

Warsash Sailing Club

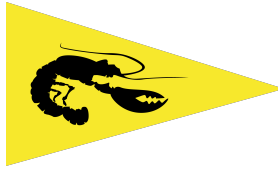
Notice of Race

WSC Dinghy and Cruiser Racing 2018

1. **Organising Authority:** Warsash Sailing Club.
2. **Rules:** WSC Club Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, the Prescriptions of the RYA, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions issued for the series. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. Any changes to the rules will be detailed in the series Sailing Instructions.
3. **RYA Racing Charter:** Competitors should note that Warsash Sailing Club as the organising authority implements the RYA Racing Charter and that all competitors are required to sail in compliance with the Charter which can be found in the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2017- 2020) or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter.
4. **Eligibility:** WSC Club Racing is open to boats entered by Club members.
5. **Entry:** Boats shall complete and return the appropriate entry/registration form prior to competing. Forms are available from the Club web site and signed paper copies must be returned.
6. **Races:** Dates and start times and series for all Club racing are published in the WSC Sailing Calendar which is mailed to members and is available on the Club web site (www.warsashsc.org.uk). Other racing may be provided and publicised in the newsletter or by group email. Racing is provided for the following groups:
 - a. Dinghies
 - b. Limpet
 - c. Cruisers
7. **Handicaps:** Dinghies will race under the RYA PY System, Limpets will race level and Cruisers will race under WSC Handicaps which may change during the series.
8. **Scoring:** Scoring will generally be in accordance with RRS Appendix A, but different series may have different requirements for the numbers of races to count; these are described in the Sailing Instructions. Sailors allocated a Club duty for a race may be awarded a point for that race; the group Sailing Instructions provide further details.
9. **Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded for each series. Trophies may also be awarded for series overall or other reasons. Prizes will normally be awarded at the annual Prize Giving and Dinner in November.
10. **Risk Statement:**

Rule 4 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 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;



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- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - f) The provision of patrol boat cover for dinghies is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically 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 at the venue;
 - i) For dinghy and Limpet racing personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors whilst afloat;
 - j) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.
11. **Further Information** may be obtained from the Sailing Secretary or event leads as listed in the Sailing Calendar.
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