



WSC Optimist Open 2024

Organising authority:
WARSASH SAILING CLUB (WSC)
27th July 2024
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 (a). 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 is replaced with the RYA rules dispute procedure
- 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.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be published on the Warsash Sailing Club website by 17:00 on Wednesday 24th July. The location is here: <https://www.warsashsc.org.uk/open-events/optimist/>

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board will be online on the event web page: <https://www.warsashsc.org.uk/open-events/optimist/>
- 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.
- 3.3 Competitors should note that it is anticipated that all communication for this event will be online and that the WSC Wi-Fi system may not be accessible. Competitors are advised that they may wish to have a device which can connect to the internet via an alternative means.



4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the IOCA UK Optimist class association sailed by helms who are members or affiliates of the IOCA UK Optimist class association. Competitors may be required to show evidence of membership of their affiliated organisation.
Coached regatta fleet sailors do not need to be IOCA members. The coached regattas fleet is intended for younger less experienced sailors taking their first steps into racing. It is aimed at sailors who are capable of sailing a triangular course in a moderate breeze and of capsizing recovery without assistance.
- 4.2 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the online entry form accessed via the WSC website (<https://www.warsashsc.org.uk/open-events/optimist/>) paying the entry fee of £30 for main fleet and racing regatta fleet and £15 for coached regatta fleet and completing registration by midnight on Wednesday 25th July 2024.
- 4.3 No late entries will be accepted.
- 4.4 Parent/Guardian Declarations: All helms under 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations on-line as part of the entry process and submit details of the parent acting in charge of a child who shall be present at WSC at all times during the event.
- 4.5 Medical forms and sailor declarations included as part of the on-line entry are required to be completed for all competitors.
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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 There will be in-person registration in the garden of Shore House clubhouse prior to racing on Saturday 27th July. All competitors should join the event WhatsApp group as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2 Competitor Briefing: Event briefings will take place in the garden at Shore House for main fleet and racing regatta fleet. These are planned for:
Main Fleet briefing 10:30
Racing regatta fleet briefing 11:00
Coached regatta fleet briefing will take place on the beach in front of Warsash Sailing Club at 14:30
Any relevant notices will be posted on the official notice board online on the event



web page: <https://www.warsashsc.org.uk/open-events/optimist/>

Notices may also be advised using the WhatsApp group.

- 8.3 Format of Racing: It is intended to run several races over one day. The intended format is as follows; this may be varied:

Fleet	First Warning Signal	Intended no. of races
Main fleet	12:00hrs	Up to 4 races back-to-back
Racing regatta fleet	12:30hrs	Up to 6 short races back-to-back
Coached regatta fleet	15:00hrs	Several short races back-to-back

- 8.4 No warning signal will be made after 16:00 for main fleet or racing regatta fleet.

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 painter according to class rules: A painter of a single piece of buoyant rope, not less than 5 mm diameter and not less than 8 m long securely fastened to the mast thwart or mast step.
- 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 for main fleet 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. The race area for racing regatta fleet will be within Southampton Water in the vicinity of Cat Head or Bald Head.
Main fleet and racing regatta fleet boats are not expected to return ashore between races.
Coached regatta fleet will race in Kipper Pond in front of Shore House.

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.
- 14.3 [DP] Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel including relatives of competitors who are not official, patrol or support person vessels shall not be in the racing area, nor shall they communicate with any competitors, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first race until the last boat returns to shore. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification for all boats associated with the support personnel who do so.
a) For the purposes of this rule, the racing area shall be defined as not less than 300m from any boat that is racing, and this shall specifically include an area not less than 200m immediately to leeward of the finish line for any race.

15 BERTHING

- 15.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the 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, 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 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia of other causes. 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser 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 competitors briefing held for the event.

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:

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Phone 01489 583575 (0930 – 1500 Weekdays).

Email: admin@warsashsc.org.uk.

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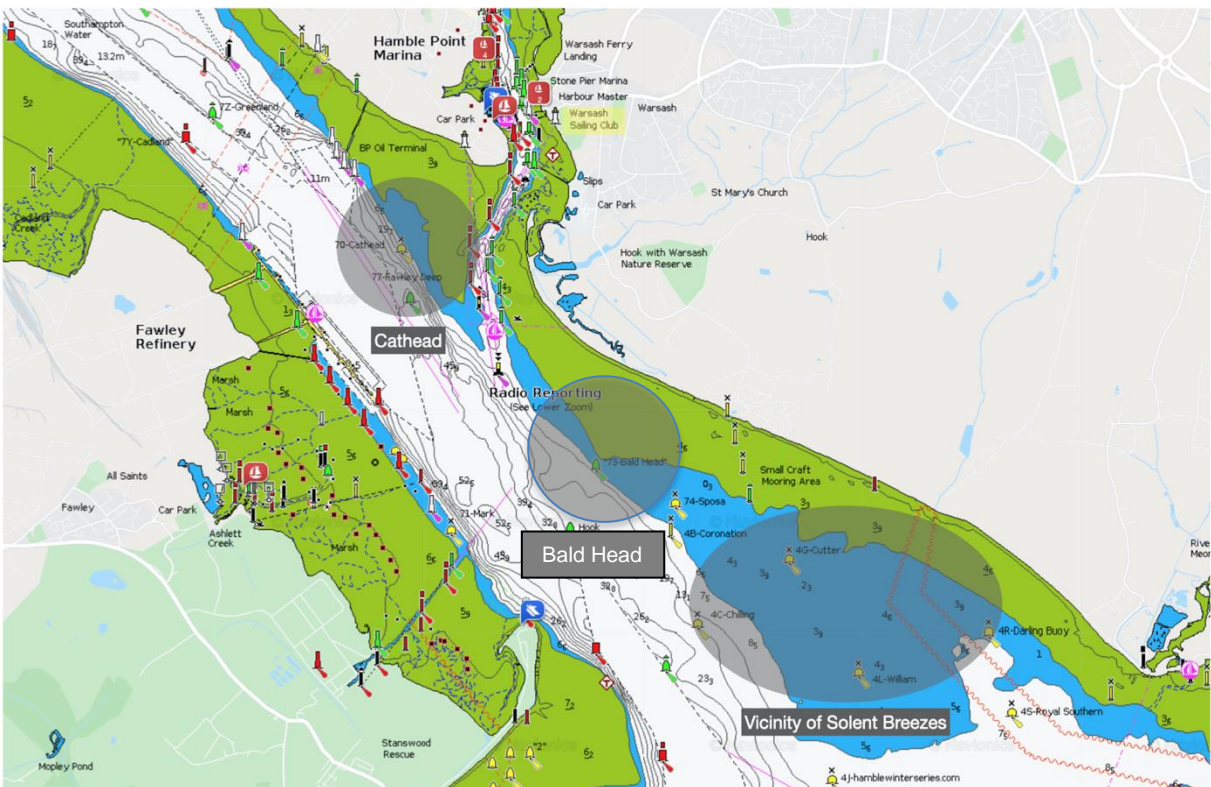
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Notice Of Race

Addendum 1 - Site Plan



Addendum 2 - Racing Area



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