**Venue** Bewl Sailing Association, Bewl Water, Lamberhurst, Kent, TN3 8JH

**Organisers** Bewl Sailing Association in conjunction with the Heron Dinghy Class Association

**Rules** The event will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association, the BSA Sailing Instructions for Open Meetings (April 2021) and government COVID-19 guidance.

**Entries** The event will be open to all members of BSA and all visitors who are members of the Heron Dinghy Class Association. All competing boats shall hold a valid measurement certificate (or Log Book) and comply with the class rules.

**Registration** Entrants are requested to register their boat in advance at [https://halsail.com](https://halsail.com/Event/Public/2768). By entering their details on Halsail, competitors

* agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) and the rules of the Heron Dinghy Class Association
* confirm that they have read the Notice of Race and Risk Statement
* undertake to sail in compliance with the RYA Sailing Charter
* hold and will produce a current certificate of insurance in respect of Third Party Liability to a minimum of £2,000,000.

**Entry fee** The fee of £25 per boat for visiting boats should preferably be paid by noon on Friday 4th June 2021. A link to the payment platform will be sent to competitors when they register on Halsail. Fees will be refunded if the event is cancelled.

**Briefing** 11:15 on the Saturday, outside the Boat House. Extra briefings may be held at the discretion of the Race Officer.

**Schedule of races** One race on Saturday morning and two races on Saturday afternoon. Three races back-to-back on Sunday morning.

**First start** Not before 12:00 on Saturday and not before 10:40 on Sunday

**Sailing Instructions** These will be available on the day, also at <https://www.bewlsailing.club/Racing>

**Starting procedure** Class flags will be hoisted at three-minute intervals. Single-handed and crewed Herons will start together. Rule 26 will not apply.

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| 3 minute warning  | Class flag displayed | 1 sound signal |
| 1 minute | No preparatory flag | 1 sound signal |
| Start | Class flag lowered | 1 sound signal |

**Scoring and results** The scoring system will be as indicated in RRS Appendix A RYA 2021-2024. Four races to count.

 At the finish any boat which is not on the same lap as the first finisher will be required to cross the finishing line and will be scored on average lap times.

 The results will be calculated on handicap. Different handicaps will be used for single-handed and double-handed boats.

**Prizes** The number of trophies and prizes will depend on the number of entries.

**Catering** To be announced.

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**How to find us** Signed turning 1 mile south of Lamberhurst on the A21.

**RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 4 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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

1. 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;
2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.