



Warsash Sailing Club



Notice of Race

Buzz Open and Blaze Traveller Series Saturday, Sunday 7th & 8th September 2019

1. Rules

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the RYA, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions issued for this event and the Class Rules. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.
- 1.2. The Post-Race Penalty and Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures shall apply (for information on the procedures, go to www.rya.org.uk/rulesdisputes). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.
- 1.3. The racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - a) Rule A4.1 changed so, at the Race Committee's discretion and after the first boat has finished, boats may be awarded points according to their observed position on the course.
 - b) Rule 40 changed so that personal Flotation Devices must be worn at all times while afloat. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions which may change other racing rules.
- 1.4. **RYA Racing Charter:** Competitors should note that Warsash Sailing Club as the organising authority implements the RYA Racing Charter and that all competitors are required to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found in the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing) or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter

2. **Advertising:** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry:

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all Buzz, Blaze, Halo and Fire class dinghies.
- 3.2. All Blaze, Halo and Fire entrants must be paid up members of the Blaze Class Association for their results to be counted in the Blaze Traveller Series

4. Entry fee: The entry fee for the event is

- 4.1.1. Buzz Class £40 discounted to £35 if entered and paid by 11th August
- 4.1.2. Blaze, Halo and Fire classes £35 discounted to £30 if entered and paid by 11th August.

Entries may be completed online at www.rya.org.uk or at registration on Saturday 7th September 2019. Boats entering online shall complete and sign an entry form at registration.

5. **Registration:** Registration will be from 09.00 on Saturday 7th September in the Main Hall in Shore House,
6. **Briefing:** There will be a competitor briefing at 10.30 on Saturday and 09.00 on Sunday.
7. **Sailing Instructions:** The sailing instructions will be issued at registration.
8. **Races:** There will be a maximum of 6 races. A maximum of 1 discard will be allowed. The first race will not start before 1230 on Saturday. The last race will not start after 15.00 on Sunday. The target duration of each race will be 45 minutes.



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9. **The Courses:** The courses to be sailed will be a combination of windward/leeward legs and triangles, or trapezoids.
10. **Race area:** The race area will be within Southampton Water/The Solent up to 2 miles from WSC. Boats are not expected to return ashore between races.
11. **Risk Statement:** 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".

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) Personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors whilst afloat (Changes RRS 40);
 - h) 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 competitor briefing held for the event;
 - i) Their boat is required to hold adequate insurance and, to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000.
12. **Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in the Buzz and Blaze fleets. A prize will be awarded to the first boats in the Halo and Fire fleets provided there are at least 3 boats in that fleet. Other prizes may also be awarded.

13. Social

- 13.1. Breakfast will be available in the Warsash SC from 08:00 both Saturday and Sunday mornings.
- 13.2. The bar will be open from 17:00 on Saturday with live music during the evening.
- 13.3. Saturday evening meal at Shore House may be ordered and paid for at registration on Saturday morning.
- 13.4. Hot drinks and cakes will be provided for each competitor when arriving back at Shore House after each day's sailing courtesy of Vantage Sailing.

14. Further Information may be obtained from:

Admin, Warsash Sailing Club, Shore Road, Warsash, Southampton, SO31 9FS.

Phone 01489 583575 (0930 – 1500 Weekdays).

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