



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

Organising authority

WARSASH SAILING CLUB (WSC)

In conjunction with

The Blaze and Solution Class Associations

5/6 September 2026

Warsash, United Kingdom

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1. The notation '[DP]' in a rule of the NOR or SI means that the penalty for breaching the rule is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS Appendix T applies.
- 1.3 [NP] Warsash Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter available at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>. Competitors shall undertake to sail in compliance with the charters.
- 1.4 [DP] Entrants and authorised guests are temporary members of WSC during the period of the event and shall, always, comply with the Club rules and bylaws. Failure to observe the rules may result in exclusion from WSC premises.
- 1.5 RRS 40.1 always applies while afloat.
- 1.6 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 The sailing instructions will be published on the Warsash Sailing Club website by 17:00 on Wednesday 2nd September.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is in Shore House club house.





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- 3.2 [DP] While racing (from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day), except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Blaze and Solution Class Associations. Competitors may be required to show evidence of membership of their affiliated organisation.
- 4.2 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the online entry form accessed via the WSC website ([Blaze & Fire](#) or [Solution](#)) and paying the entry fee. Entry closes at 2359 on Thursday 3rd September. See NOR 5.1 for fees and discount for Blaze & Fire youth and lady entries.
- 4.3 Parent/Guardian Declarations: All helms under 18 years of age during the event shall, at registration, submit a signed Parent/Guardian Declaration and submit details of the parent acting in charge of the child who shall be present at WSC at all times during the event.
- 4.4 Medical forms and sailor declarations included as part of the on-line entry are required to be completed for all competitors.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The Entry Fees is £45 for entries before 2359 on Sunday 30th August and £60 thereafter and shall be paid via the online payment system ([Blaze & Fire](#) or [Solution](#)). The Blaze Class Association is pleased to support Blaze and Fire female and youth sailors to 50% of the total entry fee; use the discount codes Blazeladies & Blazeyouth at checkout.

6 IDENTIFICATION & ADVERTISING

- 6.1 [NP] [DP] When provided by the Organising Authority, boats shall display bow numbers and/or advertising.

7 EVENT SERIES

- 7.1 The regatta will consist of a single series.
- 7.2 The regatta may form part of a further series, details of which can be found on the Class Association website.

8 SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Competitors and support boat crews are required to register in Shore House prior to racing on Saturday 5th September.
- 8.2 Competitor Briefing: The event briefing will take place in the garden at Shore House. Any relevant notices will be posted on the event Notice Board as defined in the Sailing Instructions. The briefings will be at 1030 on Saturday and 0900 on Sunday.
- 8.3 Format of Racing: It is intended to run 6 races over the two days. The intended format is as follows; this may be varied:



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Day	First Warning Signal	Intended no. of races
Saturday 5 th September	12:25	3 races back-to-back
Sunday 6 th September	10:25	3 races back-to-back

8.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no start sequence will commence after 15:00.

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1 A boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate if requested by the Class association. This may be in electronic format.

9.3 **Towline:** each boat shall carry a floating towline of at least 8mm diameter and 10 metres length. This must be accessible without breaching the integral buoyancy of the dinghy and must not have any attachments such as shackles or knots.

9.4. [DP] Boats, sails and equipment may be inspected for class rules compliance prior to or during or after racing.

10 VENUE

10.1 The venue will be Warsash Sailing Club, Shore Road, Warsash SO31 9FS.

10.2 NoR Addendum 1 shows the plan of the event venue.

10.3 NoR Addendum 2 shows the location of the racing areas.

10.4 The race area will be within Southampton Water/The Solent up to 2 miles from WSC in the vicinity of Solent Breezes to the East of the North channel. Boats are not expected to return ashore between races.

11 COURSES

11.1 The Course(s) to be sailed will be detailed in the SIs.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 The penalty system will be described in the SIs.

13 SCORING

13.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.

14 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

14.1 Support person vessels will be allowed and will be expected to act as part of the safety fleet if requested to do so by the Race Committee.



- 14.2 Official, patrol and support person vessels must be registered with WSC prior to the start of the first race and may be required to be marked with an appropriate coloured flag and shall comply with instructions from the event safety officer.

15 BERTHING

- 15.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the Strawberry Fields or Club dinghy park for the duration of the regatta unless instructed otherwise.

16 DISTINGUISHING NUMBERS

- 16.1 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.

17 DATA PROTECTION

- 17.1 **PRIVACY STATEMENT** The personal information you provide 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 Warsash Sailing Club's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

18 RIGHT TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESS

- 18.1 Competitors automatically grant to Warsash Sailing Club, the Class Associations, and their sponsors 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.

19 RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1 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;



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- (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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover 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 for the event: In particular:
 - Tidal conditions which are complex with fast tidal flows in the river and shallows along the river and north shore at mid and low water.
 - The area is used by a wide variety of craft, including large commercial vessels restricted in their ability to manoeuvre using the main Southampton Water shipping channel.
 - In the river leisure craft are constrained to a narrow channel and do not always anticipate the manoeuvres of dinghies whether sailing in the river or around launching and recovery.
 - The Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREG) 1972 and local byelaws apply to all craft including dinghies.

20 INSURANCE

- 20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

21 PRIZES

- 21.1 Prizes will be awarded depending on entry numbers.

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact either

Admin, Warsash Sailing Club, Shore Road, Warsash, Southampton, SO31 9FS.

Phone 01489 583575 (0930 – 1500 Weekdays).

Email: admin@warsashsc.org.uk.

Web: www.warsashsc.org.uk



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Addendum 1 - Site Plan



Addendum 2 - Racing Area

The main race area is in the vicinity of Solent Breezes. The smaller youth classes may use the Cat head area.

