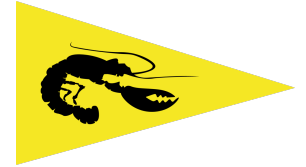


Warsash Sailing Club

Notice of Race Dinghy Club Championships 22nd July 2023

HW Portsmouth
Saturday 22nd – 15:20

1. **Organising Authority:** Warsash Sailing Club (WSC).
2. **Rules:** WSC Club Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2020-2024, the Prescriptions of the RYA, the WSC Dinghy Racing - Sailing Instructions 2023~24, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions issued for the series. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. Any changes to the rules will be detailed in the series Sailing Instructions.
3. **RYA Racing Charter:** Competitors should note that WSC as the organising authority implements the RYA Racing Charter and that all competitors are required to sail in compliance with the Charter which can be found in the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2020- 2024) or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter
4. **Eligibility:** Club racing is open to WSC members.
5. **Entry:**
 - All dinghy helms must complete the online WSC boat registration before they are entitled to race. Boats must be 'signed on' and 'off', with an appropriate declaration completed (Dinghy SI 3). Boats helmed by anyone under the age of 18yrs must be 'signed on' to race by an appropriate adult, the young person must 'sign out' to say they have or have not completed the course correctly.
6. **Schedule of races and start times:**
 - Dinghies in the superfast, fast, medium, slow & optimist fleets will race a maximum of four races
 - On Saturday, there will be a briefing in Shore house at 12.45 with a preparatory signal at 13:55. The intention is to run races back to back each afternoon.
7. **Sailing Area:** It is intended to hold all racing in Cat Head bay.
8. **Safety:** All dinghies must carry a floating towing warp of at least 8mm in diameter and 10mtrs in length, without any knots or additional attachments such as carabiners or shackles. All dinghies must stay clear of the main shipping channel in accordance with Southampton Port bylaws.
9. **Handicaps:**
 - Dinghies will race under the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick system;
 - a. Superfast handicap – 1033 or less
 - b. Fast handicap 1034 - 1099 and above
 - c. Medium handicap 1100 - 1199
 - d. Slow handicap 1200 – 1500
 - e. Optimist
10. **Scoring:** Scoring will generally be in accordance with RRS Appendix A and all races sailed shall count. An additional youth/kipper series will be scored for Saturday. For youth / kipper sailors other than Optimists, results will be extracted from the main fleet results. In addition, any class with more



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than 8 boats will be scored as a class fleet as well as within the club handicap splits (e.g. RS400, Aero7, Laser Radial etc) with results extracted from the main fleet results.

11. **Prizes:** Overall prizes for the championship will be awarded for each dinghy handicap group as well as youth / kippers. Trophies may also be awarded for the event overall or other reasons.

12. **Risk Statement:**

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for the decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is that of the helm and crew alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) the provision of patrol boat cover for dinghies 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 at the venue;
- i) for dinghy racing personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors whilst afloat;
- j) their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.
- k) each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the Warsash SC COVID-19 procedures. The penalty for a breach of this rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. Boats may not protest for breaches of this rule. This changes rule 60.1(a).

13. Further Information may be obtained from the organiser (richard1jarman@gmail.com)
