



The Henri-Lloyd Warsash Spring Championship 2026



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WHITE 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 Radio Communications
- Race information will be advised by radio on VHF channel 02 and boats should monitor this traffic throughout. Note that international (INT) channel 02 must be selected and not USA channel 02.
 - If transmissions on VHF channel 02 fail, IC flag "D" will be displayed. Channel M2 will be used instead.
 - Warsash White Race Control will transmit general information (e.g. on the start location) occasionally between about 0945 and 1015. Boats may check their radio reception from this and should not call for radio checks.
 - Any boat needing to contact the RC may call on VHF channel M2 – but not in the last minute before a start or when the RC is transmitting on channel 02 - and should return to monitoring channel 02 after speaking to the RC. Competing boats cannot be heard on channel 02.
- 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 14 races, with up to 4 races a day. Normally, there would be 4 races on the Saturdays and 3 races a day on the Sundays. One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule.

6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1030 each day.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The class flags set out below will be used. Competing boats need not display class flags.

J/70: International code J

SB20: Naval Numeral 2

RS21: International code E or a Class Flag

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The Race Area will usually be in the area of race mark 4L Jane (formerly William). The location will be advised by VHF (see SI3.3(a)) from about 0900 onward each day.

9 COURSES

9.1 Courses will be set from the list in Appendix B. The course letter and number of "laps" will be displayed on the Race Control boat.

10 MARKS

10.1 See Appendix B.1.2 for descriptions of the marks.

10.2 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 first start for White Group classes will be at 1025 each day. The intended starting order is: J/70s, RS21s, then SB20s. If no boats in a class are entered for the day, then that start will not be signaled.

12.2 Subsequent races will start as soon as possible after the finish of the previous race.

12.3 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.

12.4 Starting Line: between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Control boat and an Outer Distance Mark (ODM).

12.5 [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.

12.6 Races will be started using RRS 26. The warning signal will normally be at the same time as the start of the previous class.

12.7 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12.8 After a general recall, the arrangements for re-starting will be advised by radio and as signaled. The re-start may immediately follow the original start with signals in accordance with RRS 29.2. Alternatively, the re-start may be after the following class in which case the First Substitute will be removed after 4 minutes with no sound signal. This changes RRS 29.2, 30.4 and Race Signals.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 A change in the position of a laid mark will not be signaled 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.

13.2 Course change: a committee boat, which may be a RIB, may be on station near to mark 3 from before any boat in the class has rounded it, making repetitive sound signals and displaying IC flag "F". Boats shall round that mark and then proceed directly to the Finishing line.

13.3 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: between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Control boat and the start ODM.

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 For information, the target time is 45 minutes for each race. There is no standard time limit for the first boat to finish.

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, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. See the NOR for scoring. This changes RRS A4.

16.3 The Finishing Window is 15 minutes.

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 championship.

18.2 Discards: when fewer than 7 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. When 7 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18.3 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 new entry.

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 White Race Control boat will display a white flag and a yellow Warsash Committee flag,
- 23.2 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/white-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 WHITE GROUP

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

Flag	Meaning	Flown where	SI ref
D	White Group: Radio channel M2 in use, as channel 02 is unavailable	Warsash White Race Control boat	3.3
F	Round this mark and go directly to the finishing line	RIB or committee boat near a mark	13.2
L	Amendment to SIs	Warsash White Race Control boat	2.2
White	Warsash White Race Control boat	Warsash White Race Control boat	23.1
Yellow	Committee Boat (Reads "Warsash Committee")	Committee Boat	23.1

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WhatsApp group



APPENDIX B - WHITE GROUP COURSE

B1 General

- B1.1 **The course and number of laps will be displayed** on the Race Control boat, using courses from SI B2. The Course diagram shows the approximate layout of the marks and is not to scale.
- B1.2 **Marks will normally be orange or black except for** a dan buoy with orange flag Start ODM (see SI 12.4). The RC may however use marks of different colours.
- B1.3 **If Mark 3 is 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.
- B1.4 **Finish line:** boats need not pass through the Finish except when finishing.

B2 Courses & Course Diagram

All Courses: Marks to Port
except 3 if laid as a Gate.
See courses below.

COURSE DIAGRAM



COURSES:

- A2** Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish (2 Laps)
- A3** Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish (3 Laps)
- A4** Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – Finish (4 laps)

- B2** Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish (2 Laps)
- B3** Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish (3 Laps)
- B4** Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish (4 laps)