

Xmas IOM Open 2026
Birkenhead Radio Sailing Club (BRSC)
Saturday December 12th 2026

1 Event Schedule

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08:30 – 09:40 Registration and Practice

09:45 Race Officer's briefing

10:00 Racing Starts

15:30 No race to start after this time

Any race in progress will be abandoned if no boat in 'A' heat has finished before 15:50 hours.

Prize giving as soon as possible after the last race is completed. It is planned to schedule a short lunch break of to start between 12:30 and 13:00

2 Venue

This event will take place at Birkenhead Club and Lake, Gautby Road, Birkenhead, CH41 7DR

3 Organising Authority

The organising authority for the event is Birkenhead Radio Sailing Club.

4 Rules

The event will be governed by the current version of the following rules:

- Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by the RRS Appendix E
- MYA Standard Sailing Instructions
- The RYA Racing Charter
- IOM Class Rules
- Heat Management System (HMS) if HMS used for scoring

Before the event, copies of the above may be found either in the Event Documents section of the MYA Knowledge Base see [here](#) and for the Class Rules on the [IOMICA website](#).

5 Entries & Eligibility

Entry is open to all MYA affiliated members and is also open to members of foreign clubs affiliated to a Delegated National Member of IRSA. The number of entries shall be limited to 40 to maximise sailing for all competitors. Competitors will be notified of any necessary changes to sail numbers in the event of a clash.

Entries are requested before the event using the online booking system on the BRSC website ([Enter here](#)) so the club has an indication of numbers attending. If space is available, entries may also be made on the day or by e-mail providing details of the competitors name, sail number, boat design, MYA number, phone and emergency contact details to the contact below.

Contact Name Paul Plested
Email: pauljplested@gmail.com
Tel: 07791 913462

6 Entry Fees

The entry fee will be £10 (Cash Only) for the event and will be paid at Registration.

7 Parking

There is free parking on site and on the street for cars, but due to the narrow gate width and limited car spacing within the club compound, we would ask that any skippers with motor-homes park outside of the club gates on Gautby Road. It may be necessary for some cars to park on Gautby Road if there are a large number of entries or the grassed areas are soft through rain. For any questions on this and relevant security issues please contact us.

8 Refreshments

Hot drinks, water and cakes/biscuits will be provided as part of the race fee, but please bring your own lunch.

9 Toilet facilities

Toilets are available in the club house adjacent to the lake.

10 Registration

Registration will take place as per the schedule in Section 1

The following shall be presented to the Race Committee at the time requested during the event:

- All boats must be registered with, and display a sail number issued by their Class Registrar or their personal sail number.
- If applicable, the owner's valid personal sail number certificate

- Emergency Contact details if this has changed or was not supplied when an entry was made. If any of the above documents are not available at the event, but a competitor claims that they exist, the competitor shall sign a declaration to that effect and send a copy of the missing document to the Race Committee within seven days of the end of the event.

11 Measurement

The Race Committee may direct that boats in the event shall be check measured. Random spot checks may be conducted throughout the duration of the event.

12 Frequencies

Permitted frequencies are 27 MHz, 40 MHz and 2.4 GHz

For frequency bands other than 2.4GHz, a minimum of five (5) frequencies shall be available at the event.

13 Lake-side and Launching

Launching is available directly from the concrete path surrounding the lake, which will also be the control area for the event

14 Scoring and Racing System

Scoring may use either HMS, or Sailwave or Afleet if insufficient boats enter for a two heat event. Racing System shall be as per Rules section above.

15 Observers and Protests

The Race Officer reserves the right to use observers drawn from the competitors. A protest committee will be appointed by the Race Committee to hear any protests arising from the event and may comprise competitors not involved in the incident.

16 Competitors with Disabilities

Competitors that require any form of help or special requirements should, prior to entry, get in touch with the club contact given in Section 5 to check if the club is able to help with the provision of any such special requirements. The onus is on the competitor to establish whether the available facilities are adequate before deciding to enter the event

17 Prizes and trophies

Prizes will be awarded; the quantity will be dependent upon the number of entries. Prize(s) will also be awarded for the highest placed Classic IOM. Classic is defined as a boat designed prior to 1st January 2010.

18 Accommodation.

There are a number of suggestions on the Wirral information [website](#) or on the [BRSC](#) website.

1 Risk Statement

- 1.1** RRS 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."
- 1.2** 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 and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, 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, recovery boat and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser, does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - f) The provision of recovery 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 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 briefing held for the event.

The Model Yachting Association, the organising authority, the host club and any other parties involved in the organisation of this event disclaim any and every responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, injury or inconvenience that might occur to persons and goods both ashore or on the water as a consequence of entering or participating in the event covered by this Notice of Race.