



***Fire and Solution National Championships
and Blaze Open Meeting***

5/6 September 2026

Saturday 5th September HW 0600/1837 (BST & Portsmouth)
Sunday 6th September HW 0733/2008

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will take place under The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Class Rules (The Class Rules can be found on the event site), the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions (SIs). In the event of a conflict these SIs shall apply.
- 1.2 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) applies.
- 1.3 Competitors should note that Warsash Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the RYA Charter which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book.
- 1.4 The Racing rules of Sailing will be changed as follows:
 - 1.4.1 Rule 40.1 shall apply at all times when afloat.
 - 1.4.2 Rule A3 changed so, at the Race Committee's discretion and after the first boat has finished, boats may be award points according to their observed position on the course. See SI 14.2
 - 1.4.3 Rules A4 & A5 changed so a boat not starting within 4 minutes of the start signal is scored DNS.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the River Room Window at Shore House. Notices may also be posted on the Competitors WhatsApp Group.
- 2.2 There will be competitor briefings at 1030 on Saturday and 0900 on Sunday on the lawn at Shore House.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before the briefing on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the scheduled time of the first race will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Shore House Flag Staff.



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- 4.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 1230 and on Sunday is 1030. It is intended to sail 3 races each day.
- 5.2 At the discretion of the Race Committee up to 4 races per day may be sailed on either day in order to complete the series. The intention to sail 4 races will be announced at the daily briefing.
- 5.3 No start sequence will commence after 1500 on Sunday except following a general recall of that race.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flags will be:

Solution	Solution class insignia or Flag D
Fire	FIRE class insignia or Flag F
Blaze	BLAZE class insignia or Flag B

7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1 The Race Area will be between Coronation and Darling Buoy which is approximately 1.5 miles from the Club. Any change to the intended Race Area will be announced at the briefing.
- 7.2 Competitors will be escorted to and from the Race Area.

8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 The courses to be sailed will be a combination of windward/leeward legs and triangles, or trapezoids.
- 8.2 The diagrams in Appendix A shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark will be passed.
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal, the course designation, number of laps and approximate bearing to the windward mark will be displayed from the Committee Boat.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 1a, 2, 3 and 4 will be Orange inflatable buoys.
- 9.2 The Outer Distance Starting Mark will be a Dan Buoy flying an Orange Flag.
- 9.3 The Outer Distance Finish Mark will be a small orange inflatable buoy.
- 9.4 The Race Committee may use marks of a different size/colour and the start and finish marks may both be in place at the same time.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26 (5, 4, 1 Go).
- 10.2 The Starting Line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the port-end Start Mark.
- 10.3 The intended start order is: Solution, Fire, Blaze.
- 10.4 The warning signal for a following class may be made at the same time as the start of the previous class start or after a short delay.
- 10.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 & A5.



11 MINIMUM WIND STRENGTH

- 11.1 Races will not be started unless the Race Officer is satisfied that the wind strength over the whole course is more than an average of four knots.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original Mark (or the Finishing Line) to a new position.
- 12.2 Changes of length of the leg or of less than 10 degrees will not be signalled. This Changes RRS 33.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The Finishing Line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the Committee boat and the finish mark.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The intended duration of each race is 40 minutes.
- 14.2 To expedite the series, and at the Race Committee's discretion, boats failing to finish within 5 or more minutes of the first boat may be awarded points according to their observed position on the course. The display of Flag 'W' with 5 sound signals will indicate that this SI applies. This changes Rule A.4.1.

15 COMMITTEE BOAT IDENTIFICATION

- 15.1 The Committee Boat will be a Match 35 yacht and will be described in the briefing and will display a Warsash Committee Flag.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 A boat that intends to protest shall inform the Committee Boat immediately after finishing the race in which the incident occurred.
- 16.2 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) applies.
- 16.3 Protest forms are available at the Race Office and shall be delivered there. Protests shall be delivered within the protest time limit.
- 16.4 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat in the class returns ashore.
- 16.5 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the earliest opportunity.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series. Discards will be applied as follows:
- a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - b) When from 4 to 6 races have been completed, a competitor's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 [NP] Boats shall 'tally out' immediately before launching and 'tally in' immediately on returning ashore. Failure to comply with this SI will result in a 5-point penalty in the race closest to the infringement, other boats will not be rescored. A boat will not be scored worse than a disqualified boat because of this penalty. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 18.2 The Tally Board will be located adjacent to the Shore House Club House. Individual Tally Numbers will be issued at registration. The Tally board will close 15 minutes after the last boat returns ashore.



- 18.3 [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible and shall not leave the Race Area without the permission of the Race Committee

19 Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 19.1 For the series of races comprising an event only the helms named on the entry form will be eligible. If a different helm from the helm named on the entry form completes a race in the same boat they will be considered a separate entry and their results cannot be combined with another helm's results.

20 DISTINGUISHING NUMBERS

- 20.1 [NP] Under exceptional circumstances, the Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by RRS 77 and RRS Appendix G. Such permission is only valid if sought in writing before proceeding afloat.

21 ADVERTISING

- 21.1 Boats shall display advertising supplied by the organising authority as follows.
- 21.2 When provided at registration, competitors shall make every reasonable effort to display event sponsors promotional items on their boat and sails as directed. If sponsors promotional items come off whilst racing, competitors must obtain replacement items before the start of racing the following day.

22 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 22.1 Boats shall not drop trash in the dinghy park or afloat RRS 47.

23 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 23.1 There will be no formal measurement but the Race Committee reserves the right to measure/inspect any boat or equipment at any time for compliance with the Class Rules. Checks may be made to ensure all boats comply with the requirement to carry the stipulated towline.

24 SUPPORT BOATS AND INSTRUCTION

- 24.1 Support Boats are only allowed with the prior approval of Warsash Sailing Club and drivers may be asked to show competence in driving such a boat of at least RYA PB2. Support Boats, if allowed, shall have VHF radio communication with Warsash Sailing Club and the Committee Boat and shall be identified at registration.
- 24.2 Unless agreed or instructed by the Race Committee, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside the area where boats are racing from the time of a preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 24.3 All support boats are required to comply with RRS 37.

25 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 25.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

26 PRIZES

- 26.1 The event prize giving will be held as soon as possible after racing on the final day. Prizes will be awarded for the first three boats. Other prizes may be awarded.

27 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 27.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recording, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their departure, without compensation.



APPENDIX A - COURSES

- A.1 All marks are to be rounded to port and repeated for the displayed number of laps.
A.2 The course and number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on the side of the Committee Boat.

Course 'TS' Triangle & Sausage.

Start

Mark 1, Mark 1a, Mark 2, Mark 4 (Odd numbered laps)

Mark 1, Mark 1a, Mark 4 (Even numbered laps)

Finish.

(e.g. Triangle/Sausage is 2 laps, Triangle/Sausage/Triangle is three laps)

Course 'WL' Windward / Leeward.

Start

Mark 1, Mark 1a, Mark 4 (1 lap)

Finish.

Course 'TZ' Trapezoid

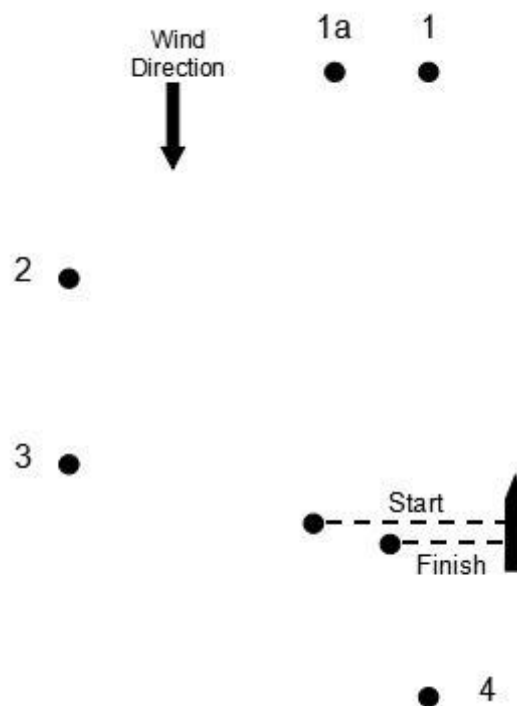
Start

Mark 1, Mark 2, Mark 3, Mark 4 (1 Lap)

Finish

For the Windward/Leeward Course Mark 4 may be a single buoy or a gate. If 2 buoys are laid to form a gate, boats shall pass between the 2 buoys that are the marks of the gate from the direction of the previous mark, rounding either one.

Course Layout



The locations of Marks 2 & 3 will be adjusted to suite the course being sailed