



WARSASH SPRING SERIES

Warsash Spring Championship 2021

BLACK GROUP SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (Incorporating Amendment 1)

1 RACE SCHEDULE

- 1.1 The Spring Championship will take place on Saturday and Sunday 17-18 April and 24-25 April.
- 1.2 The Championship for each class will comprise up to 10 races, with 5 races a weekend and normally with no more than 3 races each day.
- 1.3 All boats shall follow the [RYA Guidance on sailing and racing with participants from different households](#) on maintaining separation between crew members while afloat.
- 1.4 The crew of each boat shall be limited to 80% of the boat's IRC certificate crew number, rounded to the nearest whole number with 0.5 rounded upwards, except that all boats may opt to race with a minimum of 5 crew.

2 RULES

- 2.1 Racing will take place under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2 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.warsashsc.org.uk/springseries/.
- 2.3 Subject to SI 5.2, any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the event web site by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 SAFETY

- 3.1 Boats shall comply with the latest World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 races; or with their Class Safety Regulations if to an equal or higher standard.
- 3.2 If flag "Y" is displayed, lifejackets shall be clearly visible to other boats.
- 3.3 **Shipping:** to avoid commercial shipping that is under way, a boat may use her engine, or any other means of propulsion, without retiring. This shall be reported to the Race Committee (RC) at the finish and with full details provided by email to the Race Office (springseries@warsashsc.org.uk) before the protest time limit. The RC may refer the matter to the Protest Committee which may impose a penalty without a hearing if an advantage has been gained. This affects RRS 42.3(i) and changes 63.1.
- 3.4 **Retirement:** boats retiring shall advise the RC as soon as possible, before leaving the race area. Any boat that retires without advising the RC will be scored DNC. This changes RRS A5.
- 3.5 **No anchor** shall be carried forward of the stem or with any part of it outboard, except when anchoring.
- 3.6 **Boats with retracting bowsprits:** All bowsprits shall be fully retracted at all times other than when the spinnaker is set or in the act of being set or recovered. To exonerate herself from each infringement, a boat shall take a One-Turn Penalty as described in RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

4 GENERAL

- 4.1 **The IRC class splits** are as follows:

IRC Class 1 TCC 1.075 and above

IRC Class 2 TCC 0.965 to 1.074

IRC Class 3 TCC 0.964 and below

It is each boat's responsibility to race in the correct class, whether or not the RC publishes lists suggesting which classes may apply. That includes boats whose IRC rating is awaited. If any boat without a rating chooses the wrong class, she must move to the right class once her rating is known; Boats will not change class on change of rating

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- 4.2 **Keeping clear of committee boats:** boats are strongly urged to keep at least 5 metres away from all RC boats. Boats shall not touch any RC boat or her anchor line or chain, or any buoy, RIB or tender attached to any RC boat. Any boat that does so may be protested by the RC but not by another boat. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 4.3 **Any boat damaging or moving a mark** or its ground tackle shall inform the RC as soon as possible, normally immediately.
- 4.4 **Sail numbers** must be easily legible to the RC in all conditions. Dark blue/red numbers on dark sails do not comply. Otherwise, boats may be scored DNC or DNF and will be ineligible for redress, this changes RRS62.1, A5 & A10. In exceptional circumstances, a boat may seek consent from the RC before 0900 on the race day to use sails with a number not complying with the RRS for that day only. If consent is given, this changes RRS 77.
- 4.5 **Equipment checks and measurement:** the RC may make spot checks on equipment and may require any boat to be measured at any time.

5 COMMUNICATIONS and COMMITTEE BOATS

- 5.1 **Notices to Competitors and Changes to the Sailing Instructions:** notices will be posted on the official notice board which is on the Spring Series web site at www.warsashsc.org.uk/springseries/.
- 5.2 **New changes in SIs:** IC flag "L" will be displayed on the Race Control boat and advised by radio (See SI 1c)) at about 1130 and 1145. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 5.3 **Event WhatsApp Group** – competitors may join the event WhatsApp group to receive general information at the event. The link to join the event can be found at www.warsashsc.org.uk/springseries/
- 5.4 **Abandonment:** if a day's racing is to be abandoned ashore it will be signaled at WSC. It may also be advised by: WhatsApp, text to registered mobile phones; by radio; on the Series website; and/or on a committee boat in the start area.
- 5.5 **The class flags** set out below will be used.
- IRC1 to 3: International Code Numerals 1 to 3. Performance 40s will race in IRC1.
- HP30 Class: Numeral pennant 8.
- Quarter Ton class: Numeral pennant 9.
- Sonata Class: Numeral pennant 5.
- Boats shall display their class flag prominently in the aft part of the boat at least 1.5 metres above deck level.

5.6 Committee Boats

- The **Warsash Black Race Control** boat will display International Code Flag 3rd Substitute and a yellow Warsash Committee flag.
- An Outer Distance Start Boat, if used, will display an orange start line flag and a yellow Warsash Committee flag. This committee boat may be used for some finishes.
- RC RIBs will display a yellow WSC burgee or logo.

5.7 Radio Communications

- Courses and other information** will be advised by VHF radio on international channel 04. Boats should monitor this traffic throughout. Note that international (INT) channel 04 must be selected and not USA channel 04.
- If transmissions on channel 04 fail, IC flag "D" will be displayed. Channel M1 (37) will be used instead.
- Warsash Black Race Control will transmit the start location from about 1045 and other information at about 1115 & 1130. Boats should check their radio reception from this and not call for radio checks.
- Any boat needing to contact the RC may call Warsash Black Race Control on VHF channel M1 (37) - but not when the RC is transmitting on channel 04 – and should return to monitoring channel 04 after speaking to the RC. Competing boats cannot be heard on channel 04.

6 STARTS

- 6.1 **Starts** will usually be in the area Bramble Bank/Hill Head/Ryde Middle.
- 6.2 **Time of starts:** the first start will be at 1200 each day. The starts of two or more classes may be combined.
- 6.3 **Starting Order**
- The Starting Order** for the first race each day is expected to be:
IRC1, HP30 class, IRC2, Quarter Ton Class, IRC3 and Sonata Class.
On Saturdays it is likely that classes will usually start at 5-minute intervals and on Sundays at 10-minute intervals; the arrangements will be advised by radio.
 - Any change will be advised by Amendment to SIs or by radio before the warning signal for any class affected.
- 6.4 **To alert boats** that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

- 6.5 **Starting Line:** between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Control boat and an Outer Distance Mark (ODM) which will be described by the RC by radio before the preparatory signal. The ODM may sometimes be a staff displaying an orange flag on an Outer Distance Boat (ODB).
- 6.6 **An Inner Distance Mark (IDM)** may be laid near the Race Control boat. Boats shall not cross the line between an IDM and the Race Control boat after the one-minute signal for each race and before starting and clearing the line. A boat infringing this rule may exonerate herself by rounding the end of the starting line to the pre-start side before starting. The Race Control boat, IDM and ODM all rank as starting marks.
- 6.7 **Races will be started** using RRS 26. The warning signal may be at the same time as the start of the previous class, or after a short interval. The arrangement will be advised by radio.
- 6.8 **In the last minute** before the start, if any boats are seen on the course side of the line, IC flag "X" may be raised, and lowered when these boats have returned to the pre-course side of the line, in each case with no sound signal. Failure to display this flag before the starting signal will not be grounds for redress.
- 6.9 **Individual Recall:** At least one minute after the display of IC flag "X", the RC may make a radio announcement identifying any boat that remains OCS. Failure to make this announcement will not be grounds for redress.
- 6.10 **General Recalls and Starting Penalties**
- After a general recall**, the arrangements for re-starting will be advised by radio and as signaled. The re-start may be after one or more other classes in which case the First Substitute will be removed after 4 minutes with no sound signal. Alternatively, the re-start may immediately follow the original start with signals in accordance with RRS 29.2.
 - If a U Flag or Black Flag starting penalty** applies, the RC may advise sail numbers of infringing boats by radio.
 - This SI changes RRS 29.2, 30.4 and Race Signals.

7 COURSES

- 7.1 **Courses** will be set using marks listed in Appendix B and announced on VHF radio (see SI c)) using the 2-character codes. All marks are rounding marks unless individually stated to be passed instead. The course will normally be read before the warning signal for each class and repeated after the preparatory signal.
- However, if under SI 6.7 the warning signal is at the same time as the start for the previous class, the course may be read after the warning signal but no later than immediately after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 27.1.
- 7.2 **Shortening or Changing Course, or abandoning a race** (changes RRS 33 and Race Signals):
- Course change:** If a committee boat, which may be a RIB, is on station near to any rounding mark making repetitive sound signals and displaying IC flag "F" and a board showing a 2-character mark code, this indicates a change to the announced course. The 2-character code identifies the next mark which shall be the finish. This mark may not have been part of the original course. Boats shall round the mark at which the change of course is displayed and then proceed directly to the mark indicated and finish between it and a staff displaying IC flag "S" on the nearby committee boat. Should a class flag(s) also be displayed, then the change only applies to the signaled class(es).
 - Shortening or changing course:** relevant information may also be announced on VHF radio (see SI c)).
 - A change in the position** of a laid mark will not be signaled if it involves shortening or lengthening a leg by up to 0.25 mile, or changing its direction by no more than 20°. Any such change may be advised by radio.
 - The RC may shorten or abandon** a race for major wind shifts or irregular or inadequate winds. This changes RRS 32.1.

8 FINISHING

- 8.1 **The finishing line** is between the last mark of the course and the spar displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat. The finishing boat will display a Warsash Committee flag and may additionally display an orange diamond shape to help identification.
- 8.2 **Finishing Window**
- The RC may notify a time limit** for a class when announcing the course. This changes RRS 35.
 - The Finishing Window is the time** for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. See SI 11 for scoring.
 - Unless otherwise notified for a class when announcing the course, the **Finishing Window** is 30 minutes on Saturdays and 60 minutes on Sundays.
- 8.3 **Time Limit:** In addition to the provisions of SI 8.2: On Saturday 17 April, for any race that is in progress at 1425, the time limit for all boats to finish is 1455. Any boat that has not finished by 1455 will be scored TLE. See SI 11.3(c). This changes RRS 35. This is to enable boats to observe the national silence at 1500.

9 PENALTIES

- 9.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn penalty.

- 9.2 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 but which does not take a penalty in accordance with SI 11.3 may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of the first related protest hearing, notify the RC by email that she accepts a 30% scoring place penalty as stated in RRS 44.3(c), unless RRS 44.1(b) applies. When accepted, a protest committee cannot penalize that boat further over the same incident, except under Rules 2 or 69, or when rule 44.1(b) applies.

10 PROTESTS

- 10.1 **The time limit for lodging protests** is 1900 hours on the day of the race. Protests and requests for redress, complying with RRS 61.2 and 62.2 respectively, shall be submitted by email to springseries@warsashsc.org.uk. Hearing Request forms (Protest forms) are not required but are acceptable, they are available from the documents section of the event or RYA web sites.
- 10.2 **The list of protests** received will be published on the website after the time limit. Boats directly involved will be sent emails to addresses provided as part of the entry process.
- 10.3 **Protests** will be heard by teleconference in the week after the race; normally on the Wednesday evening. Arrangements will be made by email. the PC will not usually postpone a hearing to a later time unless an application providing a good reason is received by 48 hours beforehand. This changes RRS 63.3(b)
- 10.4 **Protests brought by the RC or the Protest Committee (PC)** will be notified to boats involved by email or other means. RRS 61.1(b) is changed so that the time limit shall not apply to RC/PC protests.
- 10.5 **The RC or the PC may protest a boat for a breach of the IRPCAS** under the preamble to Part 2 of the RRS or of SI 2.2 as a result of information arising from a request for redress or an invalid protest or from a report from any source including a person with a conflict of interest. This changes RRS 60.2(a) and 60.3(a).
- 10.6 **Penalties are at the PC's discretion.** Penalties may be imposed that are less than DSQ, that affect any number of races, or may be non-discardable. If the PC considers that points for retiring from a race make an insufficient penalty in the circumstances, it may impose a higher penalty. This changes RRS 64.2.
- 10.7 On Friday afternoons before race days and on race days, the Race Office may be contacted on 07561 198403 or by email at any time (springseries@warsashsc.org.uk).

11 SCORING SYSTEM AND RACES TO COUNT

- 11.1 **Three races** are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 11.2 **Discards:** when fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.3 **Scoring (This changes RRS A5.1, A5.2 and A10)**
- a) DNF, OCS, DNS, RET Number of starters + 1
 - b) DSQ, DNE, BFD, UFD Number of starters + 2.
 - c) TLE Number of finishers + 2 (Time Limit Expired)
 - d) P30 30% place penalty applied in accordance with RRS 44.3 (c)
 - e) DNC Number of entries in the series + 3
- 11.4 RRS A8.2 shall not apply: ties unbroken after RRS A8.1 shall stand.
- 11.5 **Boats that change ownership** or are chartered by a different charterer during a series will not count points scored by a previous owner/charterer. Before racing, the new owner/charterer must submit a signed entry form.

12 RESULTS and PRIZES

- 12.1 **Provisional results** will be displayed on the website at www.warsashsc.org.uk/springseries/results/. Final results will be displayed on the website after the end of the Series.
- 12.2 **A Winner's Trophy** will be awarded to the winners of each class. Second and subsequent prizes will be presented according to the number of entries. Additional prizes of sailing equipment will be awarded by the race supporter. These trophies and prizes are retained permanently by the winners.
- 12.3 **Perpetual Trophies**, for which the winners are selected on merit at the discretion of the organising committee:
- a) **The Commodore's Trophy** for a boat in a class for IRC-rated boats.
 - b) **The Founder's Salver** for a boat in a non-IRC-rated class.
- Those trophies are held by the winners for a year and then returned to the Club to be awarded for next year's event.
- 12.4 **The Prize Giving** will be at 2000 on Friday 21st May. Depending on the Covid Regulations, it will either be held at Warsash Sailing Club or be held online. An announcement will be made by 14th May. All competitors are invited.

13 RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1 **Attention is drawn to the Risk Statement** set out in the Notice of Race paragraph 9 and the undertaking by the entrant when entering to accept the Notice of Race and comply with its provisions.
- 13.2 In addition, it is the responsibility of each competitor 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.

APPENDIX A - SPECIAL FLAGS & SIGNALS FOR BLACK GROUP

| The list shows some signals with special meanings for the Warsash Spring Series and Championship; these meanings may replace or add to RRS Race Signals. See the SIs for further details. | | | |
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| Flag | Meaning | Flown where | SI ref |
| D | Black Group: Radio channel 37a in use, as channel 04 is unavailable | Warsash Black Race Control boat and/or Finishing boat | 5.7 |
| F | Round this mark and go directly to the mark whose number is displayed | RIB or committee boat near a rounding mark | 7.2 |
| L | Amendment to SIs | Warsash Black Race Control boat | 5.2 |
| X | May also be shown in last minute pre-start, if boats are over the line | Warsash Black Race Control boat | 6.8 |
| Y | Lifejackets to be worn visibly | Warsash Black Race Control boat | 3.2 |
| 3rd Sub | Warsash Black Race Control boat | Warsash Black Race Control boat | 5.6 |
| Orange Diamond | Finish boat on station (the diamond is a shape not a flag) | Warsash Black Finishing committee boat | 8.1 |
| Yellow | Committee Boat (flag reads "Warsash Committee") | Race Control, Outer Distance or Finishing Boat | 5.6 |

APPENDIX B - LIST OF MARKS and 2-CHARACTER CODES

| MARKS with CODES 3G to 5C are FIXED MARKS | | | | |
|---|---|--------|------------|-------------|
| Code | Name | Colour | Latitude N | Longitude W |
| 3G | Kilburn & Strode Patents & TMs (ex Sevenstar Yacht Transport) | Y | 50 46.58 | 01 21.46 |
| 3H | East Lepe | R | 50 45.93 | 01 21.07 |
| 3K | Lepe Spit | YB | 50 46.78 | 01 20.64 |
| 3N | Stansore | Y | 50 47.07 | 01 19.88 |
| 3S | TeamO Marine (ex Royal Thames) | Y | 50 47.81 | 01 19.25 |
| 3U | Gurnard | BY | 50 46.22 | 01 18.84 |
| 3W | Williams Shipping | Y | 50 47.20 | 01 18.55 |
| 3Y | West Knoll | Y | 50 47.43 | 01 17.84 |
| 3O | RORC | Y | 50 47.12 | 01 17.72 |
| 31 | South Bramble | G | 50 46.98 | 01 17.72 |
| 33 | Prince Consort | BY | 50 46.41 | 01 17.56 |
| 4B | Coronation | Y | 50 49.55 | 01 17.62 |
| 4C | Fumesy (ex Chilling) | Y | 50 49.21 | 01 17.46 |
| 4E | Jane | Y | 50 47.67 | 01 17.00 |
| 4F | Royal Thames (ex Deloitte Sailing Club) | Y | 50 47.20 | 01 17.00 |
| 4G | Cutter | Y | 50 49.45 | 01 16.91 |
| 4H | East Knoll | G | 50 47.96 | 01 16.83 |
| 4J | hamblewinterseries.com | Y | 50 48.63 | 01 16.65 |
| 4K | Royal London YC | Y | 50 46.15 | 01 16.65 |
| 4L | William | Y | 50 49.03 | 01 16.49 |
| 4M | Hill Head | R | 50 48.07 | 01 16.00 |
| 4N | QXI International | Y | 50 47.27 | 01 15.90 |
| 4P | West Ryde Middle | YBY | 50 46.48 | 01 15.79 |
| 4Q | John Fisher | Y | 50 48.46 | 01 15.72 |
| 4R | Darling Buoy | Y | 50 49.18 | 01 15.71 |
| 4S | Royal Southern | Y | 50 48.86 | 01 15.43 |
| 4T | Norris (see note #) | R | 50 45.97 | 01 15.51 |
| 4U | Goodall Roofing (ex TeamO Marine) | Y | 50 46.43 | 01 15.09 |
| 4V | Hamble Yacht Services | Y | 50 48.13 | 01 14.64 |
| 4W | Ancasta (ex Goodall Roofing) | Y | 50 47.33 | 01 14.59 |
| 4X | Colette | Y | 50 45.53 | 01 14.39 |
| 4Y | North Ryde Middle | R | 50 46.61 | 01 14.31 |
| 4Z | South Ryde Middle | G | 50 46.13 | 01 14.16 |
| 40 | Fastnet Insurance | Y | 50 47.66 | 01 13.65 |
| 41 | East Bramble | BYB | 50 47.23 | 01 13.64 |
| 42 | Peel Bank | R | 50 45.49 | 01 13.35 |
| 43 | Yawl (ex Velociwrap Graphics) | Y | 50 46.16 | 01 13.09 |
| 44 | Royal Yacht Squadron | Y | 50 47.31 | 01 12.10 |
| 45 | South East Ryde Middle | YB | 50 45.93 | 01 12.10 |
| 46 | North East Ryde Middle | R | 50 46.21 | 01 11.88 |
| 47 | Contessa 32 Class (ex Maraval) | Y | 50 47.70 | 01 15.25 |
| 48 | Paul Heys | Y | 50 48.28 | 01 16.90 |
| 5A | Quarr (ex Liam) | Y | 50 45.03 | 01 11.89 |
| 5B | Mother Bank | R | 50 45.49 | 01 11.21 |
| 5C | Browndown | G | 50 46.57 | 01 10.95 |

| 8M - 8Y are STANDARD POSITIONS FOR MOVABLE MARKS | | | |
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| The description of the buoy will be advised by radio | | | |
| Code | Location | Latitude N | Longitude W |
| 8M | 0.4M W of 4N QXI International | 50 47.22 | 1 16.46 |
| 8P | 0.4M W of 4W Ancasta | 50 47.30 | 1 15.25 |
| 8Q | 0.4M SE of 4Q John Fisher | 50 48.28 | 1 15.21 |
| 8R | 0.4M SE of 4S Royal Southern | 50 48.64 | 1 15.00 |
| 8S | 0.4M SE of 4T Norris | 50 45.72 | 1 14.95 |
| 8T | 0.3M SSW of 4Y N. Ryde Middle | 50 46.33 | 1 14.50 |
| 8U | 0.4M SE of 4V Hamble Yacht Servs | 50 47.90 | 1 14.20 |
| 8V | 0.5M ENE of 4V Hamble Yacht Servs | 50 48.28 | 1 13.98 |
| 8W | 0.5M SE of 4Y N. Ryde Middle | 50 46.40 | 1 13.58 |
| 8X | 0.6M SE of 40 Fastnet Insurance | 50 47.47 | 1 12.90 |
| 8Y | 0.6M SE of 44 Royal Yacht Squadron | 50 47.00 | 1 11.30 |

| STANDARD LAID MARKS | |
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| The position and description of the buoy will be advised by radio | |
| 9A | Windward Laid Mark |
| 9B | Windward Spreader Mark |
| 9C | Leeward Laid Mark |
| 9D | Leeward Spreader Mark |
| 9E | Leeward Gate |
| 9F | Middle Gate |
| 9G | Wing Mark |
| 9H | Outer Distance Mark |
| 9J | Finish Mark |
| 9K | Far Windward Mark |
| 9L | Far Windward Spreader |
| 9M | Near Windward Mark |
| 9N | Near Windward Spreader |
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Only used for passing and keeping boats out of channel, not for ordinary rounding.
Use of other main channel marks should be minimised

9P to 9Z and 90 to 99 are LAID MARKS
whose position and description will be advised by radio

OTHER SOLENT MARKS may be used, being named in full

Colours: B=Black G=Green R=Red Y=Yellow

Codes are consistent with the current Cowes Week/SCRA Mark Code lists

No responsibility is accepted for any error in positions