



WARSASH SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP

Warsash Spring Championship 2021



Notice of Race

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2 Weekends - Saturday and Sunday 17-18 April and 24-25 April
Racing in the Central Solent

PREAMBLE

During the current Covid-19 health crisis the Warsash Sailing Club position is one of caution for our members, competitors and the wider community. In recent months we have seen frequent changes to Government guidelines and restrictions. This is expected to continue after publication of this Notice of Race and throughout the event. Changes may lead to amendment to this NOR or to cancellation of the event at short notice.

If due to Covid-19 restrictions racing cannot take place, WSC will offer a refund in proportion to the number of days lost. If racing is not possible any such races not sailed will be abandoned. Warsash Sailing Club will not accept any responsibility for any costs incurred by competitors or supporters making arrangements to attend the event.

In these uncertain times WSC will only run the Spring Championship Weekends which allows HRSC to schedule the postponed races from the Hamble Winter Series 2020 event. Warsash Sailing Club intends that the Warsash Spring Series will return to its normal six Sunday and two Saturday format in 2022.

1. ELIGIBILITY and RULES

The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

The event is open to IRC boats with LOA of 6.5m or over and to the classes named below.

Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the Organising Authority Warsash Sailing Club.

The Notice of Race can be changed by amendment or by the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between documents, the Sailing Instructions (SIs) shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

Boats shall comply with Southampton Harbour Bye-Laws (and in particular Byelaws 10 & 11) and ABP Southampton Notice to Mariners No. 09 of 2021 concerning the Thorn Channel Precautionary Area. The NTM is available from www.southamptonvts.co.uk or www.warsashspringseries.org.uk.

Racing will be undertaken in accordance with the HMG & RYA's COVID-19 guidance which may change during the event. Competitors are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and, if visiting the Club, for complying with the Warsash SC COVID-19 procedures.

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2. CLASSES

Black Group: IRC 1, 2, 3 & 4 classes. Quarter Ton class. HP 30 class. Performance 40 class.

White Group: J/70. SB20, RS21 & Sonatas

Other one-design classes with enough entries may be added. One-design boats racing in IRC may be given extracted results if they have at least 6 boats racing. Performance 40s will race within IRC1 with extracted results.

IRC "Small Boats" with TCCs under 0.900 are welcome in the Series.

The number of IRC classes may be reduced if there are insufficient entries for four classes.

Any class with too few entries may be withdrawn and suitable boats may then race in IRC.

3. SAFETY REGULATIONS

VHF Radio: All boats shall carry a functioning VHF radio with all usual UK marine channels including M1 (37) and M2. Essential race information will be announced by radio.

Black Group boats shall comply with the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 races; or with their Class Safety Regulations if to an equal or higher standard. Boats unable to meet this requirement in full may seek a dispensation from the Race Committee, whose decision shall be final.

White Group: the 2021 safety regulations are available at www.warsashspringseries.org.uk.

Spot Checks: The Race Committee may make spot checks for compliance with the safety regulations.

4. ENTRY

On-line entry is available at www.warsashspringseries.org.uk. The entry fees are listed below.

Refunds: If the Organising Committee decide that due to COVID 19 racing must be cancelled, the club will offer a refund in proportion to the number of days lost. Details will be provided in the cancellation notice. If a refund is requested by the Competitor, the Club will consider it if there is at least 14 days' notice before racing commences, along with the reason for the cancellation request and bank details. An administration fee of £50 will be applied for the cancellation requested by a competitor.

5. CLASS RULES, CREW LIMITS and RATINGS

IRC Classes: IRC Rules Parts A, B and C shall apply. Endorsed certificates are not required.

The crew limits for all classes will be announced about two weeks before the first race and will take into account the COVID-19 guidance at that time. Should the guidance change after that announcement then the crew limits may also change. Such announcements will be made via an update to this NOR and will be posted on the Series web site. The expectation on publication of this NoR in early March is that for each IRC boat, the crew would be limited to 80% of the boat's IRC certificate crew number, rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upward); for J/70s 4 crew and SB20s & RS21s 3 crew, subject to confirmation by the classes.

A **one design or "box rule" class**, if racing separately or with extracted results, will be subject to its class rules.

A current **IRC rating** is required for IRC boats. If not issued at least 3 days before the first race, a boat may race at a TCC of 2.000. If the rating is received before the last day of racing, the race committee may at its discretion amend her score based upon that instead; and the scores for other boats may also change.

Bunk cushions may be removed without penalty.

6. GENERAL

Official Notice Board: The Official Notice Board will be online at www.warsashspringseries.org.uk

Sailing Instructions will be available at www.warsashspringseries.org.uk by 4 April. Printed Sis will not be provided.

Start Times: The first start for Black Group will not be before 1200 each day and for White Group the first start will not be before 1100 each day.

Courses: Black Group courses will be mainly windward-leeward for Saturdays and round the cans on Sundays. White Group courses will be windward-leeward.

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The **IRC class splits** will be decided on 14th April with details e-mailed to IRC entrants and displayed on the website. The Race Committee may at its sole discretion permit a boat to race in the class above that for which she is eligible, applying a TCC not less than the bottom rating of that class.

Penalties: RRS 44.1 is changed for all classes so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. For late acknowledgement of an infringement, scoring penalties will be available. This changes RRS44.

Protests and Hearings: Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Race Office by email to springseries@warsashsc.org.uk. Hearings will be conducted remotely by teleconference.

Sail numbers must be easily readable at all times. If in doubt, a dodger with the sail number should be shown at the start and finish. Boats failing to comply may be scored DNC or DNF.

7. SCORING and NUMBER OF RACES

The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply with modifications. Details will be in the SIs.

Black Group: up to 10 races are scheduled – up to 5 races each weekend. 1 discard if at least 5 races are completed.

White Group up to 14 races are scheduled – up to 4 races each Saturday and 3 races each Sunday. 1 discard if at least 7 races are completed.

8. PRIVACY AND IMAGERY

The personal information that you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy (available from www.warsashsc.org.uk). When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

Competitors' contact details may be given to other competitors with a valid need (e.g. parties to a protest).

By taking part in the event, competitors automatically grant the organising authority and sponsors/supporters, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

9. RISK STATEMENT

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 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 (if any) and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover (if any) is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;

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- (h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew;
- (i) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3000000 against third party claims;
- (j) The fact that the race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

10. PRIZES

Details for the prize-giving will be advised later. Prizes include:

A Winner's Trophy for the winner of each class in the Series and the winner of each class in the Championship. Second and subsequent prizes will be presented according to the number of entries. These are all "keeper prizes" retained permanently by the winners.

Perpetual Trophies, for which the winners are selected on merit at the discretion of the organising committee. The **Commodore's Trophy** is for a boat in a class for IRC-rated boats. The **Founder's Salver** is for a boat in a non-IRC-rated class.

11. Further Information

The **event contact details** are below.

SMS: SMS messages will only be used to advise if racing is abandoned due to severe weather and will only be sent to those numbers included with the entry.

WhatsApp: from approximately 3 weeks before the event, competitors may join the event WhatsApp group to receive some general information (e.g whether racing is going ahead in bad weather, documents available). The link to join the group will be on the event web site www.warsashspringseries.org.uk. Courses will not be distributed on WhatsApp.

12. Entry Fees

	Full event (4 days)	Day rate
Under 9m LOA & Sportsboats	£225	£70
9m to 11.99m LOA	£275	£80
12.0m or more LOA	£325	£95

Early Bird Discounts

For entries for the full event received before 10th April:

- a discount of £25 will apply.
- Warsash Sailing Club members may deduct an additional £50.

A discount of £10 per day will apply to day rate entries received before 10th April.

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