



Warsash Sailing Club



Notice of Race

Finn and Devoti D-One Open Meeting Saturday, Sunday 10 & 11 October 2020

COVID -19 Statement

Warsash Sailing Club adopts a cautious approach to organising and running this event. Government regulations and RYA guidance shall apply to all members and visitors, who participate or provide on the water assistance. The Club may cancel the event at short notice, as a result of Government action or to comply with the latest regulations or local lockdown. Warsash Sailing Club or the class associations will not accept any responsibility for any costs incurred by competitors, friends, families or support teams making arrangements to attend the event.

Please spend time and look at the WSC website for details of how the Club manages its COVID compliance to keep you and Club members safe. <https://www.warsashsc.org.uk/>

WSC Flag officers have conducted detailed risk assessments to keep you safe. You are required to abide by the rules the Club has set out to manage the disease and keep members and visitors safe. We expect all visitors to abide by the COVID one-way systems and to be aware of and considerate to other visitors and members. We expect you to know your personal limits and look after yourself whilst afloat as included in the risk statement below. The overriding principle remains that individuals attending at the Club to sail do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility.

Visitors and members are required to keep current government guidance on social distancing in mind while on Club premises. In particular if assisting other members to launch or recover boats using the slipway, please keep a safe distance from each other.

The Club will provide hand sanitiser and disinfectant spray. Please use hand sanitiser on entering the Club house and changing rooms. Spray and wipe down surfaces before and after you have touched them, expect all surfaces to be contaminated. Sailors should arrive at the Club changed for sailing. The changing rooms are only open to a maximum of 6 persons at one time.

You are required to sign into the Club and follow the designated one-way systems in the clubhouses. Social distancing applies at all times. Where, 2m or 1m plus distancing is not practicable face coverings are recommended within buildings.

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 40 changed so that personal flotation devices must be worn at all times while afloat.



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- b) 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. 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 members of the British Finn Association and the Devoti D-One class association.
4. **Entry fee:** The entry fee for the event is £35. Entries may be completed online for the Finn at <https://www.warsashsc.org.uk/open-events/finn/> and for the D~One at <https://www.warsashsc.org.uk/open-events/devotid1/> or at registration on Saturday 10 October. Entry online will be accepted as agreement with the risk assessment and acceptance of the Racing Charter.
5. **Registration:** Registration will be from 09:00 on Saturday 10 October in the Main Hall in Shore House,
6. **Briefing:** There will be a competitor briefing will be via a 'Whats App' or online at 10:30 on Saturday and 09.00 on Sunday.
7. **Sailing Instructions:** The final revised sailing instructions will be issued at registration and updated on the WSC Website.
8. **Races:** There will be a maximum of 7 races. A maximum of 1 discard will be allowed. The first race will not start before 12:30 on Saturday. The last race will not start after 15:00 on Sunday. The target duration of each race will be 45 minutes.
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 offshore from Solent Breezes. Boats are not expected to return ashore between races.
11. **Towline:** Boats shall carry a floating towline of at least 8 millimetres in diameter and 10 metres in length. This line must be accessible without breaching the integral buoyancy of the dinghy and must not have any attachments such as shackles or knots.
12. **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;



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- 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.
 - j) each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the Warsash SC COVID-19 procedures. The penalty for a breach of this rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. Boats may not protest for breaches of this rule. This changes rule 60.1(a).
13. **Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each fleet. Other prizes may also be awarded.
14. **Social** – subject to COVID restrictions
- 14.1. The bar will be open from 17:00 on Saturday
- 14.2. Saturday evening meal at Shore House may be ordered and paid for at registration on Saturday morning
15. **Privacy and imagery**
- 15.1. The personal information that owners, charterers, competitors and others provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate their participation in the event. If they 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 they are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Their personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the WSC privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.
- 15.2. Competitors' contact details may be given to other competitors with a valid need (e.g. parties to a protest).
- 15.3. By taking part in the event, competitors automatically grant the WSC 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.
16. **Car parking and accommodation**
- 16.1. Two free carparks are located very close to the sailing club (30 seconds to 2 minutes walk), please do not park in the dinghy compounds. However, there are no facilities for campervans overnight.
- 16.2. Boats can be parked in the dinghy compound next to Shore House clubhouse, launching is via the public slipway. Please find a space in a dinghy compound for the weekend.
- 16.3. An accommodation list is available on the WSC website at www.warsashsc.org.uk/visitors/local-accommodation/
17. **Further Information may be obtained from:**



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