



NOTICE OF RACE

BART'S BASH 2026



SUPPORTING THE ANDREW SIMPSON FOUNDATION

1 RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the Sailing Instructions and the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- b. The Sailing Instructions are the responsibility of the host club and should conform with World Sailing and National Authority guidelines.
- c. Racing Rules may be changed by the Host Clubs and those amendments detailed in the Host Club's Sailing Instructions.
- d. Local rules and/or bye-laws of Host Clubs may apply. These will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions for each Host Club.
- e. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence. If there is any inconsistency between this Notice of Race and the Host Club's Sailing Instructions, this Notice of Race will prevail.
- f. Each Host Club is the Organising Authority for the Bart's Bash event held at its venue.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The Sailing Instructions will be available from the Host Club.

3 COMMUNICATION

- a. The online official noticeboard is located at URL <https://www.bartsbash.com/news-events>
- b. Host clubs may designate a local official noticeboard in their sailing instructions.
- c. 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

- a. Bart's Bash is a global umbrella event founded by the charity ASF that comprises many hundreds of individual sailing events at locations around the world.
- b. Each individual event is organised by the club which is the organising authority for all activities at their site (Host Club).
- c. Bart's Bash is open to any sailing craft defined by a class. Racing will take place under Class Rules for One Design Classes, IRC, ORC, Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme (PYS), or any other handicap system as specified in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions by the Host Club.
- d. Eligible boats may enter online in advance at the online entry website through www.bartsbash.com
- e. Where available, boats may also be able to enter at the Host Club at which they choose to race.

5 FEES

- a. There are NO ENTRY FEES for this event, nor any requirement or obligation to provide any funds or services to ASF.
- b. Each participant is encouraged to make a donation to ASF when completing the entry form (and to find sponsors for that individual) although this is not a requirement to participate.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- a. Not used

7 ADVERTISING

- a. Advertising will be allowed in accordance with the Class Rules of the competing classes and those of the relevant national authority (if any).
- b. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by ASF.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- a. Not used

9 SCHEDULE

- a. Subject to clause 9c below, the race start time and finish time must take place between 00:00 on the 12th September and 23:59 local time on 13th September 2026. This time frame is applicable to the time zone in which the races are being held.
- b. The starting time and length of each race is a matter entirely for the relevant Host Club.
- c. Venues which have no scheduled racing on either the 12th or 13th September 2026 due to tidal or other issues may request a one-week postponement of their race. This request must be made by email to bartsbash@andrewsimpsonfoundation.org.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- a. If applicable, boats may be required to produce a valid measurement certificate at registration.
- b. Random measurement checks may be carried out during the event at the discretion of the Race Committee of the relevant Host Club.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- a. Not used.

12 VENUES

- a. Venues will be described in local Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

13 THE COURSE

- a. The course to be sailed will be shown in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions or described at the briefing at the Host Club.
- b. The course set by each Host Club must meet the following criteria:
 - i. The start and finish of the race must be in the same place; Separate start and finish lines from the same race committee boat are acceptable (i.e., one line either side).
 - ii. The course has no required minimum number of rounding-marks, however, a clear course must be available and published by the Host Club (e.g. a course could be laid using race marks, or boat could sail around an island, or between two shore-based gates on a river etc).

14 PENALTIES

- a. RRS may be changed by the Host Club in the Sailing Instructions.

15 SCORING

- a. The Race will be scored based on average boat speed handicapped using each class' rating or handicap system or combination for mixed fleets.
- b. Results will be published at www.bartsbash.com
- c. Given the variety of conditions by which the event is to be held on a worldwide basis, any handicap results may be inaccurate and no responsibility is accepted in respect thereof.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- a. Not used unless included by Host Club as part of additional information in the Sailing Instructions.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- a. Not used unless included by Host Club as part of additional information in the Sailing Instructions.

18 BERTHING

- a. Not used unless included by Host Club as part of additional information in the Sailing Instructions.

19 LAUNCHING AND HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- a. Not used unless included by Host Club as part of additional information in the Sailing Instructions.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- a. Not used unless included by Host Club as part of additional information in the Sailing Instructions.

21 DATA PROTECTION

- a. You agree that the venue's information relating to you can be stored and used by us and our Event partners in connection with the organisation, staging and administration of the Event.
- b. You agree that your name, venue name, image and contact details can be used by us and our Event partners for the purposes of:
 - i. The promotion and marketing of the Event.
 - ii. Adding you to a mailing list to keep you informed about any future events and services which we believe might be of interest to you.
 - iii. Promotional and marketing material in respect of similar events or other community-based activities organised by our Event Partners.
- c. If you would not like us or our Event partners to use the Marketing Information or Personal Information other than for purposes related to your participation in the Event, please e-mail:
bartsbash@andrewsimpsonfoundation.org

22 RISK STATEMENT

- a. 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".
- b. 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:
 - i. 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;
 - ii. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their craft and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

- iii. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- iv. Subject to clause 14 below, it is their responsibility to ensure that they have adequate insurance in place to cover death, injury, damage or loss (including to third parties caused by their own actions or omissions);
- v. Their craft is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- vi. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser and Host Clubs does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- vii. Each participant is to accept that it is their responsibility to follow the Host Club's Supplementary Sailing Instructions including their safety instructions at all times.
- viii. Participation of children under the age of 18 years is the responsibility of their parents or guardians.
- ix. Each participant acknowledges that whilst a handicapping system will be applied, the differing conditions and venues means that there will be a degree of uncertainty as to whoever may be declared as being the winner.

23 INSURANCE

- a. Each craft is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3 million; this minimum may be amended as appropriate, in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions of the host club.

24 PRIZES

- a. Prizes are at the discretion of the Host Club.

25 MEMBERSHIP AND LIABILITY

- a. Any Membership requirements of each Host Club will be detailed in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

26 FURTHER INFORMATION

- a. To the maximum extent permitted by English Law, ASF accepts no responsibility for injury, loss and damage sustained by a participant and reference is made to the Risk Statement and Insurance provisions above.
- b. Neither ASF nor its Trustees, employees, volunteers, Event partners, agents and sub-contractors will have any liability whatsoever in contract, tort (including negligence), breach of statutory duty or otherwise for any indirect, incidental, special, exemplary or consequential loss including, without limitation all loss of profit, opportunity, anticipated profit or revenue, business and/or goodwill).
- c. In the event that a Host Club cancels their event for any reason, the Bart's Bash race will not be held on another day and any donations or fundraising will not be refunded.
- d. The laws of England and Wales apply and each participant consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SUPPORT & COMMITMENT**



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