



Warsash Sailing Club

Finn Southern Championships and H2 Open Meeting Saturday, Sunday 3rd & 4th October 2024

Saturday 3rd October HW 15:46 (BST, Portsmouth)
Sunday 4th October HW 17:04

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will take place under The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Class Rules, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions (SIs). In the event of a conflict these SIs shall apply.
- 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 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 Racing Charter which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book.
- 1.4 The RRS will be changed as follows:
 - 1.4.1 Rule 40.1 shall apply so that personal flotation devices shall be worn at all times while afloat
 - 1.4.2 Rules 28.1 and A5.2 are 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. See SI 13.2.
 - 1.4.3 RRS 44.1 is changed to 'A boat may take a one-turn penalty when she has broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident whilst racing.'
 - 1.4.4 RRS A5.3 changed so a boat not starting within 4 minutes of the start signal is scored DNS.
 - 1.4.5 For the Finn Class only and in accordance with the Finn Class rules C1.1 (1), RRS 42.3 is changed by adding: the race committee may signal in accordance with RRS Appendix P that pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted after the starting signal, except where a boat's course is close hauled or above, when the wind recorded by the race committee exceeds 10 knots. This changes rules 42.2(a), 42.2 (b) and 42.2(c).

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the window of the main hall at Shore House.
- 2.2 Competitor briefings will be provided in Shore House garden at 10:30 on Saturday and 09:00 on Sunday.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 10:30 on Saturday or 09:00 on Sunday on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races 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 Shorehouse flag staff.
- 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 12:25 and on Sunday is 10:25. It is intended to sail 4 races on Saturday and 3 races on Sunday.
- 5.2 No start sequence will commence after 15:00 on Sunday 5th October except following a general recall of that race.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1.1 The Class flags will be:

Finn:	Finn Class Flag
Hadron:	H2 Class Flag

7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1 The race area will be between Solent racing marks Fumsey and Royal Southern which is approximately 2.5 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, or trapezoids.
- 8.2 The diagram 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, 2,3 and 4 will be large orange or black inflatable buoys.
- 9.2 The outer distance starting mark will be a committee boat or a dan buoy flying an orange flag.
- 9.3 The outer distance finish mark will be a small red 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). The starting signal for the first fleet is intended to be the warning signal for the second fleet unless there is a general recall.
- 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 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4 & A5.
- 10.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least one minute before a warning signal is made.
- 10.5 In the event of a general recall, a duplicate First Substitute may be displayed on a RIB. The timing of the warning signal for the new start shall be taken from removal of the First Substitute on the main committee vessel; removal of the duplicate First Substitute shall be disregarded for timing purposes.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2 Changes of length of the leg or of less than 10 degrees will not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.

- 11.3 When flag 'F' is displayed with repeated sound signals in the vicinity of mark 3 or the gate, boats shall round the mark or proceed through the gate and go directly to the finish.
- 12 THE FINISH**
- 12.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the finish mark.
- 13 TIME LIMITS**
- 13.1 The intended duration of each race is 40 minutes.
- 13.2 When one or more boats have sailed the course and finished, the Race Committee may apply an alternative position recording procedure. A Race Committee Vessel displaying flag W may notify a boat still racing that she will be scored in a place corresponding to her position on the water. The boat, once notified, shall return to the starting area if further races are scheduled, or return ashore. The boat will be scored in the place as recorded by the Race Committee vessel. This changes rule RRS 28.1, A5.2.
- 14 COMMITTEE BOAT IDENTIFICATION**
- 14.1 The committee boat will be described in the briefing and will display a Warsash Committee Club burgee.
- 15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 15.1 A boat that intends to protest shall inform the committee boat immediately after finishing the race in which the incident occurred.
- 15.2 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat returns ashore.
- 15.4 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.
- 15.5 The exoneration penalty shall be 30% of the entries for the series, rounded up to the next whole number, with a minimum of 4 places.
- 16 SCORING**
- 16.1 Points will be accrued to the helm named on the entry form and not to the boat entered.
- 16.2 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 Discards will be applied as follows:
- 16.3.1 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.3.2 When 4 or more races have been completed, a competitor's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 17.1 Boats are required to tally on before racing. All boats shall sail close the committee boat before the start of racing and ensure their sail number has been recorded by the committee.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee/race support boat and shall not leave the race area without the permission of the race committee.
- 17.3 On returning into the river Hamble all boats must return tallies to the tally board within 30 minutes of the last boat getting ashore.
- 17.4 Penalty for Failure to Tally

17.4.1 A competitor who fails to tally as required shall receive a 20% scoring penalty, calculated as per RRS 44.3(c), in all races sailed on that day. This penalty shall be applied without a hearing under RRS 63.1.

17.4.2 The Race Committee may waive or modify this penalty at its discretion if it is satisfied that there was a valid reason for the failure to tally or the competitor makes a £10.00 personal donation to the Finnspriration fund.

18 Distinguishing Numbers

18.1 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. Permission must be requested in writing before going afloat.

19 Trash Disposal

19.1 Boats shall not drop trash in the dinghy park or whilst afloat.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 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.

21 SUPPORT BOATS AND INSTRUCTION

21.1 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.

21.2 Unless agreed or instructed by the race committee, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside 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.

22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

22.1 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. Competitors aged over 60 or those with medical concerns may carry a VHF radio that must be turned off, and only used in an emergency.

23 PRIZES

23.1 The event prize giving will be held as soon as possible after racing on the final day. Prizes will be awarded for at least the first three boats in each class. Other prizes may be awarded.

24 Rights to use name and likeness

24.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant WSC 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

A.2 The course to be sailed will be displayed on the side of the committee boat.

Course A2 (Windward / leeward): Start – 1 – 1a – 4S/4P – 1 – 1a – 4P – finish

Course A3 (Windward / leeward): Start – 1 – 1a – 4S/4P – 1 – 1a – 4S/4P – 1 – 1a – 4P – finish

Course B (Outer loop trapezoid): Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – finish

Course C (Outer loop trapezoid): Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – finish

