULY 2026

ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)
ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON
COWES
In conjunction with
RYDE SCHOOL, IoW

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The *event* is governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. Notices to Mariners for the Ports of [Southampton](#), [Portsmouth](#) and [Cowes](#) apply.
- 1.3. RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat, except when adjusting clothing. Competitors are requested to bring their own Personal Flotation Device (PFD).
- 1.4. Racing will be in OA-supplied J70-type yachts.
- 1.5. RRS Appendix UF - British Keelboat League Version applies.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on [www.rys.org.uk](#) by 29 June 2026.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be online at [www.rys.org.uk](#) and the Race Office will be at the Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS).
- 3.2. The Race Committee (RC) will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF Radio, which the OA will provide. The VHF Channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.3. While racing, from the First Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Up to sixteen teams will be invited by the OA to participate. Each crew member in a team shall have been in full-time secondary education in the previous three months.
- 4.2. Teams will compete using a Team Name, which can be a school, club, association, or a name that has relevance to the team.
- 4.3. The competitors in a team shall be bona-fide members of the organisation they represent, which shall not change during the Event. Each Team shall be accompanied by a Designated Adult Chaperone (DAC).
- 4.4. Teams may apply to compete by completing the Entry Form, at [www.rys.org.uk](#), and submitting it, together

with a Deposit of £325, to the Royal Yacht Squadron at the address below.

- 4.5. The closing date for entry to the Event is 27 March 2026. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA. To be considered an entry in the Event, a team shall complete all entry requirements, and pay all fees.
- 4.6. The Sailor's Agreement, NoR Addendum C, shall be signed by each team member by 6 July 2026, and prior to going afloat.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The Entry Fee for The Ryde School Keelboat Trophy is £1,325 per team.
- 5.2. Entry Fees include the following:
 - (a) Charter Fees, with Berthing.
 - (b) Race Management and Coaching.
 - (c) Breakfasts, the BBQ, including non-alcoholic drinks for the Team and DAC.
 - (d) Daily packed lunches.
 - (e) Prizegiving.
 - (f) Cost of the DAC's participation.

- 5.3. The Regatta Dinner will be generously sponsored by Ryde School.
- 5.4. Additional tickets to cover all evening events may be purchased at Registration for the cost of £80.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. Each team shall consist of either four or five persons. Mixed teams are encouraged, and additional prizes may be awarded.
- 6.2. All crew members shall submit a signed Parental (or Guardian) Consent Form and Declaration, NoR Addendum D, and available on [www.rys.org.uk](#).

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8. FORMAT

- 8.1. The Event will mix coaching and racing in order fully to develop, over the three days, each team's abilities.
- 8.2. Boats will be allocated by the OA. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1. The times shown in the table below are Local Time in Cowes.

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Date / Time to be decided		Zoom Calls with briefings on "How to sail a J70" & "Solent Tides"
6 July 2026 Cowes HW 1640 – 4.3m	1030 - 1200 1315 1355 1600 1715 1900	Boats available for collection in pre-booked slots Practice Starts First Warning Signal Race Home to RYS Line Coaches' Debrief BBQ - RYS Pavilion Dress: Crew Shirt
7 July 2026 Cowes HW 1730 – 4.2m	0800 0840 0900 1015 1600 1630 1830 1915	Breakfast - RYS Pavilion Briefing RYS Haven First Warning Signal RYS Haven Coaches' Debrief Castle Tour (Optional) Dinner - RYS Pavilion Dress: Jacket with Tie Speaker
8 July 2026 Cowes HW 1830 – 4.2m	0800 0840 0900 1015 1630 1700 1755	Breakfast - RYS Pavilion Briefing RYS Haven First Warning Signal RYS Haven Prizegiving - RYS Pavilion Red Jet Departs

9.2. The Schedule may be adjusted as a result of weather conditions.
 9.3. On the last day of the event, no Warning Signal will be made after 1600.

10. DAMAGE

10.1. By entering, teams agree to be bound by the Damage requirements, as listed in NoR Addendum D
 10.2. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set-out in this NoR.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1. Event-branded clothing may be available for purchase.

12. VENUE

12.1. Yachting will take place in Cowes in the Isle of Wight, UK.
 12.2. To indicate the general sailing area off Cowes, a local racing chartlet is attached at Addendum A. (The SIs will show the 2026 version.)

13. COURSES

13.1. Racing will be a mix of windward / leeward configuration, and fixed marks, as described in the SIs.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
 14.2. Penalty points may be added by the umpires. See NoR Addendum D.
 14.3. With all races being umpired, it is not expected that protests will occur. If required, a Hearing will be held in the RYS as soon as possible after racing.

15. SCORING

15.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute the Series.
 15.2. The Low Point System will apply. See RRS Appendix A.
 15.3. After Ten races, One Discard will be allowed.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1. Support person vessels shall be marked with an appropriate flag issued by the OA.
 16.2. A boat shall receive no outside assistance from support persons boats or support persons or otherwise from when the First Warning Signal of the day has been displayed, until the Finish of the last race of the day, or until the RC signals "no more racing today", except in the case of emergency and / or towing, where the RC has communicated to the Fleet that all competitors may accept a tow; to authorize towing, an RC vessel will display Flag T.
 16.3. All support person vessels shall carry a marine VHF Radio and comply with RRS 37 'Search and Rescue Instructions'.

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

17.1. J70-type boats will be provided by the OA.

18. BERTHING

18.1. Event berthing will be in the RYS Haven, Cowes.

19. LAUNCHING AND HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1. Not applicable.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

20.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the Preparatory Signal of the first race and the end of the last race.
 20.2. No person shall undertake any swimming, underwater or diving activities of any kind within the Harbour without a valid permit to dive from the Cowes Harbour Master or the manager of the marina you wish to dive at. This prohibited activity is legislated under Cowes Harbour Commission [General Direction 4.4 & 4.5](#).
 20.3. Competitors may at any time, and within the existing marina regulations, scrub the hull using flossing, sponging or mechanical devices as long as no person enters the water.

21. DATA PROTECTION

21.1. The personal information you provide to the OA 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 Events (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 OA's Privacy Policy. When required by the *rules*, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and / or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

21.2. Competitors automatically grant to the OA, 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 provided that they do not infringe the privacy rights of participants.

21.3. The Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS) Armorial, Burgees and all other associated logos shall not be used by any club or individual without the prior written permission of the RYS.

22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1. Rule 3 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

22.2. 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;
- (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;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarize 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 safety briefing held for the event.

23. INSURANCE

23.1. The OA insures the boat for the period of hire against fire and all usual marine and collision risks to include third party risks to such an extent as is required by law and in addition as RYS shall deem appropriate. The Excess for any One Incident is GBP 1,000.

23.2. A copy of the Insurance Policy is available for inspection, if required.

All correspondence should be directed to:

The Royal Yacht Squadron, The Castle, Cowes, UK, PO31 7QT. Tel: 01983 292191, Email: mail@rys.org.uk

24. PRIZES

24.1. Prizegiving will be held at 1700 on 8 July 2026 in RYS Pavilion.

24.2. Prizes will be awarded to the First, Second and Third teams. Additional prizes may be awarded.

24.3. Separate prizes may be awarded for any "Race Home".

24.4. The Ryde School Keelboat Trophy will be presented to the Winner of the Event.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1. For further information please contact the OA, the details of whom are shown at the bottom of each page.

ADDENDA

- A. Chartlet of the Racing Area.
- B. Sailor's Agreement.
- C. Parental (or Guardian) Consent Form and Declaration.
- D. Damage.

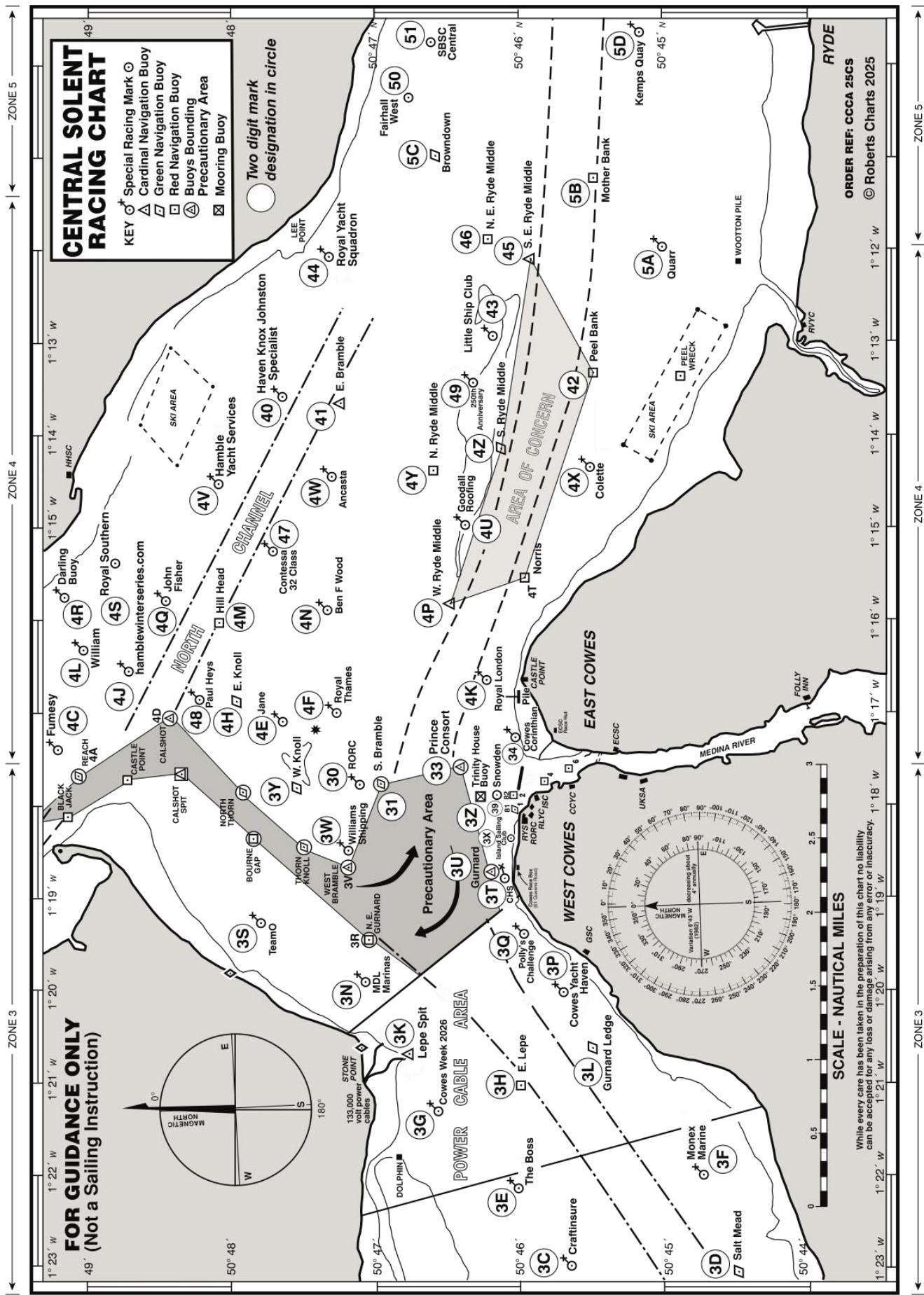
NOTICE OF RACE ENDS

SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Monday 6 July	BBQ - RYS Pavilion Dress: Crew Shirt
Tuesday 7 July	Dinner & Speaker - RYS Pavilion Dress: Jacket with School or Team Tie
Wednesday 8 July	The Ryde School Keelboat Trophy Prizegiving - RYS Pavilion

ADDENDUM A

Chartlet of the Racing Area - the SIs will show the 2026 Chartlet



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ADDENDUM B

[Online Form](#)

ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON
Tel: 01983 292191 Email: mail@rys.org.uk
SAILOR AGREEMENT FORM (the "Sailor Agreement")

EVENT NAME:	The Ryde School Keelboat Trophy
DATES:	6 - 8 July 2026
NAME:	
SCHOOL:	
MOBILE TELEPHONE:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	
EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME:	
EMERGENCY CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER:	

HEALTH DECLARATION

Details of any medical treatment being received by any crew member (if none, write none):

I declare that to the best of my knowledge, that no crew members are suffering from epilepsy, disability, giddy spells, asthma, diabetes, angina or other heart condition, and all are fit to participate.

Signature:

Date:.....

EVENT DECLARATIONS

- I agree to report to the RYS Office any damage, breakage or loss of equipment concerning either the boat that I am sailing or another boat of which I become aware or with which I was involved in an incident. This also includes damage to Navigation Buoys.**
- I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and all other rules that govern this event. In particular, I confirm that I have read the Notice of Race and accept its provisions, including the Risk Statement and agree to conform to these requirements throughout the event.**

Signature: Date:.....

ADDENDUM C**PARENTAL (GUARDIAN) CONSENT FORM AND DECLARATION****Parent/Guardian Consent and Supervision Form**

*Completion of this form is required for all competitors.
It must be signed by the parent/guardian of the young person and returned to the RYS Race Office.*

Name of Competitor:

Age:

Event: RYDE SCHOOL KEELBOAT TROPHY

Team Name:

Date: 6 - 8 July 2026

Risk Statement

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By allowing the child mentioned above to participate in the event I, the parent/guardian of the child, and/or the person nominated below *in loco parentis* (where applicable), agree and acknowledge that:

- a) We are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for exposing the child to such inherent risks;
- b) We have satisfied ourselves that the child has the necessary skill and knowledge to participate in the event and to deal with conditions that may arise in the course of a race;
- c) We will not allow the child to participate in the event whilst under the influence of alcohol, drugs or whilst otherwise unfit to participate;
- d) We are responsible for ensuring that the boat is in good order, equipped and insured (including third party insurance of at least £3 million);
- e) We are responsible for the child's property whether afloat or ashore;
- f) We accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by our own actions or omissions or actions or omissions of the child;
- g) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers does not relieve us of our parental/guardianship/*in loco parentis* responsibilities or the child of their responsibilities;
- h) It is our responsibility to familiarise ourselves and the child with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to our attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
- i) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

Acceptance of the Rules

By allowing the child mentioned above to participate in the event, we also agree and acknowledge that:

- a) We, and the child, are bound by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and all other rules that govern this event;
- b) There is an obligation under the RYA prescription to RRS rule 4 to ensure that the child's support persons (as defined in the RRS) comply with the rules, and that the child's boat could in certain situations be penalised if any of the child's support persons do not comply with the rules;
- c) The child may be required to participate in drug testing procedures and provide a urine sample under observation for analysis at an accredited laboratory.

Supervision (tick one box):

Throughout the event, I will be responsible for the child. During the time the child is on the water, I will be available at the event venue.

I appoint the person named below who has agreed to act *in loco parentis*. Throughout the event, they will be responsible for the child. During the time the child is on the water, they will be available at the event venue.

Name and signature of parent/guardian:

Contact telephone/mobile:

Name and signature of person appointed *in loco parentis*:

Contact telephone/mobile:

Privacy Statement

The Organizing Authority will use the information provided on this form for the purposes of administering the event in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing, to which the persons completing this form have agreed to be bound. The legal basis for processing information is contract. The information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. In accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing, personal information contained on this form may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing.

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ADDENDUM D**DAMAGE**

1. It is expected that all competitors show due care and attention to the boats that are provided for their use during the Event. Damage to boats causes conflict, delay and impacts everyone involved at the Event. This Addendum intends to help minimize damage whilst ensuring penalties are consistent; ultimately providing more racing at less cost for everyone.
2. The Addendum explains how damage will be assessed, and gives general guidance on the appropriate penalty. When the Protest Committee has good reasons so to do, it may apply a different penalty.

3. DAMAGE AGREEMENT

- 3.1. By entering the event, the team and all crew expressly agrees to follow and to comply with this system without delay or dispute. A failure to comply with an instruction or invoice issued may result in disqualification from the Event, and future events, without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 3.2. Each skipper and crew are liable for up to £1,000 of damage associated costs per incident (this includes boats, equipment and property).
- 3.3. Any decision on the allocation and quantum of any damage associated costs is solely for the OA to determine. The OA may consider any recommendations of the Protest Committee. Subject to RRS 62, the decision of the OA is final and teams agree to accept it without dispute.

4. DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

- 4.1. An initial assessment of the damage level will be made on the water as soon as possible following a racing incident using the table shown below.
- 4.2. The initial assessment is for the purpose of Points Penalties only, and is not linked to any damage associated costs which may subsequently be allocated to a Team. Onward assessment of the damage level after further inspection, whether the level turns out to be higher or lower, will have no effect on the points penalty given on the water, but may affect any damage associated costs.

5. POINTS PENALTY

- 5.1. The umpires may impose an appropriate Points Penalty to boats that break RRS 14. Points Penalties may be applied to a boats' race score in the race in which damage occurred or the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident.
- 5.2. When an umpire imposes a scoring penalty on a boat for a breach of RRS 14, as changed by NoR 1.5 (UF 1.3), the team may not request a hearing, this changes RRS 63.1.Damage Levels.

6. POINTS PENALTY

Damage Level	A	B	C
	<i>Minor Damage</i>	<i>Significant Damage</i>	<i>Major Damage</i>
Points Penalty	2pts	5pts	10pts
Extent	Does not significantly affect the value, general appearance or normal operation of the boat.	Affects the value and/or general appearance of the boat	The normal operation of the boat is compromised, and its structural integrity may be impaired.
Effect	The boat may race without repair although some minor surface work may be required after the event. Repairs should not normally require more than 1 hour of work.	The damage does not affect the normal operation of the boat in that race but may need some (temporary) work before racing again. Requires more than 1 hour of work but should not normally require more than 3 hours of work.	The boat will need some repair work before racing again. Requires more than 3 hours of work.

6.1. The following Table provides guidance on the scoring penalty, which may be imposed on any boat subject to an Umpire decision under RRS 14.3 as changed by NoR 1.5 Appendix UF British Keelboat League Series 1.3:

7. Damage Associated Costs

7.1. The RC may require a team to make an intermediate payment, to the amount defined in this attachment; against allocated damage costs before the team may sail another event boat.

7.2. If a team is allocated damage associated costs, and these are not paid at the event, the OA will issue an invoice to the team. Invoices must be paid (without set off or deduction) within 14 days unless an extension is agreed with the OA.

7.3. Failure to comply with a damage invoice within 14 days (or any extension period) is a breach of this agreement and the OA may:

- (a)** Add an administrative late payment fee of £30 per invoice;
- (b)** Disqualify the team in question without a hearing, this changes RRS 63.1;
- (c)** Report the team members to the PC for investigation under RRS 69
- (d)** Reject any future entries from the Club; Skipper; or crew in British Keelboat League Association linked events.
- (e)** Report the team to the British Keelboat League Association, their clubs and the RYA

8. The OA may amend or cancel a damage notice at any time and may reinstate a team disqualified.