



Notice of Race

Dinghy and Cruiser Racing 2021 – 2022

1. **Organising Authority:** Warsash Sailing Club (WSC).
2. **Rules:** WSC Club Racing shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, the Prescriptions of the RYA, 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 shall 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 2021- 2024) or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter
4. **Eligibility:** Club racing is open to WSC members and visitors from other clubs. Cruiser racing 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 Club members sailing dinghies are required to complete and return the appropriate registration form, **for each boat they helm**, prior to competing. Forms are available from the Club web site (www.warsashsc.org.uk) and in Lobster Quay clubhouse. Online or signed paper copies must be returned before racing. Boats and helms not registered shall not be given a result.
Races: Dates and start times and series for all Club racing are published in the WSC Sailing Calendar which is mailed to members and is available on the WSC web site (www.warsashsc.org.uk/calendar/sailing-calendar/)

Other racing may be provided and publicised in the newsletter or by group email. Racing is provided for the following groups:

- a. Dinghies
 - b. Cruisers
6. **Schedule of races and start times:** Start times are as listed in the WSC sailing calendar 2021. Wednesday and Friday (A,B,C series) evening dinghy racing shall start from the Club line and the first start is normally at 18:30, although races in early April and from late August start at 18:00. The Winter series starts in late September and the Aussie Summer series after Christmas through into March. Cruisers shall start off Bald Head on a committee boat line, with the preparatory signal at 18:40.

7. **Safety:** all dinghy helms must complete a boat registration before they are entitled to race. Boats must be 'signed on' and 'out' of all club racing events with an appropriate declaration completed. 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.
 8. 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.
 9. **Saturday "Monthly Mayhem":** races are outside starts with two or three races per day. The first start is usually scheduled for 16:00, subsequent races shall start as soon as possible after the finish of the previous race.
 10. **Handicaps:** Dinghies shall race under the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick system; cruisers shall race under WSC Handicaps which may change during the series.
 11. **Scoring:** Scoring shall generally be in accordance with RRS Appendix A, but different series may have different requirements for the numbers of races to count; these are described in the Sailing Instructions. Sailors allocated a Club duty for a race may be awarded points for that race; the group sailing instructions provide further details.
 12. **Prizes:** Prizes shall be awarded for each series. Trophies may also be awarded for series overall or other reasons. Prizes shall normally be awarded at the annual prize giving and dinner generally held in November.
 13. **Risk Statement:**

Rule 4 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;
 - h) for dinghy racing personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors whilst afloat;
 - i) their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.
 14. **Further Information may be obtained from the Sailing Secretary (sailsec@warsash.org.uk) or event leads as listed in the Sailing Calendar.**
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