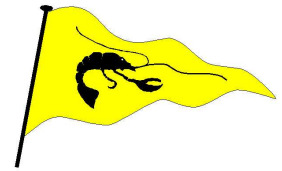


# **Warsash Sailing Club**



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## **Club Championships 2018** **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

Saturday 14 October 1<sup>st</sup> HW 12:35 (Southampton)

### ***Sailing Instructions***

#### **1 RULES**

1. Racing will take place under The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), the Class Rules, The Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions (SIs). In the event of a conflict these SIs shall apply.
2. Competitors should note that Warsash SC implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book.

#### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the main hall at Shore House.
- 2.2. There will be a competitors briefing at 09:30 on Saturday in the main hall at Shore House.

#### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before the briefing on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

#### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Shore House flag staff.

#### **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 1100. There will be Four races. All races will be back-to-back. The Fourth Race will be the Cock of the River race and will run on a single start line with the course to be confirmed with a likely finish towards the entrance to the river.
- 5.2. No start sequence will commence after 1500 on Saturday 14th July except following a general recall of that race.

#### **6. CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1. The class flags will be as per standard WSC Racing for 3 starts Superfast, Fast and Slow

#### **7. RACING AREAS**

- 7.1. The Race Area is intended to be in the vicinity of Cutter buoy which is approximately 1.3 miles from the Club. Any change to the intended race area will be announced at the briefing due to the current diving operations
- 7.2. Competitors will be escorted to and from the race area.

## **8. THE COURSE**

- 8.1. The Course will be either Triangle/Sausage or Windward/Leeward. The diagram in Appendix A shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark will be passed. The course, number of laps and approximate bearing to the windward mark will be indicated from the Committee Boat.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1. Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be orange inflatable buoys.
- 9.2. The outer distance starting mark will be a committee boat or a dan buoy flying an orange flag.
- 9.3. The outer distance finish mark will be a small orange inflatable buoy.
- 9.4. The race committee may use marks of a different size/colour and the start and finish marks may both be in place at the same time.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1. Races will be started by using Rule 26 (5, 4, 1 Go).
- 10.2. The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the port-end start mark staff displaying an orange flag.
- 10.3. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored did not start (DNS). This changes RRS A4 & A5.

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2. Changes of length of the leg or of less than 10 degrees will not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.
- 11.3. When code flags 'C' over 'F' is displayed with repeated sound signals at the leeward mark 3, boats shall round the mark and proceed directly to the finish.

## **12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the port end finish mark.

## **13. TIME LIMITS**

- 13.1. The intended duration of each race is 45 minutes.
- 13.2. To expedite the series, and at the race committee's discretion, boats failing to finish within 10 minutes of the first boat may be finished on the course and given the position equivalent to their place on the water.

## **14. COMMITTEE BOAT IDENTIFICATION**

- 14.1. The committee boat will be a blue launch - Lobster - and will display a Warsash committee flag and club burgee.

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1. A boat that intends to protest shall inform the committee boat immediately after finishing the race in which the incident occurred.
- 15.2. Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.3. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat returns ashore.
- 15.4. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the earliest opportunity.
- 15.5. The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration Procedure as described in the 'RYA Guidance – Rules Disputes' shall apply. The exoneration penalty shall be 30% with a minimum of 4 places.

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1. All races shall count, with the three races forming the Club champs and race four or the last race to be run as the club champs. This shall be signalled by a lobster flag to indicate the class flag for this race,.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1. **Boats shall 'tally out' immediately before launching and 'tally in' immediately on returning ashore.** Failure to comply with this sailing instruction will result in a 5 point penalty in the race

closest to the infringement, other boats will not be rescored. A boat will not be scored worse than a disqualified boat as a result of this penalty. This changes RRS 63.1.

17.2. The tally board will be located in Lobster Quay club house. Individual tally numbers will be issued at registration. The tally board will close 15 minutes after the last boat returns ashore.

17.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible and shall not leave the race area without the permission of the race committee.

## **18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

18.1. Each boat shall be in possession of a valid measurement certificate and may be asked to produce it at any stage. There will be no formal measurement but the race committee reserves the right to measure/inspect any boat or equipment at any time for compliance with the Finn class rules.

## **19. SUPPORT BOATS AND INSTRUCTION**

19.1. Support Boats are only allowed with the prior approval of Warsash SC and drivers may be asked to show competence in driving such a boat of at least RYA PB2. Support boats if allowed shall have VHF radio communication with Warsash SC and the committee boat and shall be identified at registration.

19.2. Unless agreed or instructed by the race committee, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside area where boats are racing from the time of a preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## **20. PRIZES**

20.1. The event prize giving will be held as soon as possible after racing on the final day.

## **21. RISK STATEMENT**

21.1. Rule 4 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue to race is hers alone" and that 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 whilst 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 own responsibilities;
- f. the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;
- g. personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors whilst afloat;
- h. each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.

## Appendix A - Courses

A.1 There will be three courses with all marks rounded to port. The marks in ***bold and italics*** are repeated for the displayed number of laps. Boats do not need to pass through the start/finish line when sailing from Mark 3 to Mark 1.

### Course 'WL' Windward / Leeward.

Start

***Mark 1, Mark 1a, Mark 3 (1 lap)***

Finish.

### Course 'TS' Triangle & Sausage.

Start

***Mark 1, Mark 2, Mark 3 (Odd numbered laps)***

***Mark 1, Mark 3 (Even numbered laps)***

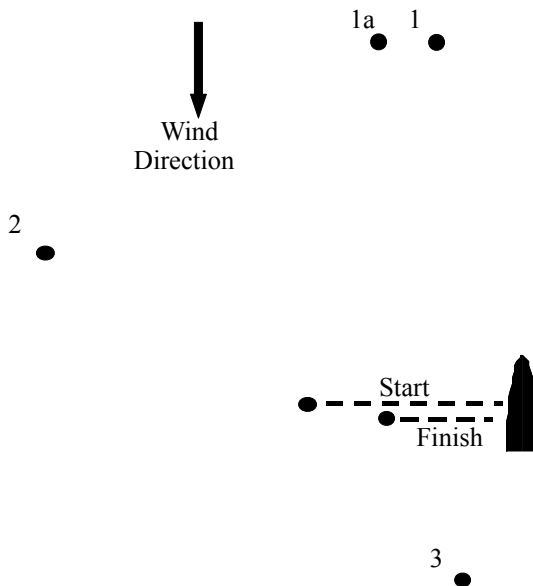
Finish.

(e.g. Triangle/Sausage is 2 laps, Triangle/Sausage/Triangle is three laps)

A.2 The Course and number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on the side of the Committee Boat.

A.3 Mark 3 may be a single buoy or a gate. If 2 buoys are laid to form a gate, boats shall pass between the 2 buoys that are the marks of the gate from the direction of the previous mark, rounding either one.

## Course Layout



This diagram is not to scale.