



The Henri-Lloyd Warsash Spring Championship 2026



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BLACK GROUP SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

Warsash Sailing Club - Saturday and Sunday 18-19 April and 25-26 April

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 Rules

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

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Subject to SI 2.2, any change to the sailing instructions or to the schedule of races will be posted on the event web site by 2000 on the day before will take effect.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by IC flag "L" being displayed on the Race Control boat and the changes advised by radio (See SI 3.3) at about 0945 and 1000. This changes RRS Race Signals.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://warsashsc.org.uk/springseries/>.
- 3.2 The race office is located at Warsash Sailing Club. On Friday afternoons before race days and on race days, the Race Office may be contacted on 07935 560727 or by email at any time at springchampionships@warsashsc.org.uk.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF as follows:
- Courses and other information** will be advised by VHF radio on international channel 04. Boats should monitor this traffic throughout. Note that international (INT) channel 04 must be selected and not USA channel 04.
 - If transmissions on channel 04 fail, IC flag "D" will be displayed. Channel M1 (37A) will be used instead.
 - Warsash Black Race Control will transmit the start location from about 0930 and other information at about 0945 & 1000. Boats should check their radio reception from this and not call for radio checks.
 - Any boat needing to contact the RC** may call Warsash Black Race Control on VHF channel M1 (37A) - but not when the RC is transmitting on channel 04 – and should return to monitoring channel 04 after speaking to the RC. Competing boats cannot be heard on channel 04.
- 3.4 **Event WhatsApp Group** – competitors may join the event WhatsApp group to receive general information about the event. The link to join the event can be found on page 6, or at <https://warsashsc.org.uk/springseries/>.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 **Abandonment/Postponement:** if a day's racing is to be abandoned/postponed ashore it will be signaled at Warsash SC. It may also be advised by: WhatsApp; by radio; on the Official Noticeboard; and/or on a committee boat in the start area.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than one hour' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Racing will take place on Saturday and Sunday 18-19 April and 25-26 April. The championship for each class will comprise up to 12 races, intended to be sailed as 4 races on each Saturday and 2 on each Sunday but if fewer races are achieved on either of the Saturdays, a 3rd race may be sailed on either of the Sundays in order to catch up.

6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1025 each day.

7 CLASS FLAGS AND CLASS SPLITS

7.1 The class flags set out below will be used.

IRC 1 to 3: International Code Numerals 1 to 3.

7.2 Boats shall display their class flag prominently in the aft part of the boat at least 1.5 metres above deck level.

7.3 **IRC class splits:**

The IRC class splits will be decided on 15th April with details displayed on the Official Notice Board as an amendment to these SIs.

It is each boat's responsibility to race in the correct class, whether or not the RC publishes lists suggesting which classes may apply. That includes boats whose IRC rating is awaited. If any boat without a rating chooses the wrong class, she must move to the right class once her rating is known. Boats will not change class on change of rating.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The Race Area will usually be in the area Bramble Bank/Hill Head/Ryde Middle. The location will be advised by VHF (see SI3.3(a)) from about 0930 onward each day.

9 COURSES

9.1 Courses will be announced on VHF radio (see SI 3.3) and will either:

- a) comprise marks listed in Appendix B using the 2-character codes; or
- b) use one of the Windward-Leeward courses listed in Appendix C.

9.2 The course will normally be read before the warning signal for each class and repeated after the preparatory signal. The description and position of inflatable laid marks will be given.

10 MARKS

10.1 The fixed marks are listed in Appendix B.

10.2 The laid marks will be described when the course is announced.

10.3 Any boat damaging or moving a mark or its ground tackle shall inform the RC as soon as possible, normally immediately.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 Not used

12 THE START

12.1 The Starting Order each day is expected to be: IRC1, IRC2, IRC3.

12.2 Any change to the starting order will be advised by Amendment to SIs or by radio before the warning signal for any class affected.

12.3 The starts of two or more classes may be combined. Competitors are advised to be in the area before 1030. Any further races will be started as soon as possible with the starting times and order dependent on when classes finish their previous race.

12.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

12.5 Starting Line: between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Control boat and an Outer Distance Mark (ODM) which will be described by the RC by radio before the preparatory signal. The ODM may sometimes be a staff displaying an orange flag on an Outer Distance Boat (ODB).

12.6 An Inner Distance Mark (IDM) may be laid near the Race Control boat. Boats shall not cross the line between an IDM and the Race Control boat after the one-minute signal for each race and before starting and clearing the line. A boat infringing this rule may exonerate herself by rounding the end of the starting line to the pre-start side before starting. The Race Control boat, IDM and ODM all rank as starting marks.

12.7 [NP] Keeping clear of committee boats: boats are strongly urged to keep at least 5 metres away from all RC boats. Boats shall not touch any RC boat or her anchor line or chain, or any buoy, RIB or tender attached to any RC boat. This

changes RRS 60.1.

- 12.8 Races will be started using RRS 26. The warning signal may be at the same time as the start of the previous class, or after a short interval. The arrangement will be advised by radio.
- 12.9 Individual Recall: At least one minute after the display of IC flag "X", the RC may make a radio announcement identifying any boat that remains OCS. Failure to make this announcement will not be grounds for redress.
- 12.10 General Recalls and Starting Penalties
- After a general recall, the arrangements for re-starting will be as signalled and advised by radio. The re-start will usually follow the original start, with signals in accordance with RRS 29.2. Alternatively, the re-start may be after one or more other classes, in which case the First Substitute will be removed after 4 minutes with no sound signal.
 - If a U Flag or Black Flag starting penalty applies, the RC may advise sail numbers of infringing boats by radio.
 - This SI changes RRS 29.2, 30.4 and Race Signals.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 Shortening or Changing Course, or abandoning a race (changes RRS 33 and Race Signals):
- Course change:** If a committee boat, which may be a RIB, is on station near to any rounding mark making repetitive sound signals and displaying IC flag "F" and a board showing a 2-character mark code, this indicates a change to the announced course. The 2-character code identifies the next mark which shall be the finish. This mark may not have been part of the original course. Boats shall round the mark at which the change of course is displayed and then proceed directly to the mark indicated and finish between it and a staff displaying IC flag "S" on the nearby committee boat. Should a class flag(s) also be displayed, then the change only applies to the signaled class(es).
 - Shortening or changing course: relevant information may also be announced on VHF radio (see SI 5.8).
 - A change in the position of a laid mark will not be signalled if it involves shortening or lengthening a leg by up to 0.25 mile, or changing its direction by no more than 20°. Any such change may be advised by radio.
 - The RC may shorten or abandon a race for major wind shifts or irregular or inadequate winds. This changes RRS 32.1.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 **The finishing line** is between the last mark of the course and the spar displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat. The finishing boat will display a Warsash Committee flag and may additionally display an orange diamond shape to help identification.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn penalty.
- 15.2 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 but which does not take a penalty in accordance with SI 9.1 may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of the first related protest hearing, notify the RC that she accepts a 30% scoring place penalty as stated in RRS 44.3(c), unless RRS 44.1(b) applies. When accepted, a protest committee cannot penalize that boat further over the same incident, except under Rules 2 or 69, or when rule 44.1(b) applies.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The RC may notify a time limit for a class when announcing the course. This changes RRS 35.
- 16.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, may be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. See NOR 15 for scoring.
- 16.3 Unless otherwise notified for a class when announcing the course, the Finishing Window will be 30 minutes on Saturdays and 45 minutes on Sundays.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 Boats intending to protest or request redress for an incident on the water shall radio their intention to the race committee as soon as possible after finishing or retiring from the race concerned and await an acknowledgement. This adds to RRS 60.2.

- 17.2 The time limit for lodging protests is:
- a) 18 & 19 April - 1800 hours on the day of the race;
 - b) 25 & 26 April - 60 minutes after the last boat in the class finishes the last race of the day or racing is postponed/abandoned for the day, whichever is the later.
- 17.3 Protests and requests for redress, complying with RRS 60.3 and 61.2 respectively, shall be submitted in person to the Race Office at Warsash Sailing Club or by email to springchampionships@warsashsc.org.uk . Hearing request forms are not required but are acceptable, they are available from the documents section of the event or RYA web sites.
- 17.4 The list of protests received will be published on the ONB after the time limit.
- 17.5 Protests will be heard at Warsash Sailing Club as follows:
- a) Protests from 18 & 19 April will be held on Saturday 25 April.
 - b) Protests from 25 & 26 April will be held on those days.
- 17.6 On 25 & 26 April, any boat involved in an incident that might result in a protest hearing or request for redress must send a representative to the Race Office at Warsash SC as soon as possible after racing and be available for a hearing. Hearings may start within 30 minutes of the protest time limit. If any boat's representative is not present at Warsash SC the PC may nevertheless decide the protest or request.
- 17.7 Protests brought by the RC or the Protest Committee (PC) will be notified to boats involved by email or other means. RRS 60.2(a)(2) is changed so that the time limit shall not apply to RC/PC protests.
- 17.8 The RC or the PC may protest a boat for a breach of the IRPCAS under the preamble to Part 2 of the RRS or of SI 2.2 as a result of information arising from a request for redress or an invalid protest or from a report from any source including a person with a conflict of interest. This changes 60.4(b).

18 SCORING

- 18.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.3 RRS A8.2 shall not apply: ties unbroken after RRS A8.1 shall stand.
- 18.4 Boats that change ownership or are chartered by a different charterer during a series will not count points scored by a previous owner/charterer. Before racing, the new owner/charterer must submit a completed entry form.
- 18.5 **Special scoring provisions.** Changing RRS 35, RRS A5.2 and RRS A9:
- c) In addition to RRS 32, the Race Committee may score boats in the order, corrected on handicap if appropriate, that they passed through the last gate or mark at which the Race Committee are able to establish a finishing order. Such a line becomes the finishing line for those boats.
 - d) The race committee may signal this by the display of flags "S" over "3rd Substitute" and by announcement by VHF.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 **[NP] Shipping:** to avoid commercial shipping that is under way, a boat may use her engine, or any other means of propulsion, without retiring. This shall be reported to the Race Committee (RC) at the finish and with full details provided by email to the Race Office (springchampionships@warsashsc.org.uk) before the protest time limit. The RC may refer the matter to the Protest Committee which may impose a penalty without a hearing if an advantage has been gained. This affects RRS 42.3(i) and changes 63.1.
- 19.2 **Retirement:** boats retiring shall advise the RC as soon as possible, before leaving the race area. Any boat that retires without advising the RC will be scored DNC. This changes RRS A5.
- 19.3 If flag "Y" is displayed, lifejackets shall be clearly visible to other boats. This changes RRS 40.1.
- 19.4 No anchor shall be carried forward of the stem or with any part of it outboard, except when anchoring.
- 19.5 Boats with retracting bowsprits: Bowsprits shall be fully retracted at all times other than when the spinnaker is set or in the act of being set or recovered. To exonerate herself from each infringement, a boat shall take a One-Turn Penalty as described in RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 In exceptional circumstances, a boat may seek consent from the RC before 0900 on the race day to use sails with a number not complying with the RRS for that day only. If consent is given, this changes RRS 77.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1 The RC may make spot checks on equipment and may require any boat to be measured at any time.

22 SUPPLIED BOATS

22.1 Not used.

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

23.1 The Warsash Black Race Control boat will display International Code Flag 2nd Substitute and a yellow Warsash Committee flag.

23.2 If used, an Outer Distance Boat or Finish Boat will display a yellow Warsash Committee flag.

23.3 RC RIBs will display a yellow WSC burgee or logo.

24 SUPPORT TEAMS

24.1 Not used.

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

25.1 Competitors shall dispose of their trash in the appropriate bins ashore.

26 BERTHING

26.1 Not used.

27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

27.1 Not used.

28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

28.1 Not used

29 PRIZES

29.1 Provisional results will be displayed on the website at <https://warsashsc.org.uk/springseries/black-group-results/> . Final results will be displayed on the website after the end of the Championships.

29.2 A Winner's Trophy will be awarded to the winners of each class. Second and subsequent prizes will be presented according to the number of entries. These trophies and prizes are retained permanently by the winners.

29.3 Perpetual Trophies, for which the winners are selected on merit at the discretion of the organising committee:

- a) The Commodore's Trophy for a boat in a class for IRC-rated boats.
- b) The Founder's Salver for a boat in a non-IRC-rated class.

Those trophies are held by the winners for a year and then returned to the Club to be awarded for next year's event.

29.4 **The Prize Giving** will be held after racing on Sunday 26 April at Warsash Sailing Club. The target time is 1630. All competitors are invited.

30 RISK STATEMENT

31 Attention is drawn to the Risk Statement set out in the Notice of Race paragraph 22 and the undertaking by the entrant when entering to accept the Notice of Race and comply with its provisions.

31.1 In addition, it is the responsibility of each competitor 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.

32 INSURANCE

32.1 Attention is drawn to the insurance requirements set out in the Notice of Race paragraph 23.

APPENDIX A – SPECIAL FLAGS & SIGNALS FOR BLACK GROUP

The list shows some signals with special meanings for the Warsash Spring Championships; these meanings may replace or add to RRS Race Signals. See the SIs for further details.

Flag	Meaning	Flown where	SI ref
D	Black Group: Radio channel 37A in use, as channel 04 is unavailable	Warsash Black Race Control boat and/or Finishing boat	3.3(b)
F	Round this mark and go directly to the mark whose number is displayed	RIB or committee boat near a rounding mark	13.1(a)
L	Amendment to SIs	Warsash Black Race Control boat	2.2
Y	Lifejackets to be worn visibly	Warsash Black Race Control boat	19.3
2nd Sub	Warsash Black Race Control boat	Warsash Black Race Control boat	23.1
S over 3rd Sub	Special scoring provision in place	Warsash Black Race Control boat	18.5
Orange Diamond	Finish boat on station (the diamond is a shape not a flag)	Warsash Black Finishing committee boat	14.1
Yellow	Committee Boat (flag reads “Warsash Committee”)	Race Control, Outer Distance or Finishing Boat	23

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APPENDIX B - LIST OF MARKS and 2-CHARACTER CODES

MARKS with CODES 3G to 5C are FIXED MARKS				
Code	Name	Colour	Latitude N	Longitude W
3G	Cowes Week 200	Y	50 46.58	01 21.46
3H	East Lepe	R	50 45.93	01 21.07
3K	Lepe Spit	YB	50 46.78	01 20.64
3N	MDL Marinas	Y	50 47.07	01 19.88
3S	SCRA.ORG.UK (ex TeamO)	Y	50 47.81	01 19.25
3U	Gurnard	BY	50 46.22	01 18.84
3W	Williams Shipping	Y	50 47.20	01 18.55
3Y	West Knoll	Y	50 47.43	01 17.84
30	RORC	Y	50 47.12	01 17.72
31	South Bramble	G	50 46.98	01 17.72
33	Prince Consort	BY	50 46.41	01 17.56
34	Cowes Corinthian	Y	50 46.15	01 17.20
4B	Coronation	Y	50 49.55	01 17.62
4C	Fumesy	Y	50 49.21	01 17.46
4D	<i>Calshot (see note #)</i>	BY	50 48.44	01 17.03
4E	Andy Cassell (formerly Jane)	Y	50 47.67	01 17.00
4F	Royal Thames	Y	50 47.20	01 17.00
4G	Chieftain Training	Y	50 49.45	01 16.91
4H	East Knoll	G	50 47.96	01 16.83
4J	hamblewinterseries.com	Y	50 48.63	01 16.56
4K	Royal London YC	Y	50 46.15	01 16.65
4L	Jane (formerly William)	Y	50 49.03	01 16.49
4M	Hill Head	R	50 48.07	01 16.00
4N	Ben F Wood	Y	50 47.27	01 15.90
4P	West Ryde Middle	YBY	50 46.48	01 15.79
4Q	John Fisher	Y	50 48.46	01 15.72
4R	Darling Buoy	Y	50 49.18	01 15.71
4S	Royal Southern	Y	50 48.86	01 15.43
4T	<i>Norris (see note #)</i>	R	50 45.97	01 15.51
4U	Goodall Roofing	Y	50 46.43	01 15.09
4V	Hamble Yacht Services	Y	50 48.13	01 14.64
4W	Ancasta	Y	50 47.33	01 14.59
4X	Colette	Y	50 45.53	01 14.39
4Y	North Ryde Middle	R	50 46.61	01 14.31
4Z	South Ryde Middle	G	50 46.13	01 14.16
40	Haven Knox Johnston Specialist	Y	50 47.66	01 13.65
41	East Bramble	BYB	50 47.23	01 13.64
42	Peel Bank	R	50 45.49	01 13.35
43	Little Ship Club	Y	50 46.16	01 13.09
44	Royal Yacht Squadron	Y	50 47.31	01 12.10
45	South East Ryde Middle	YB	50 45.93	01 12.10
46	North East Ryde Middle	R	50 46.21	01 11.88
47	Contessa 32 Class	Y	50 47.70	01 15.25
48	Paul Heys	Y	50 48.21	01 16.68
49	250th Anniversary	Y	50 46.40	01 13.58
5A	Quarr	Y	50 45.03	01 11.89
5B	Mother Bank	R	50 45.49	01 11.21
5C	Browdown	G	50 46.57	01 10.95

8L - 8Y are STANDARD POSITIONS FOR INFLATABLE MARKS The description of the buoy will be advised by radio			
Code	Location	Latitude N	Longitude W
8L	0.2M SSE of 4D Calshot N Cardinal	50 48.28	1 16.90
8M	0.4M E of 4F Royal Thames	50 47.22	1 16.46
8P	0.4M W of 4W Ancasta	50 47.30	1 15.25
8Q	0.4M SE of 4Q John Fisher	50 48.28	1 15.21
8R	0.3M SE of 4S Royal Southern	50 48.64	1 15.00
8S	0.4M SE of 4T Norris	50 45.72	1 14.95
8T	0.3M SSW of 4Y North Ryde Middle	50 46.33	1 14.50
8U	0.4M SE of 4V Hamble Yacht Servs	50 47.90	1 14.20
8V	0.5M ENE of 4V Hamble Yacht Servs	50 48.28	1 13.98
8X	0.5M WNW of 44 Royal Yacht Sqdrn	50 47.47	1 12.90
8Y	0.5M NNW of 5C Browdown	50 47.00	1 11.30

9A- 9N are STANDARD INFLATABLE MARKS The position and description of the buoy will be advised by radio	
9A	Windward Laid Mark
9B	Windward Spreader Mark
9C	Leeward Laid Mark
9D	Leeward Spreader Mark
9E	Leeward Gate Above Start Line
9F	Leeward Gate Below Start Line
9G	Wing Mark
9H	Outer Distance Mark
9J	Finish Mark
9K	Far Windward Mark
9L	Far Windward Spreader
9M	Near Windward Mark
9N	Near Windward Spreader

9P to 9Z and 90 to 99 are INFLATABLE MARKS whose position and description will be advised by radio

OTHER SOLENT MARKS may be used, being named in full

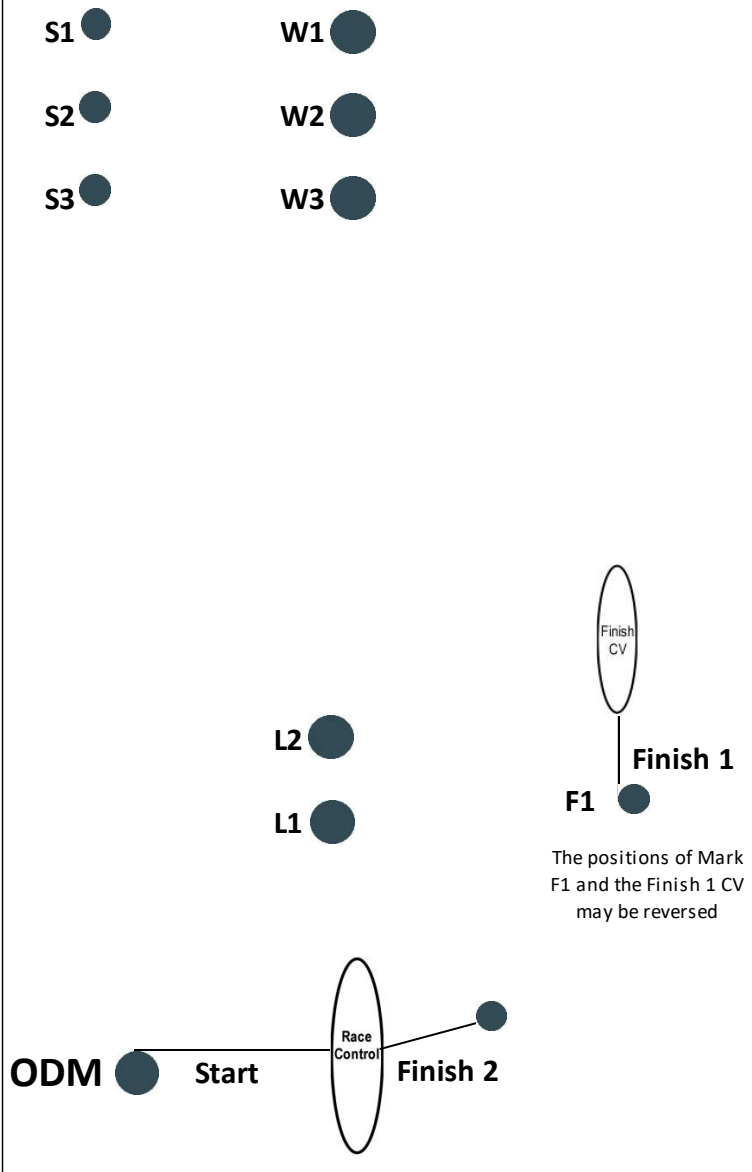
Colours: B=Black G=Green R=Red Y=Yellow

Only used for passing and keeping boats out of channel, not for ordinary rounding.

Use of other main channel marks should be minimised

Codes are consistent with the current Cowes Week/SCRA Mark Code lists

No responsibility is accepted for any error in positions

<p style="text-align: center;">Course diagram Not to scale</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Marks that are not being used may not be laid.</p> 	Courses			
	<p>The designation P means 'round to Port' F1 or F2 means Finish 1 or Finish 2.</p>			
	<p>Course A</p> <p>W1 P L1 P W1 P L1 P F1 or F2</p>	<p>Course B</p> <p>W1 P L1 P W2 P L1 P F1 or F2</p>	<p>Course C</p> <p>W1 P L2 P W1 P L2 P F1 or F2</p>	<p>Course D</p> <p>W2 P L1 P W2 P L1 P F1 or F2</p>
	<p>Course E</p> <p>W2 P L2 P W2 P L2 P F1 or F2</p>	<p>Course F</p> <p>W2 P L2 P W3 P L2 P F1 or F2</p>	<p>Course G</p> <p>W3 P L1 P W3 P L1 P F1 or F2</p>	<p>Course H</p> <p>W3 P L2 P W3 P L2 P F1 or F2</p>
	<p>Course AS</p> <p>W1 P S1 P L1 P W1 P S1 P L1 P F1 or F2</p>	<p>Course BS</p> <p>W1 P S1 P L1 P W2 P S2 P L1 P F1 or F2</p>	<p>Course CS</p> <p>W1 P S1 P L2 P W1 P S1 P L2 P F1 or F2</p>	<p>Course DS</p> <p>W2 P S2 P L1 P W2 P S2 P L1 P F1 or F2</p>
<p>> The description, colour and position of marks will be advised by radio (see SI 5.8).</p> <p>> The description and position of marks may change between races. Details will be advised by radio.</p> <p>> If Marks L1 or L2 are laid as a Gate, boats shall pass between the 2 buoys that are the marks of the Gate from the direction of the previous mark, rounding either one.</p> <p>> The Finish to be used (Finish 1 or Finish 2) will be advised by radio.</p>	<p>Course ES</p> <p>W2 P S2 P L2 P W2 P S2 P L2 P F1 or F2</p>	<p>Course FS</p> <p>W2 P S2 P L2 P W3 P S3 P L2 P F1 or F2</p>	<p>Course GS</p> <p>W3 P S3 P L1 P W3 P S3 P L1 P F1 or F2</p>	<p>Course HS</p> <p>W3 P S3 P L2 P W3 P S3 P L2 P F1 or F2</p>