



# **Warsash Sailing Club**



## **Finn and Hadron Open Meeting Saturday, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October    HW    18:08 (BST, Portsmouth)  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October    HW    19:43

### ***Sailing Instructions***

#### **1        RULES**

- 1.1        Racing will take place under The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Class Rules, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions (SIs). In the event of a conflict these SIs shall apply.
- 1.2        The Post-Race Penalty and Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures shall apply (for information on the procedures, go to [www.rya.org.uk/rulesdisputes](http://www.rya.org.uk/rulesdisputes)). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.
- 1.3        Competitors should note that Warsash Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Racing Charter which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book.
- 1.4        Competitors are required adhere to the WSC COVID-19 guidance. Social distancing applies at all times. Boats may not protest for breaches of this rule. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 1.5        The RRS will be changed as follows:
  - 1.5.1      Rule 40 changed so that personal flotation devices shall be worn at all times while afloat.
  - 1.5.2      Rule A4.1 changed so, at the Race Committee's discretion and after the first boat has finished, boats may be award points according to their observed position on the course. See SI 14.2
  - 1.5.3      For the Finn Class only and in accordance with the Finn Class rules C1.1 (1), RRS 42.3 is changed by adding: the race committee will be signalled accordance with RRS Appendix P5 that pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted after the starting signal, except where a boats course is close hauled or above, when the wind recorded by the race committee exceeds 10 knots. This changes rules 42.2(a), 42.2 (b) and 42.2(c).
  - 1.5.4      Rules A4 & A5 changed so a boat not starting within 4 minutes of the start signal is scored DNS.

#### **2        NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1        Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the window of the main hall at Shore House.
- 2.2        There will be competitor briefings provided in Shore House garden at 10:30 on Saturday and 09:00 on Sunday.

#### **3        CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1        Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 10:30 on Saturday or 09:00 on Sunday on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2        Competitor's attention is drawn to the changes by flying international code flag 'L' accompanied by one sound signal. Flag 'L' will be lowered after the start of the first race that is affected by the change or changes to the sailing instructions.

## **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Shorehouse flag staff.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

## **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 12:30 and on Sunday is 10:30. It is intended to sail 4 on Saturday and 3 races on Sunday.
- 5.2 No start sequence will commence after 15:00 on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October except following a general recall of that race.

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1.1 The class flags will be:

Finn:	Finn Class Flag
Hadron:	Hadron Class Flag

## **7 RACING AREAS**

- 7.1 The race area will be between Coronation and Darling Buoy which is approximately 2.0 miles from the Club. Any change to the intended race area will be announced at the briefing.
- 7.2 Competitors will be escorted to and from the race area.

## **8 THE COURSE**

- 8.1 The courses to be sailed will be a combination of windward/leeward legs, or trapezoids.
- 8.2 The diagram in Appendix A shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark will be passed.
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal, the course designation, number of laps and approximate bearing to the windward mark will be displayed from the committee boat.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2,3 and 4 will be large orange or black inflatable buoys.
- 9.2 The outer distance starting mark will be a committee boat or a dan buoy flying an orange flag.
- 9.3 The outer distance finish mark will be a small red inflatable buoy.
- 9.4 The race committee may use marks of a different size/colour and the start and finish marks may both be in place at the same time.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26 (5, 4, 1 Go).
- 10.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the port-end start mark.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4 & A5.

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2 Changes of length of the leg or of less than 10 degrees will not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.
- 11.3 When flag 'F' is displayed with repeated sound signals at mark 4, boats shall round the mark and proceed directly to the finish.

## **12 THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the finish mark.

## **13 TIME LIMITS**

- 13.1 The intended duration of each race is 40 minutes.

- 13.2 To expedite the series, and at the race committee's discretion, boats failing to finish within 10 or more minutes of the first boat may be awarded points according to their observed position on the course. The display of flag 'W' with 5 sound signals will indicate that this SI applies. This changes Rule A.4.1.

#### **14 COMMITTEE BOAT IDENTIFICATION**

- 14.1 The committee boat will be described in the briefing and will display a Warsash Committee club burgee.

#### **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 A boat that intends to protest shall inform the committee boat immediately after finishing the race in which the incident occurred.
- 15.2 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat returns ashore.
- 15.4 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the earliest opportunity.
- 15.5 The exoneration penalty shall be 30% of the entries for the series, rounded up to the next whole number, with a minimum of 4 places.

#### **16 SCORING**

- 16.1 Points will be accrued to the helm named on the entry form and not to the boat entered.
- 16.2 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series. Discards will be applied as follows:
- 16.3 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.4 When, from 4 to 7 races have been completed, a competitor's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

#### **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 Boats are required to tally on before racing. All boats shall sail close the committee boat before the start of racing and ensure their sail number has been recorded by the committee.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee/race support boat and shall not leave the race area without the permission of the race committee.
- 17.3 On returning into the river Hamble all boats must return tallies to the tally board within 30 minutes of the last boat getting ashore.

#### **18 Distinguishing Numbers**

- 18.1 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. Permission must be requested in writing before going afloat.

#### **19 Trash Disposal**

- 19.1 Boats shall not drop trash in the dinghy park or whilst afloat.

#### **20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 20.1 There will be no formal measurement but the race committee reserves the right to measure/inspect any boat or equipment at any time for compliance with the class rules.

#### **21 SUPPORT BOATS AND INSTRUCTION**

- 21.1 Support boats are only allowed with the prior approval of Warsash Sailing Club and drivers may be asked to show competence in driving such a boat of at least RYA PB2. Support boats, if allowed, shall have VHF radio communication with Warsash Sailing Club and the committee boat and shall be identified at registration.
- 21.2 Unless agreed or instructed by the race committee, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside area where boats are racing from the time of a preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

**22 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

22.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

**23 PRIZES**

23.1 The event prize giving will be held as soon as possible after racing on the final day. Prizes will be awarded for at least the first three boats in each class. Other prizes may be awarded.

**24 Rights to use name and likeness**

24.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant WSC and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recording, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their departure, without compensation.

## Appendix A - Courses

A.1 All marks are to be rounded to port and repeated for the displayed number of laps.

A.2 The course and, when appropriate (course A), the number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on the side of the committee boat.

Course A - Windward leeward – Start -1-1a - 4 - finish

Course B - Outer windward leeward– Start – 1 -2 -3 -2 -3 -4 - finish

Course C - Outer windward leeward – Start – 1 -2 -3 -2 -3 -2 -3 -4 - finish

A.3 Boats do not have to pass through the start/finish line except when starting and finishing.

