

Warsash Sailing Club

Notice of Race

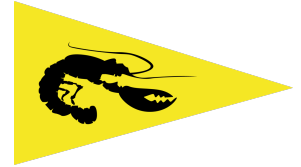
Dinghy and Cruiser Club Championships 24-25 July 2021

HW Portsmouth

Saturday 24th – 12:53

Sunday 25th – 13:43

1. **Organising Authority:** Warsash Sailing Club (WSC).
2. **Rules:** WSC Club Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2020-2024, the Prescriptions of the RYA, the WSC Dinghy Racing - Sailing Instructions 2021~22, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions issued for the series. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. Any changes to the rules will be detailed in the series Sailing Instructions.
3. **RYA Racing Charter:** Competitors should note that WSC 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 2020- 2024) or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter
4. **Eligibility:** Club racing is open to WSC members. The cruiser 'passage race' is open to cruising and racing yachts with an internal cabin accommodation and an auxiliary engine, capable of propelling the vessel at hull speed of at least 4 knots.
5. **Entry:**
 - All dinghy helms must complete the online WSC boat registration before they are entitled to race. Boats must be 'signed on' and 'off', with an appropriate declaration completed (Dinghy SI 3). Boats helmed by anyone under the age of 18yrs must be 'signed on' to race by an appropriate adult, the young person must 'sign out' to say they have or have not completed the course correctly.
 - Cruisers, must, email sailsec@warsashsc.org.uk with the make and class of yacht, owner/helm name, sail number, name of yacht, handicap if appropriate, and mobile telephone number. Each yacht must, prior to the start conduct a radio check with the Race Committee to confirm their entry with the race officer on VHF channel 37 (M1). If a competitor cannot be raised by VHF, they will be scored as DNS.
6. **Schedule of races and start times:**
 - Dinghies in the superfast, fast, medium and slow fleets will race a maximum of six races on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th July with a preparatory signal at 10:55 – Briefing in Shore House at 09:30 on both days. The intention is to run one race before lunch and a second after lunch with the third sailed immediately after the afternoon race.
 - Cruisers will race a 'passage race' eg around the Brambles or course specified on the day, on Sunday 25th July, starting in the vicinity of Bald Head on a committee boat line, with the preparatory signal at 11:55.



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7. **Safety:** All dinghies must carry a floating towing warp of at least 8mm in diameter and 10mtrs in length, without any knots or additional attachments such as carabiners or shackles.
All dinghies must stay clear of the main shipping channel in accordance with Southampton Port bylaws.
8. **Handicaps:**
- Dinghies will race under the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick system;
 - a. Superfast handicap – 1033 or less
 - b. Fast handicap 1034 - 1099 and above
 - c. Medium handicap 1100 - 1199
 - d. Slow handicap 1200 - 1500
 - Cruisers will race under WSC Handicaps.
9. **Scoring:** Scoring will generally be in accordance with RRS Appendix A
10. **Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded for each dinghy handicap group and for the cruisers. Trophies may also be awarded for the event overall or other reasons.
11. **Risk Statement:**
Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for the decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is that of the helm and crew alone.” Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - f) the provision of patrol boat cover for dinghies is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically 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 at the venue;
 - i) for dinghy racing personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors whilst afloat;
 - j) their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.
 - k) 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).
12. **Further Information** may be obtained from the Sailing Secretary (sailsec@warsashsc.org.uk)
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