



WARSASH SPRING SERIES

Warsash Spring Series and Spring Championship 2024



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Notice of Race

**THE SPRING SERIES for BLACK GROUP BOATS will be in the
Central Solent on four Sundays 7, 14, 21 & 28 April**

**THE SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP for BLACK and WHITE GROUP BOATS will be
on 2 Weekends of Saturday and Sunday 20-21 April and 27-28 April**

1. ELIGIBILITY and RULES

The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

The event is open to IRC boats with LOA of 7.0m or over and a maximum draft of 3.0m, with a rating between 0.810 and 1.300, and to the classes named below. IRC boats which are outside of these limits may seek a dispensation from the Race Committee, whose decision shall be final.

Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the Organising Authority (OA) Warsash Sailing Club.

The Notice of Race can 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 63.7.

Boats shall comply with Southampton Harbour Bye-Laws (and in particular Byelaws 10 & 11) and ABP Southampton Notice to Mariners No. 06 of 2024 concerning the Thorn Channel Precautionary Area. The NTM is available from www.southamptonvts.co.uk or warsashsc.org.uk/springseries/.

2. CLASSES

SPRING SERIES (4 SUNDAYS):

Black Group: Up to four IRC classes.

SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP (2 WEEKENDS):

White Group: J/70 and SB20.

Black Group: Up to four IRC classes.

Other **One Design** or **"Box Rule"** classes with enough entries may be added. Starts may be combined, particularly for any classes with modest entry numbers.

Any class with too few entries may be withdrawn and suitable boats may then race in IRC.

3. SAFETY REGULATIONS

VHF Radio: All boats shall carry a functioning VHF radio with all usual UK marine channels. Essential race information will be announced by radio.

Black Group boats shall comply with the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 races. Boats unable to meet this requirement in full may seek a dispensation from the Race Committee, whose decision shall be final.

White Group: the 2024 safety regulations are available at warsashsc.org.uk/springseries/.

Spot Checks: The Race Committee may make spot checks for compliance with the safety regulations.

4. ENTRY

On-line entry is available at warsashsc.org.uk/springseries/. The entry fees are listed below.

Refunds: There will be no refunds of entry fees if races are cancelled due to the weather. Other refunds of entry may be made at the discretion of the organisers if requested at least 14 days before the first race entered. An administration fee of £50 will be deducted from any refund.

5. CLASS RULES, CREW LIMITS and RATINGS

IRC Classes: IRC Rules Parts A, B and C shall apply. Endorsed certificates are not required.

IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by "The maximum number of crew while racing shall be the Crew Number printed on her certificate plus two. There is no weight limit."

A current **IRC rating** is required for IRC boats. If not issued at least 3 days before her first race, a boat may race at a TCC of 2.000. If the rating is received before the last day of racing, the race committee may at its discretion amend her score based upon that instead for races after the date on the certificate; and the scores for other boats may also change.

For boats with two rating certificates under IRC Rule 8.2, the primary certificate will apply unless, before noon on the Wednesday before the first race entered, the OA receives a declaration from the boat that the secondary certificate is to apply. A boat may not change her declaration during the event, which comprises the whole of the Spring Series and Championship.

The **IRC class splits** will be decided on 3rd April with details e-mailed to IRC entrants and displayed on the website.

A **one design or "box rule" class**, if racing separately or with extracted results, will be subject to its class rules.

Bunk cushions may be removed in accordance with IRC Rule 22.1.1.

6. GENERAL

Official Notice Board: The Official Notice Board will be online at warsashsc.org.uk/springseries/.

Sailing Instructions will be available at warsashsc.org.uk/springseries/ by 31st March 2024 for Black Group and 14th April for White Group. Printed SIs will not be provided.

Start Times will not be before 1030 each day.

Courses: Black Group courses will be mainly windward-leeward for Saturdays and round the cans on Sundays. White Group courses will be windward-leeward.

Penalties: RRS 44.1 is changed for all classes so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. For late acknowledgement of an infringement, scoring penalties will be available. This changes RRS44.

Protests and Hearings: Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Race Office by email to springseries@warsashsc.org.uk.

Sail numbers must be easily readable at all times. If in doubt, a dodger with the sail number should be shown at the start and finish. Boats failing to comply may be scored DNC or DNF.

7. SCORING and NUMBER OF RACES

SPRING SERIES:

Black Group: 2 races are scheduled each Sunday with up to 2 discards. Only those boats that have entered for one or both of the first 2 Sundays will be scored in the Spring Series.

SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP:

Black Group: up to 12 races are scheduled – up to 4 races each Saturday and 2 races each Sunday. 1 discard if at least 5 races are completed. Boats only entered in the Spring Series (Sundays) will not be scored in the Spring Championship.

White Group up to 14 races are scheduled – up to 4 races each Saturday and 3 races each Sunday of the Championship. 1 discard if at least 7 races are completed.

The Low Point scoring system will apply with the following modifications (This changes RRS A5.1, A5.2 and A10):

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| a) DNF, OCS, DNS, RET | Number of starters + 1 |
| b) DSQ, DNE, BFD, UFD | Number of starters + 2. |
| c) TLE (Time Limit Expired) | Number of finishers + 1 |
| d) P30 | 30% place penalty applied in accordance with RRS 44.3 (c) |
| e) DNC | Number of entries in the series + 3 |

8. PRIVACY AND IMAGERY

The personal information provided 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 organising authority's privacy policy (available from www.warsashsc.org.uk). When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

Competitors' contact details may be given to other competitors with a valid need (e.g. parties to a protest).

By taking part in the event, competitors automatically grant the OA and sponsors/supporters, 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.

9. RISK STATEMENT

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;
- (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 (if any) and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover (if any) is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be 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;
- (h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew;
- (i) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims;
- (j) The fact that the race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

10. PRIZES

The prize-giving will be held after racing on Sunday 28th April. Prizes include:

A Winner's Trophy for the winner of each class in the Series and the winner of each class in the Championship. Second and subsequent prizes will be presented according to the number of entries. These are all "keeper prizes" retained permanently by the winners.

Perpetual Trophies, for which the winners are selected on merit at the discretion of the race committee. The **Commodore's Trophy** is for a boat in a class for IRC-rated boats. The **Founder's Salver** is for a boat in a non-IRC-rated class.

11. WELCOME TO WARSASH SAILING CLUB

All competitors and their crews are invited to use the excellent facilities at Warsash Sailing Club on race days. The yellow river taxi service (07827 157155) is available for competitors who wish to visit the Club. This is not a free service, and users will need to pay their fares at the time of use.

12. Further Information

The **event contact details** are below.

WhatsApp: from approximately 3 weeks before the event, competitors may join the event WhatsApp group to receive some general information (e.g. whether racing is going ahead in bad weather, documents available). The link to join the group will be on the event web site warsashsc.org.uk/springseries/. Courses will not be distributed on WhatsApp.

13. Entry Fees

The **Early Bird Entry Fees for the Spring Series apply to entries completed by 2359 Sunday 24th March 2024.**
The Early Bird Entry Fees for the Spring Championship apply to entries completed by 2359 Sunday 7th April 2024.

Warsash Sailing Club members may deduct £50 from the Full Series, Championship or combined Series and Championship Early Bird entry fee. The deduction does not apply to the Full Rate or Day Rate fees.

If a current IRC rating has not been received at date of entry, a reasonable estimate may be made. The Race Committee reserves the right to require an extra fee if the actual rating, when received, is significantly higher than the estimate.

Please note that the Black Group fees are Payment Bands, and not Class Splits.

Black Group (IRC Classes)

	Payment Band A IRC <0.940		Payment Band B IRC 0.941 - 1.000		Payment Band C IRC 1.001 - 1.100		Payment Band D IRC >1.101	
	Early Bird Fees	Full Rate Fee	Early Bird Fees	Full Rate Fee	Early Bird Fees	Full Rate Fee	Early Bird Fees	Full Rate Fee
Spring Series and Spring Championship	£290.00	£320.00	£350.00	£380.00	£415.00	£445.00	£475.00	£510.00
Spring Series 4 Sundays	£210.00	£240.00	£240.00	£270.00	£270.00	£300.00	£300.00	£360.00
Spring Championship 2 weekends	£230.00	£255.00	£280.00	£305.00	£305.00	£355.00	£355.00	£405.00
Spring Series Day Rate	£70.00	£80.00	£80.00	£90.00	£95.00	£100.00	£105.00	£120.00

White Group (J70 & SB20)

	Spring Championship	
	Early Bird Fees	Full Rate Fee
Both weekends	£230.00	£255.00
One weekend	£170.00	£195.00

14. Contact details

**Warsash Sailing Club,
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