



The Henri-Lloyd Warsash Spring Championship 2026



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Notice of Race

THE SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP for BLACK and WHITE GROUP BOATS will be on 2 Weekends of Saturday and Sunday 18-19 April and 25-26 April

Organising Authority (OA): Warsash Sailing Club

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 [NP] Black Group boats shall comply with the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 races. Boats unable to meet this requirement in full may seek a dispensation from the Race Committee (RC), whose decision shall be final.
- 1.3 [NP] White Group boats shall comply with the 2026 Championship safety regulations which are available at warsashsc.org.uk/springseries/.
- 1.4 [NP] Boats shall comply with Southampton Harbour Bye-Laws (and in particular Byelaws 10 & 11) and ABP Southampton Notice to Mariners No. 05 of 2026 concerning the Thorn Channel Precautionary Area. The NTM is available from www.southamptonvts.co.uk or warsashsc.org.uk/springseries/.
- 1.5 IRC Classes:
 - a) IRC Rules Parts A, B and C shall apply. Endorsed certificates are not required. Bunk cushions may be removed in accordance with IRC Rule 22.1.1.
 - b) For the purpose of IRC Rules 21.1.5 (d) and (e) this regatta is not on consecutive days and the sails carried may not remain the same.
- 1.6 Boats in One Design and "Box Rule" classes (if any) shall comply with their class rules.
- 1.7 The Notice of Race may be changed by amendment or by the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between documents, the Sailing Instructions (SIs) shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5(c).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at warsashsc.org.uk/springseries/ by 4th April. Printed SIs will not be provided.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Official Notice Board: The Official Notice Board will be online at warsashsc.org.uk/springseries/.
- 3.2 [NP] VHF Radio: All boats shall carry a functioning VHF radio with all usual UK marine channels. Essential race information will be announced by radio.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Championship is open to entries as follows:

(a) **Black Group: IRC boats** with LOA of 7.0m or more and a maximum draft of 3.0m with a rating between 0.810 and 1.300. Boats outside those limits may seek a dispensation from the RC, whose decision shall be final.

A current IRC rating is required for IRC boats. If not issued at least 3 days before her first race, a boat may race at a TCC of 2.000. If the rating is received before the last day of racing, the RC may at its discretion amend her score based upon that instead for races after the date on the certificate; and the scores for other boats may also change.

The **IRC class splits** will be decided on 15th April with details and displayed on the website.

(b) **White Group: J/70** (First weekend only), **RS21** and **SB20** class boats.

- 4.2 Other One design or "Box Rule" classes with enough entries may be added.
- 4.3 Any class with insufficient entries may be withdrawn and suitable boats may then race in IRC.
- 4.4 Entry is online at warsashsc.org.uk/springseries.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are listed at 5.5 and 5.6 below.

5.2 **The Early Bird Entry Fees for the Spring Championship apply to entries completed by 2359 Sunday 6th April 2026.**

5.3 Warsash Sailing Club members may deduct £50 from the Championship Early Bird entry fee if entered **by 2359 6th April**. The deduction does not apply to the Full Rate or Day Rate fees.

5.4 If a current IRC rating has not been received at date of entry, a reasonable estimate may be made. The RC reserves the right to require an extra fee if the actual rating, when received, is significantly higher than the estimate.

The Black Group fees are in Payment Bands, which are not Class splits.

5.5 **Black Group (IRC Classes)**

	Payment Band A IRC <0.940		Payment Band B IRC 0.941 - 1.000		Payment Band C IRC 1.001 - 1.100		Payment Band D IRC >1.101	
	Early Bird Fees	Full Rate Fee	Early Bird Fees	Full Rate Fee	Early Bird Fees	Full Rate Fee	Early Bird Fees	Full Rate Fee
Spring Championship 2 weekends	£230.00	£255.00	£280.00	£305.00	£305.00	£355.00	£355.00	£405.00
Spring Championship Day Rate	£70.00	£80.00	£80.00	£90.00	£95.00	£100.00	£105.00	£120.00

5.6 White Group (J70 (First weekend only), RS21 & SB20)

	Spring Championship	
	Early Bird Fees	Full Rate Fee
Both weekends	£230.00	£255.00
One weekend	£140.00	£180.00

There is limited boat/trailer parking for RS21s and SB20s available during the event. Please contact the Club Office on 01489 583575 or admin@warsashsc.org.uk for further details.

5.7 **Refunds:** There will be no refunds of entry fees if races are cancelled due to the weather. Other refunds of entry may be made at the discretion of the OA if requested at least 14 days before the first race entered. An administration fee of £50 will be deducted from any refund.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 [NP] IRC Classes only: IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by “The maximum number of crew while racing shall be the Crew Number printed on her certificate plus two. There is no weight limit.”

7. ADVERTISING

7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the OA.

8. (number not used)

9. SCHEDULE

9.1 Black Group

Spring Championship: 12 races are scheduled, with 4 races each Saturday and 2 races each Sunday.

9.2 White Group

Spring Championship: 14 races are scheduled, with 4 races each Saturday and 3 races each Sunday.

9.3 The first warning signal is scheduled at 1025 on all race days.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 The RC may make spot checks for compliance with the safety regulations.

10.2 [NP] Sail numbers must be easily readable at all times. If in doubt, a dodger with the sail number should be shown at the start and finish. Boats failing to comply may be scored DNC or DNF.

11. (number not used)

12. VENUE

12.1 The racing area will be the central Solent, with separate course areas for each Group.

13. COURSES

13.1 Black Group courses will be mainly windward-leeward on Saturdays and round-the-cans on Sundays.

13.2 White Group courses will be windward-leeward.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed for all classes so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. For late acknowledgement of an infringement, scoring penalties will be available. This changes RRS 44.
- 14.2 Penalties arising from protests will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 60.5(c).

15. SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point scoring system will apply. RRS A5.3 will apply. The following modifications will apply (This changes RRS A5.1, A5.2 and A10):
- a) TLE (Time Limit Expired) Number of finishers + 1
 - b) P30 30% place penalty applied in accordance with RRS 44.3 (c)
- 15.2 Discards:
- Black Group: 1 discard if 5 or more races are completed.
- White Group: 1 discard if 7 or more races are completed.
- 15.3 Extracted Results can be provided for classes with 6 or more entries (e.g. P40 & P30)

16, 17, 18, 19, 20 (numbers not used)

21 DATA PROTECTION

21.1 The personal information provided to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you 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 you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy (available from warsashsc.org.uk). When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

21.2 Competitors' contact details may be given to other competitors with a valid need (e.g. parties to a protest) or to any relevant Harbour Authority requiring such information.

21.3 By taking part in the event, competitors automatically grant the OA 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.

22. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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;
- (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) 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 for the event;
- (h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew;
- (i) The fact that the RC may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

23. INSURANCE

- 23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance for racing, with a minimum cover of at least £3,000,000 per incident.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 The prize-giving will be held after racing on Sunday 26th April. Prizes include:
A Winner's Trophy for the winner of each class. Second and subsequent prizes will be presented according to the number of entries. These are all "keeper prizes" retained permanently by the winners. Perpetual Trophies, for which the winners are selected on merit at the discretion of the RC. The Commodore's Trophy is for a boat in a class for IRC-rated boats. The Founder's Salver is for a boat in a non-IRC-rated class.
Our sponsors, Henri-Lloyd, are generously supporting us with vouchers and goodies for those prize winners that attend the prize giving.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 25.1 All competitors and their crews are invited to use the excellent facilities at Warsash Sailing Club on race days.
- 25.2 The [Hamble Water Taxi](#) service (07827 157155) is available for competitors who wish to visit the Club. This is not a free service, and users will need to pay their fares at the time of use.
- 25.3 The event contact details are below.
- 25.4 WhatsApp: from about 3 weeks before the event, competitors may join the event WhatsApp group to receive some general information (e.g. documents available, whether racing is going ahead in bad weather). The link to join the group will be on the event web site warsashsc.org.uk/springseries/. Courses will not be distributed on WhatsApp.

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