

Warsash Sailing Club Championship Cruiser Race Sunday 18th May 2025

(HW Portsmouth 16:08 BST)

Sailing Instructions




1. Rules: Races will be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Notice of Race, the RYA Racing Charter, any other Class Rules which apply and these Sailing Instructions.

2. Notices to Competitors: Notices to competitors will be posted on the Warsash Sailing Club website.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions: Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 18.00 on Saturday 17th May 2025. The Sailing Secretary will also endeavour to inform competitors of any changes to the SIs by email using the email address supplied on the entry form.

4. Signals made Ashore: Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Warsash Sailing Club.

5. Schedule of Races and Flags:

Race	Class	Warning	Flag	Flag
1	Multihull boats	10.55	T	
2	Yachts and keeled dayboats rated 0.890 and above	11.05	U	
3	Yachts and keeled dayboats rated 0.889 and below	11.15	V	

6. Handicaps: Boats without a current IRC handicap will be allocated a handicap based on available data

7. Racing Area: The races will take place on Southampton Water and The Solent around fixed marks

8. The Courses: Details of the courses are shown in Appendix 1. The course letter for each class will be displayed on the Committee Boat no later than the warning signal and will be broadcast over the VHF Channel 37 (M1).

9. The Start: The start will be in the vicinity of William buoy (4L). The start line will be between the Committee Boat flying an orange flag and William Buoy OR between the Committee boat flying an orange flag and an orange dumpy inflatable outer distance mark. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26, this provides a 5-4-1-Go sequence.

After the first warning signal is displayed, competitors in later races are requested to stay well clear of the starting line until their warning signal is displayed.

Individual recall numbers will not be shown or broadcast. Boats declared OCS which do not return to the start may receive a time penalty at the discretion of the Race Officer.

10. The Finish: The Finish line will be between the Committee Boat flying a blue flag and Bald Head buoy (green). Or if the course is shortened, the finish will be between a mark of the course and the committee boat flying flag S.

11 Time Limit: The time limit is 14:30. Boats that have not finished before that time will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS35.

12. Retirements: A boat that retires must notify either the Committee Boat VHF channel 37 (M1) or the Sailing Secretary by mobile phone (07519 636919) before the time limit.

13. Protests: Protests may be handed to the Race Committee within 1 hour of completing the race. Protest forms are available in the Club.

14. Results: Provisional results will be calculated as soon as possible after the race by the Race Committee and will be available to view in the Club before the prize giving.

15. Prizes: There will be no prizes unless 2 boats compete. A second prize will be awarded if 3 boats compete. A third prize will be awarded if 5 boats compete. The prize giving will be held in the Club at 1630 on Sunday 18th May.

16. Safety Regulations: Any boat infringing the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea or local bylaws in respect of commercial shipping may be disqualified.

17. Disclaimer of Liability: Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event

18. Insurance: Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.