



Looe Sailing Club
Notice of Race
The P&B Fireball Class Association
UK Nationals and Open Championships
24th, 25th, 26th and 27th May 2025

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the RYA prescriptions, and the rules of the individual competitor's Class Association.
- 1.2 The Looe Sailing Club (LSC) Sailing Instructions (SI) will apply except as stated in any supplementary Sailing Instructions. Sailing Instructions will be available in the LSC Club House and on the Official Notice Board situated at the Beachmaster's office. The Sailing Instructions for the regatta contain additional information regarding the regatta.
- 1.3 The rules of the UK and International Fireball Class Association (UKFA) shall apply, except where changed by this Notice.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 20 and the relevant rules of the individual competitor's Class Association. The Fireball Association or LSC may require the display of advertising material.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code shall not apply to this event.
- 3.2 The event is open to all boats of the International Fireball Class. The helm and crew must be paid up, full members of the UK Fireball Association, or any other Fireball National Class Association recognised by the UK Fireball Association, prior to registration. All sailors will be required to show their membership certificate valid for 2025.

- 3.3 Entries will not be accepted from any boat owned or effectively controlled or managed by a Russian or Belarusian individual or entity.
- 3.4 The event comprises two separate championships:
- 3.4.1 The UK Fireball National Championship - Open to any helm and crew who are members of the UK Fireball Association.
- 3.4.2 The UK Fireball Open Championship – Open to any helm who is a current member of any Fireball International Class Association including the UK Fireball Association, but excluding Russia and Belarus (see NoR 3.3)
- 3.5 Entry fees are:
- £270 per boat if paid by 23:59 on 21/4/25
- £300 per boat (late entry) if paid by 23:59 on 11/5/2025
- £25 discount per youth entry
- 3.6 Entry fee includes boat park and harbour dues.
- 3.7 Eligible boats may enter by completing the Regatta Entry Form on the UK Fireball Class Website and paying the required fee as directed online:

<https://remby1968.wufoo.com/forms/m1aetnth09jyaed/>

- 3.8 All boats must display the Fireball International plaque appropriate for the event year.
- 3.9 All boats, sails, spars and foils will be subject to scrutineering. This must be completed before the first race and is the competitors' duty to request from the UKFA committee in a timely manner. Boats etc may be subject to further checks throughout the event.
- 3.10 Each boat may register up to two measured mainsails, jibs and spinnakers for use during the event. All sails presented must have been previously measured, comply with class rules, and stamped and signed when required by class rules.
- 3.11 In the event of a sail becoming damaged during the event, competitors may register a replacement sail by presenting it and the damaged sail to the Technical Committee (TC).
- 3.12 All boats shall sail using their registered sail numbers. Any changes to sail numbers shall be requested in writing and approved by the Race Committee before racing commences.

4 CLASS STARTS

- 4.1 Single start for all competitors as per section 6 below.

5 RESULTS AND PRIZES

- 5.1 The results will be published in Looe Sailing Club and on the Official Notice Board as soon as practicable after each race.
- 5.2 There will be a daily prizegiving in the evening at the Looe Sailing Club. Times for which will be posted on the Official Notice Board
- 5.3 The event prize giving will be held as soon as possible after the completion of racing on Tuesday 27th May in the Looe Sailing Club clubhouse.
- 5.4 Prizes will be awarded for both the UK Nationals and UK Open events at the discretion of the LSC and UKFA.

6 SCHEDULE and FORMAT

- 6.1 Registration Friday 23th May from 17:00 to 18:00 and Saturday 24th May from 09:00 to 11:00
- 6.2 Daily sailors briefing in boat park 90 minutes prior to the first race of the day.
- 6.3 Race dates & times will be posted daily based on the schedule below:

Race Times		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Saturday	24/05/25	13:00	After R1						
Sunday	25/05/25			13:00	After R3				
Monday	26/05/25					13:00	After R5		
Tuesday	27/05/25							13:00	After R7

Race times subject to change should weather or tide conditions dictate

Tide Times:

Date	High Water	Low Water
24/05/25	15:13	09:02
25/05/25	16.06	09:56
26/05/25	16:55	10:46
27/05/25	17.43	11.34

7 SCORING

- 7.1 3 completed races are required in order to constitute a series
- 7.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 7.3 When 4 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 7.4 When 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.
- 7.5 The UKFA will allocate boats to Gold, Silver and Bronze Fleets. These allocations shall not be grounds for redress, this changes RRS 62.1(a)

8 CHARTERED OR LOAN BOATS

- 8.1 A chartered or loan boat may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention of her class rules and G3, provided the RC has approved her sail identification before the first race.

9 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES

- 9.1 Competitors automatically grant to the UKFA and their sponsors without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion or still pictures and live, taped, or filmed television of or relating to the event.

10 VENUE AND COURSES

- 10.1 The regatta is held in Looe Bay, Cornwall.
- 10.2 Course areas will be selected based on daily prevailing and forecasted conditions.
- 10.3 Boat parking is Looe Sailing Club's boat park. Launching via the Lifeboat Slipway or Beach, subject to conditions and under the direction of the Beachmaster

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 11.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

12 INSURANCE

- 12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

13 OFF WATER PROGRAM

	Date	Time	Event
Friday	23/5/2025	17:00 - 18:00	Registration
Saturday	24/5/2025	09:00 - 11:00	Registration
Saturday	24/5/2025	10:30	P.R.O Briefing
Saturday	24/5/2025	18.30	Commodore's Reception Meal
Saturday	24/5/2025	20:00	Daily prize giving
Sunday	25/5/2025	Time TBC	Class AGM
Sunday	25/5/2025	20:00	Daily prize giving
Monday	26/5/2025	19:00	Class Dinner
Monday	26/5/2025	20:00	Daily prize giving
Tuesday	27/5/2025	19:00	Prizegiving

(*Note: Class AGM time/day may be subject to change to fit the sailing schedule as appropriate)

14 ACCOMMODATION

Looe has a variety of hotel, bed and Breakfast as well as Air BB options which can be best found on line. For those wishing to camp, the nearest campsite is Tencreek. There are a number of holiday parks close to the town centre offering mobile home statics.

For further information please contact Simon Bennett (Commodore)

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ANNEX 1
LSC COURSE AREAS

Racing will take place in Looe Bay situated directly in front of the town itself. The exact course area will be advised each day at the Sailors' briefing.

Boat Park and Launching:

All boats will be berthed in the Looe Sailing Club boat park situated directly on sea front adjacent to the Lifeboat Station. Launching will either be down the Lifeboat slipway or across the beach under the direction of the Beachmaster.