

DINGHY BRIEFING

2026 - 2027

Season Overview & Racing Guide

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Alan Cross

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Performance Consultant and Club Championships Organizer!

Dan Wealthy

Chief Class Captain

Anna Warren & Tim Norris

Prizes & Prizegiving



2026 Class Captains

Please confirm / update with 2026 Class Captains – Dan Wealthy please check

RS 200	Mary Chapman	Hadron H2	Adrian Williams
RS 400	Mark Turner	Blaze	James Brown
Wayfarer	Stu Davies	Finn	Martin Hughes
RS Tera	Loz	RS Aero / ILCA / 420 / Feva	TBC/MIA – Loz?



Looking After Our Environment - Keen to be Green



Use water wisely for wash down and changing rooms (we are on a meter).



Tie everything into the boat – if you capsize don't lose items like your water bottle.



Don't discard anything such as food wrappers into the water.



Segregate recycling for blue bins – plastic bottles, cardboard, paper, tins, cans & aerosols only.



No soil, rubble or tyres in standard waste.



Recyclables such as glass & clothes – take home and recycle.



Collect any loose rubbish in the water or around the club and dispose/recycle.



If you are last out – switch off the lights.



2026-27 Racing Events

Wed Evening Racing

From 1st April 2026 · 18:00

Friday Evening Racing

From 3rd April 2026 · 18:00

Club Championships

Saturday May 2nd

Wed Pursuit Races

Friday 8th May, Wednesday 24th June, Wednesday 8th July

Friday Sprint Racing

Friday 10th July, Friday 7th August, Friday 21st August

Long Distance Race **NEW**

Friday 26th June

Winter, Autumm & Aussie Summer

Sunday racing from October 2027 to April 2028

Check warsashsc.org.uk for full calendar & confirmed start times



Registration 2026-27

How to Register

- ✓ All helms must hold a SailEvent eTally account. (You may already have one)
- ✓ Register your boat(s) specifically for the 2026-2027 season. Use the Same Email as your Sailevent account.
- ✓ Via warsashsc.org.uk › Dinghies › Dinghy Racing › Registration
- ✓ Visiting sailors from other RYA clubs must also register and enter Club in form.
- ✓ Unregistered boats / helms will NOT receive a result



2026 Registration for existing SailEvent account holders





eTally - Sign On & Off

Sign On

Opens 2-3 hours before racing, closes after start

Sign Off

Submit 'Finished' declaration on eTally by 22:00 same day

Entry List

Use entry list to see who is signed on for the session

Retired?

Inform nearest RIB or Start Box AND submit RTD on eTally immediately

Edit Entry

Use edit entry to change sail number or crew details for the day. Boat changes even ILCA 4 to ILCA 6 requires a new Registration.

⚠ Penalty

Failure to Sign On or Off = 5% Personal Time Penalty for all races that day

Duty Points

Add 'Duty' to sail number to gain duty points

Backup

Paper forms at Lobster Quay only if eTally system fails



Sailors' Responsibilities



Decision to Race

The decision to go afloat is solely your own responsibility. Consider weather, personal ability and the state of your boat.



Lookout & IRPCS

Keep a good lookout for other water users. Apply both RRS and IRPCS. We race close to commercial shipping.



Medical Conditions

Anyone with a medical condition rescuers should know about must inform the Race Officer before racing on the day.



Personal Safety

Dress appropriately for conditions. Consider options to reduce head injury risk—hats or boom padding.



Communications



WhatsApp Community

Fleet chats & broadcast announcements. Adults & Parent/Guardians only for safeguarding. Click link or use QR Code



Club Emails (SCM)

Scheduled Racing updates, duty reminders and news. Set your SCM email preferences to ensure you receive dinghy communications and be sure to check in Junk and Promotions folders in your inbox.



Facebook Group

Closed group 'WSC Dinghy Sailing' – crew search, photo sharing, Women on Water and Adult Sailing updates.





SIs & NoR Highlights - The Important Stuff

The usual (but essential) reminders...

1

Under 18?

A responsible adult must supervise eTally Sign On/Off and remain onsite for the full duration of the race.

2

Buoyancy Aid

Personal buoyancy SHALL be worn at all times whilst racing. Failure = automatic disqualification from all races that day.

3

Tow Rope

Boats must carry a floating 10m x 8mm tow rope – NO shackles, carabiners or knots.

4

Retiring

Tell nearest RIB or Start Box immediately if you retire, then submit RTD on eTally.

5

Patrol Boats

RIBs will attend capsize but cannot standby a single boat indefinitely.

6

RIB Crew

RIB crews must wear buoyancy aids (not lifejackets) and be prepared to enter the water.

These notes do not replace the need to read the full NOR and SIs



SlIs & NoR Highlights - What's New for 2026-27

RRS RULE 41

Capsized boats may continue racing

A capsized boat may receive assistance from a Race Support Boat and continue racing.

RRS RULE 44.1

One-turn penalty

A boat may take a one-turn penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of RRS Part 2 in an incident while racing.

RRS RULE A4

Race Officer positional scoring

At the RO's discretion, after first boat finishes, boats may be awarded points according to their observed position on course.

★ NEW SI 12

Whiskey Flag (Flag W)

RO may award a finishing score to a boat still racing by displaying Flag W from a committee vessel. Boat no longer required to complete the course.

★ MARK NAMES

SCRA Mark Renames for 2026

Cathead → Warsash Sailing Club | Sposa → William | William → Jane

PROTESTS

Updated protest email address

Protests to: dinghycommittee@warsashsc.org.uk (was: protest@warsashsc.org.uk)



2026-27 Fleet Splits



2026-27 CHANGE: Medium fleet upper boundary adjusted to PY1120 (was 1121). Slow fleet now PY1121+ (was 1122+).

FAST

PY 1033 or less

Flag D

29er, Blaze, D-One, Merlin Rocket, Osprey, Phantom, RS Aero 9, RS300, RS400, RS600

MEDIUM

PY 1034 – 1120

Flag E

420, Albacore, Finn, Hadron H1/H2, ILCA7/Laser, OK, RS Aero 6&7, RS Vario, RS 200, Scorpion, Solution, Supernova, Wayfarer, OK

SLOW

PY 1121 or above

Flag B

Streaker, 2000, Solo, GP14, ILCA4, ILCA6, Mirror, RS Aero 5, RS Feva XL, RS Teras, RS Zest, Toppers & Wanderer

PY numbers per RYA Portsmouth Yardstick. The Dinghy Committee may allocate adjusted PY numbers at their discretion.



Starting & Finishing

Club Line

Transit of the two yellow posts above the race hut, lined up with Pile B6. Main channel only.

Start Sequence

3 mins → 2 mins → 1 min → GO (lights & sound signals as per RRS Rule 26)

Keep Clear

Stay clear of the start line area before your 3-minute warning signal or risk disqualification.

Fleet Starts

Each fleet has a dedicated start at 3-minute intervals. May be combined at RO discretion.

Recalled Starts

Recalled fleet restarts 3 minutes after the last scheduled start in the normal sequence.

Time Limit

Boats must finish within 2h 30m of their fleet start, or sunset, whichever is earlier.

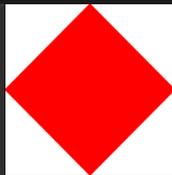


Finishing Options

1 Normal Finish

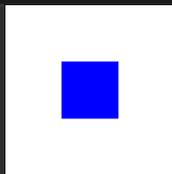
At the Start/Finish Club Line. RO will often set too many laps and shorten for the right race length.

2 Flag F - Mark Shortened



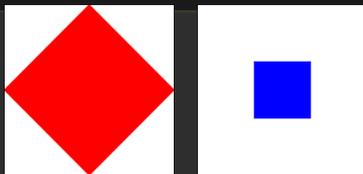
Most common. Pass the course mark adjacent to the vessel bearing Flag F, on the required side then proceed to Start/Finish line.

3 Flag S - Finish at RIB



Finish between the RIB/committee vessel flying Flag S and the adjacent mark of the course.

4 Flags S & F - Pile 6/7



Both flags flown simultaneously. Finish on the transit through Piles 6 and 7 (Hamble Spit to Warsash Shore).

Whiskey Flag W: RO may award a finishing score to a boat still racing by displaying Flag W from a committee vessel.



Start Box

1

3

4



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Courses 2026-27

⚠ MARK NAME CHANGES 2026: Cathead → Warsash Sailing Club | Sposa → William | William → Jane

Course Notation

Capital LETTER = course. Numeral = number of laps. Displayed on board at race box prior to first preparatory signal.

UPPERCASE Marks

Marks in CAPITALS are 'the lap' – repeated for the number of laps shown at the start.

lowercase marks

Marks in lowercase are only rounded/passed once – at the start of the course or as the last mark before the finish.

Flag L

Code flag L = special course has been set. Check the board on Shore House pontoon.

Club Line Courses

Courses A through Y available for Club Line starts – see Start Guide & Courses document for full details.

Sprint Races

For sprint races (Committee Boat at WSC/Cathead Bay), courses A, B, C are used.



Duties & Volunteering

Volunteer via the Members Portal

Confirm or swap duties on SCM early to avoid last-minute issues.

Scoring Benefit

Duty team score average points for races in the same series.

Arrive Early

More than ONE HOUR before the start. Read checklists beforehand.

Qualifications

RO/RIB helms must hold PB2 certificate as a minimum.

RIB Crew

Can be temporary members (free – form on website). Min age 16/17 if parent/guardian (18+) is Safety boat qualified, otherwise 18+.

Water Ready

Crew must be prepared to enter the water in an emergency.

Defect Reporting

Report any RIB problems by email to: defects@warsashsc.org.uk



Dinghy Pound - 2026-27 Allocation

1



Collect Your Trolley Tag

Once spaces are allocated, collect your new tag from the boxes in Shore House (SH) or Lobster Quay (LQ). Keep your existing Boat sticker

2



Tag Up & Move your boat

Attach the new tag to your trolley/trailer and remove last year's tag. Double check this year's allocated space, it may have changed and move your boat to the correct space.

3



Help Your Pound Wardens

Following these simple steps keeps the pound running smoothly and saves members from being issued a fine for non-compliance.



Non-Compliance Fine

If your trolley tag is **not attached** to your boat trolley or trailer —

you could lose your space and may be issued with a fine.



Pound Warden Needed!

We need a volunteer to take over as Pound Warden for Lobster Quay Pound.

Please speak to a Committee member if you can help!



Club Boats available to Hire

Laser 2000



× 2

Feva



× 4

ILCA



× 2

Pico



Many

ILCA boats available with ILCA4 (4.7) or ILCA6 (Radial) rigs only

Fees: All information on booking and fees now on the WSC Portal