



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE NATIONAL 12 CLASS (BURTON WEEK)

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THE NATIONAL 18 CLASS 22ND Aug – 25TH Aug 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

- 1. Organising Authority.** The organising authority for the Championship is Brightlingsea Sailing Club (BSC)
Administrative support for the event is given by the National Twelve Owners' Association (NTOA) and the National 18 Class Association.
- 2. Rules.**
 - 2.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS).
 - 2.2 The equipment rules of sailing (ERS) shall apply, except where varied by the relevant Class Rules.
 - 2.3 Details of changes or modification to the Racing Rules RSS will be listed in the Sailing Instructions under "Rules".
 - 2.4 Arbitration will be available under RRS Appendix T.
 - 2.5 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times.
 - 2.6 The notation (DP) in a rule of the NOR or SI indicates that the penalty for breaching this rule is at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 3. Sailing Instructions.**
 - 3.1 National Twelve - The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and online at: national12.org/burton-week/2025 and at <https://www.sailbrightlingsea.com/event/national-18-national-championship-1>
 - 3.2 National 18 Class
- 4. Communication.**
 - 4.1 The Race Office for both Classes will be in the Sail Management Centre (SMC) which is located at the front of the dinghy park.
 - 4.2 The Official Notice Board is located outside the BSC Sail Management Centre (SMC).
 - 4.3 Official information and amendments to the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions as well as results and protest information will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
 - 4.4 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 5. Eligibility & Entry Details.**
 - 5.1 National Twelve
See - *NOR National Twelve Class Appendix 1.*
 - 5.2 National 18 Class
See - *NOR National 18 Class Appendix 1.*
- 6. Fees**
 - 6.1 National Twelve
Details of the Fees for the event are available on *NOR National 12 Appendix 1.*
 - 6.2 National 18
Details of the Fees for the event are available on *NOR National 18 Appendix 1.*
- 7. Registration and Briefing**
 - 7.1 All boats must register before participating in the event.
 - 7.1.1 Registration for the National 12's will be at Brightlingsea Sailing Club SMC from 14.00 on Friday 22nd August and from 09.00 on Saturday 23rd August and thereafter at least 2 hours before the scheduled start time of the first race of the day.
 - 7.1.2 Registration for the National 18's will be at the SMC at Brightlingsea SC. From 14.00 on Thursday 21st August and 09.00 on Friday 22nd August.
 - 7.2 The Race office will normally be open up to two hours after racing ends (or is abandoned) for the day.
 - 7.3 The competitors briefing will be held on the patio outside the clubhouse or inside dependent on the weather.
 - National Twelve at 10.30 on Saturday 23rd August, 2025.
 - National 18 at 10.30 on Friday 22nd August 2025.

8. Advertising.

The event is subject to World Sailing Regulation 20.

The National 12 class event is sponsored by 'Allen' and is part of the 2025 'Craftinsure' National Series.

The National 12 main sponsors may require competitors to display a sticker on their boat, if so these will be available at registration.

Any sponsor requirements for the National 18 Class will be announced on www.sailbrightlingsea.com.

9 Race Schedule.

9.1 The programme of races is set out below.

Day	Class	Start times			Notes
		Race1	Race2	Race 3	
		(Approximate timing)			
Friday 22 nd					
HW 11.20	N12	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	N18	13.00	14.00	15.00	
Saturday 23 rd					
HW 12.04	N12	N/A	13.00	14.30	Race 2: N12 released from shore under code Flag D 45 minutes before start time and not earlier than 12.15
	N18	12.00	13.06	14.36	
Sunday 24 th					
HW 12.43	N12		12.00		N12 Burton Cup N12 released from shore under code Flag D 45 minutes before start time and not earlier than 11.15
	N18	11.00	12.36		
Monday 25 th					
HW 13.19	N12	11.00	12.30		
	N18	11.06	12.36	14.00	No N18 Start Later than 15.00
Tuesday 26 th					
HW 13.52	N12	11.00	12.30	N/A	No N12 Start later than 14.00
	N18	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Constraints (Note N12 First Race Saturday Warning signal not before 12.55.)

9.2	<u>Target race lengths</u>	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Class(es)</u>
		45	N18 Only
		50	N12 & N18
		55	N12 Only
		120	N12 Burton Cup

9.3 Races may be brought forward if time and conditions are suitable or the forecast is adverse. Races not sailed as scheduled may be rescheduled at the discretion of the Race Committee.

9.4 All event timings will be taken from the Principal Race Officer's clock.

10. Equipment Inspection (Measurement and Buoyancy Certificates)

National Twelve – See *NOR National Twelve Appendix 1*.

National 18– See *NOR National 18 Class Appendix 1*.

11. Racing Area.

Racing will take place in the Colne Estuary. Competitors should ensure they allow sufficient time to reach the race area which may be some distance from the launch area.

12 Courses.

The courses will be as described in the relevant Sailing Instructions.

National Twelve - Each race in the event will be sailed on one of the published courses. The courses are triangle/sausage/triangle; triangle only; trapezoid; sausage/triangle/sausage.

National 18 – Courses will be a mixture of windward/leeward (Ultra fleet) and Triangles.

13. Scoring.

National 12

13.1 7 points races are scheduled.

13.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.3 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

13.4 When four races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

National 18

13.5 11 races are scheduled.

13.6 Three races are required to complete a series.

13.7 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

13.8 When four to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

13.9 When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two worst scores.

14 Risk Statement

14.1 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."

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 while 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 responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as it can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face the extremes of weather; that the crew is sufficient in experience and fitness to withstand such weather.

14.2 Inspections

The fact that the race committee conducts inspections does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

15 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per event or the equivalent.

16. Membership and Liability

All competitors of either class, also NTOA officials will be deemed to be temporary members of Brightlingsea Sailing Club (BSC) during the event and as such shall abide by all the Club's rules and bye-laws. Members of the Classes, their guests and visitors are entirely welcome to use the club premises and any other facilities of the club but do so entirely at their own risk.

17 Boat and Trailer Storage and Car Parking at Brightlingsea Sailing Club

17.1 The dinghy park will be across the road from the Club on the grass behind the car parking area.

17.2 Boats should be kept on the trailers, but double stacking or large trailers will have allocated storage within or away from the dinghy park.

17.3 Car parking will be on the grass area, **not the gravel**. Also on BSC car park. BSC will provide car park tickets, they will be valid for the duration of the event.

18 Parental Consent & Safeguarding

For all entrants (helm & crew) who are under 18 years of age at any time during the event, a parental consent form must be completed and submitted to NTOA prior to the event or, in any event, on arrival at Brightlingsea Sailing Club.

Safeguarding during the event will follow the BSC Equality and Child Protection Policy which can be found via the BSC Documents page: <https://www.sailbrightlingsea.com/club-info/documents-library-1>

In the event of any participant having a concern about a young person or a vulnerable adult during the event, please contact the Club's Welfare Officer Jayne Bond. Contact details are: Phone No: 07716 433221 and email is: jaynebond16@gmail.com In an emergency always call 999.

19 Television, Photography and Video

Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage – which may be taken by drone – or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

Drones at the event: All those who take part in the event as competitors as well as support crew or spectators agree to be overflown by a drone or drones during the duration of the event, this includes your person and your property.

20 Prizes

National Twelve – See *NOR National Twelve Appendix 1*.

National 18 – See *NOR National 18 Appendix 1*.

21 Social Programme and Meals

21.1 Details of the social programme will be available on the National Twelve Class Burton Week website and on www.sailbrightlingsea.com .

21.2 Food and a licensed bar will be available during the event.

22 Dogs at BSC

Well behaved dogs are welcome but are not allowed inside the Clubhouse.

23 Environmental policy

Brightlingsea Sailing Club is committed to minimizing its impact on the environment as part of the RYA's Green Blue Initiative and all visitors are encouraged to follow the Green Blue Initiative.

24 Further Information.

24.1 Contact details:

Brightlingsea Sailing Club, Oyster Tank Road, Brightlingsea, Essex CO7 0DY. .

Email: info@brightlingsea.com vc sailing@brightlingsea.com

Web: www.sailbrightlingsea.com – full information on how to find the club, where to stay is available on the site.

(<https://www.sailbrightlingsea.com/directory>)

NTOA Secretary, Janet Bloor, 52d Shaw Lane, Holbrook, Derby's. DE56 0TG. Tel: 01332 882620.

Email: ntoa@national12.org

NTOA Website: www.national12.org for news and links

Burton Week Website: www.national12.org/burtonweek/2025

National 18 Class contact details are: Rupert Henderson-White. Tel: 07766 534027.

**NOR APPENDIX ONE – NATIONAL TWELVE
N12 CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025 (BURTON WEEK)
At Brightlingsea Sailing Club**

5. Eligibility & Entry.

- 5.1 The event is open to boats which comply with the relevant Class Rules, and that hold a valid measurement certificate.
5.2 An entry form, or online entry, must be completed, the entry fee paid and registration completed.
5.3 All entries, by post or online, must be sent, with the appropriate fees to the Secretary, Mrs Janet Bloor, Woodman's Lodge, 52d Shaw Lane, Holbrook, Derby's. DE56 OTG to arrive before Wednesday 20th August 2025. (Contact: Tel. 01332 882620; e-mail ntoa@national12.org)
5.4 After that date entries will only be accepted online or at Brightlingsea Sailing Club during the periods of registration described in the Notice of Race, at the Race Committee's discretion.

6. Fees

6.1	Entry for the whole event received before the end of 27th July 2025	£195.00
	Entry for the whole event after 27th July 2025	£220.00
	Younger Helms under age 21 for the duration of the event	£95.00
	Late entry surcharge starts: Saturday 23rd August, 2025 (This surcharge will apply to entries for the whole event only)	+£25.00
	Single day entry for all entrants, limited to a maximum of 2 days.	£55.00 per day

10 Equipment Inspection (Measurement and Buoyancy Certificates).

- 10.1 Each National 12 shall have a valid certificate of measurement with a current signed buoyancy endorsement. This must be produced at registration prior to the first race in which she participates. The Hon. Secretary of the National Twelve Owners' Association will retain the certificate for the duration of the Championship.
10.2 No boat shall be allowed to compete until this certificate is produced, except that, if the certificate exists and is not available for some bona fide reason, the NTOA Certification Officer shall issue a duplicate for a fee of £15 to validate the boat for the event. This changes rule 78.2.
10.3 No changes to rig measurements and/or weights recorded on the certificate will be permitted during the Championship, except at the discretion of the Race Committee.
10.4 The Race Committee may measure any boat and/or her sails during the course of the Championship.
10.5 All boats must display on their mainsails their own registered number with which they were entered, except by prior permission of the Race Committee. This changes rule 77 and RRS Appendix G.

20 Prizes.

- 20.1 The Yachting World Silver National Points Trophy: awarded to the helm with the lowest series points score during the event.
20.2 The Sir William Burton Cup: awarded to the winning helm of the Burton Cup Race.
20.3 The following individual race trophies will be awarded to the winner of the other six point's races:
The Marlow Ropes Salver The Port of Plymouth Cup The Borough of Weymouth Cup
The Borough of Scarborough Cup The Scarborough Yacht Club Salver The Alverbank Trophy
20.4 The Chair's Square Rigger Handicap Trophy will be awarded to the helm with the lowest series points based on handicap results using the 2025 RYA and NTOA Club Racing Handicaps.
20.5 The following subsidiary trophies will be awarded to qualifying helms/crews with the lowest 'fleet score' in each subsidiary trophy, based on the Yachting World Silver National Points Trophy racing. (Each individual race for each trophy will be scored 1, 2, 3 etc. based on the boat's fleet position in each Yachting World Silver National points race). NOR 13 still applies.

- The Non Foiling Twelve Trophy*** Open to the helm of any boat that does not use a wing foiled rudder during the whole of the event.
The Admiral's Cup* Open to the helm of any boat conforming to the decking and buoyancy rules pre 1st January 1996 (i.e. not a self-draining boat) and not using a wing foiled rudder during the whole of the event.
The Shotgun Trophy* Open to the helm of any wooden boat of clinker construction, built prior to 1975 (Vintage boats) and wooden clinker boats subsequently built to designs issued before that year and not using a wing foiled rudder during the whole of the event.
The Corrigan Cup* Open to helms aged 21 or under for the duration of the event.
The Arrows Trophy* Open to helms that have never helmed at a Burton Week before.
The Canter Trophy* Open to helms who are over age 21, but under 40 years of age, for the duration of the event.
The Grand Masters Trophy* Open to helms who are over 55 years of age, for the duration of the event.
The Clinker Trophy* Open to helms who have built their boats throughout for their own use.
The Gill Super Crew Cup* Awarded to the first crew new to Burton Week.
The Joe Yorke Trophy* Open to those helms that have helmed in the two previous Burton Weeks, who have (as helms) never received a Silver National points prize, nor finished in the first six in any Burton Week points race, and have not won the Joe Yorke Trophy before.
The Centenary Trophy* Open to the helm of any 4 plank boat built from 1971 (i.e. N2512) of wooden glass reinforced plastic or other construction materials and built to designs that were current and conformed with the Class Rules in force at the end of 1979 (N3094) and those built only to these same designs in later years, and not using a wing foiled rudder during the whole of the event.

20.5 The following subsidiary trophies will be awarded as described below:

The Beeston Goblet	Awarded to the helm of the highest placed Admiral's Cup boat in the Sir William Burton Cup Race.
The Non Foiling Twelve Award	Awarded to the helm of the highest placed boat that does not use a wing foiled rudder during the Sir William Burton Cup Race.
The Canter Award	Awarded to the highest placed Canter Trophy entry in the Sir William Burton Cup Race.
The Grand Master Award	Awarded to the highest placed Grand Masters Trophy entry in the Sir William Burton Cup Race.
The Dick Wyche Trophy	Awarded to the highest placed Corrigan Cup entry in the Sir William Burton Cup Race.
The Coronation Cup*	Open to married couples and awarded to the leading finisher in the Sir William Burton Cup Race.
The Arthur Oxborough Salver	Awarded to the crew of the winner of the Sir William Burton Cup.
The Royal Thames Y C Trophy	Awarded to the crew of the winner of the Yachting World Silver National Points Trophy.
The Gipsy Trophy	Awarded to the highest placed "Buddy Team" using the Y W Silver National Points Trophy series points scores. NOR 13 applies.

20.6 Competitors wishing to enter for any of the trophies listed above which are marked (*), must do so on the official entry form.

20.7 If only one entry is received for any subsidiary trophy, only the trophy may be awarded.

20.8 Should entries be received for subsidiary trophies after 27th July 2025, engraved prizes are unlikely to be available at the prizegiving.

20.9 All the trophies to be held by the winner until the Championships 2026.