

National Open 1(NO1) Joining Instructions 14 - 15 March 2026

Welcome to Warsash Sailing Club

We are delighted to welcome you to our club but before arrival, please read these joining instructions. If you have any questions or are unsure about anything on the day, please ask a member of the event team for assistance.

Why are the joining instructions important?

Warsash Sailing Club (WSC) operates in a unique location, and careful planning is required to ensure the safe and smooth running of the event:

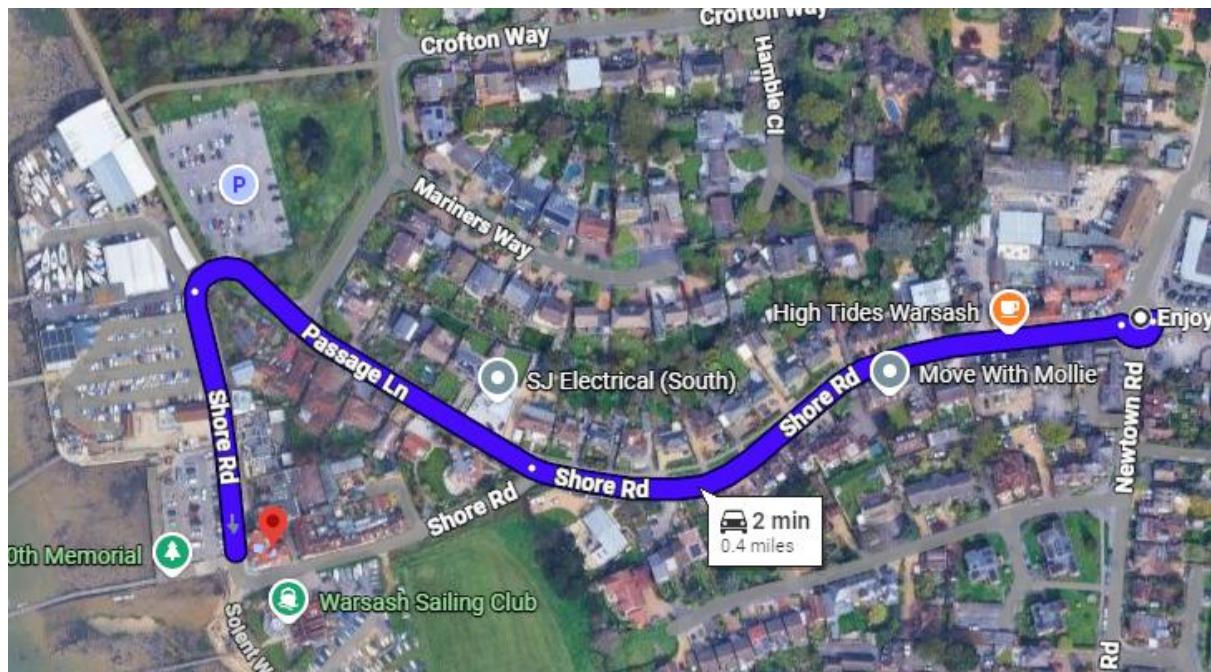
- Based on the River Hamble, WSC is split between two clubhouses, with multiple slipways.
- Launching slipways are selected depending on the state of the tide.
- The slipway used at the start of the day may be different from the one you return to after sailing. Your trolleys will be moved for you.
- Strawberry Field (situated behind the club) is for the exclusive use of storing dinghies and road trailers.
- Changing rooms are located at Lobster Quay. The main club house is a separate building called Shore House.

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If you have any further questions, please contact WSC during office hours. Email: admin@warsashsc.org.uk or Tel: 01489 583575

1. Arrival information



- Address: Warsash Sailing Club, Shore House, Shore Road, Warsash, Southampton, SO31 9FS.
- Timings - Boats can be dropped off and left in Strawberry Field from 16.00 – 20.00 on Friday 13 March. On Saturday the 14th Of March Strawberry field will be open from 08.00.
- Directions - Coming from the Brook Lane direction, follow Shore Road along the one-way system to reach WSC.
 - From the Rising Sun pub, you will be directed up the lane to the entrance of Strawberry Field. This is the location for boat park for the event. Entrance shown in below photo.



- We will be using the area between the outside of the Rising Sun pub and the entrance to the field for unhitching. You will be requested by volunteers to disconnect your trailer and take it to the field without the car. (see image below to identify unhitching location).



- Marshalls at the entrance of Strawberry Field will direct you to the correct location to park your boat and trailer.
- Assistance will be on hand so people can drop their boats and then drive away to find parking.
- The quick unhitching of trailers and moving of cars will help us ensure we do not end up with too much traffic blocking the one-way system. We very much rely on your assistance and patience whilst people arrive and unload.
- At all times you are requested to keep right to allow non-event vehicles to pass you in the one-way system.
- Thank you for your assistance and consideration whilst unloading.

2. Bar, catering and booking

The WSC bar and kitchen is based at Shore House. The bar will be open at the following times:

- Friday evening
- All day Saturday
- Sunday lunchtime

Catering will be available:

- Friday evening: hot food available, order on site
- Breakfast: Saturday and Sunday mornings (must be pre-booked via ILCA)
- Saturday evening dinner: available by pre-booking via ILCA only
- Lunch: available Saturday and Sunday for non-sailors

Booking:

- Breakfasts and Saturday dinner must be booked in advance through ILCA
- Friday evening food can be ordered directly at the club

3. Site plan



4. Parking

- There are two public car parks very close to WSC. Both are pay and display and are regularly visited by keen wardens.
- Please be aware, the main carpark has a height barrier.
- There is street parking on the following roads: Thornton Avenue, Crofton Way and Newtown Road. Please be considerate to residents.
- There is another public carpark on Warsash Road, in front of the Co-Op.

5. Dinghy park areas

- Once on Strawberry Field, Marshalls and volunteers will be on hand to assist and direct you where boats can be off-loaded onto their trolleys and what can be done with road trailers.

6. Ribs

Ribs can be launched from the public slipway. Rib trailers must be taken to Strawberry Field and parked in the road trailer area or the main carpark that has designated rib trailer spaces. There is also a grass verge on the left of the car park where trailers can be parked. Any coach or support boats that are not part of the official safety fleet are required to make arrangements and pay for their own launch, recovery and storage. Please note, these arrangements can be made at the Harbour Masters office.

7. Dinghy launching

- On both race days, the gates between Strawberry Field and WSC's Shore House pound will be open to give everyone access to the launching areas providing the shortest route to the water.
- Hoses– These are available in the Shore House pound and can be used to wash boats and equipment after racing.
- Trolleys - There will be a team of volunteers to move trolleys from the morning launching area to the afternoon hauling slipway if required. This team will also assist you, fetching trolleys as you arrive, so please ensure your trolley is clearly marked with your sail number.



- Volunteers - WSC events team members will be assisting in all areas and available to guide and help.

8. Changing facilities

The event changing and shower facility are housed in Lobster Quay, situated at the bottom, right hand side of Lobster Quay boat park. The classroom at this facility can be used as an overflow for bags/luggage as storage can be limited in the actual changing/shower rooms.

9. Accommodation

For accommodation suggestions please visit the WSC website where you will also find information about the closest caravan and campervan facilities. Please be aware, the public carparks closest to the club do not permit overnight stays.

<https://warsashsc.org.uk/local-accommodation/>