

Warsash Sailing Club Dinghy Championship 17th May 2025

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

The 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) shall apply.
The standard WSC Dinghy Sailing Instructions 2025-26 V4 Feb 25 and Club Championships Notice of Race will apply, where there is difference these sailing instructions shall apply.

2. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Sat 12:00 briefing in Shore House garden
Sat 13:30 for the first start signal with up to 4 races for Superfast, Fast, Medium, Slow & Junior handicap fleets.

3. COMMITTEE BOATS

Warsash Race Control will be the WSC launch Lobster or Club RHIB and will display a yellow Warsash Committee flag, race support will also be provided by WSC RHIBS, which may be used at a start or the finish.

4. COURSES

Races will start from a committee boat in Cat Head Bay.
Courses will be a **series of rounds** to be sailed in the order as described below. The course shall be repeated until Flag 'S' is displayed.
The course will be displayed on a board on the Committee Boat.
The final race of the day may be used to determine the WSC overall champion. For this race only, all classes will sail the same course (designated "QC")

5. COMMITTEE BOAT STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

The start line will be between the mast of the Committee Boat flying an orange flag and outer limit dan buoy flying an orange flag.
The finish line will be between the 'S' flag on the committee boat and the outer limit dan buoy.
All boats shall go through the finish line on each lap.

6. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START (CHANGING RRS 33)

Marks may be moved without a signal providing they are in their new position before the leading boat rounds the previous mark.

7. MARKS

Marks 1, 1a, 2, 3 & 4 will be orange, Mark 5 will be black.

8. STARTING

The 3, 2, 1, Go, start sequence as described in Rule 26 shall apply for all races.
Starts will be at 3-minute intervals.
The Junior fleet will use 'F' (Foxtrot) as their class flag.
Starts may be combined.
If there is a general recall for the first start of the sequence, the starting sequence will be re-started. If there is a general recall in a subsequent start, then that start will wait until all other classes have started.

9. SAFETY

All dinghies shall sign on in accordance with the WSC Dinghy Sailing Instructions 2025-26 V4 Feb 25 and carry an appropriate tow rope as defined in the WSC Dinghy Sailing Instructions 2025-26 V4 Feb 25.

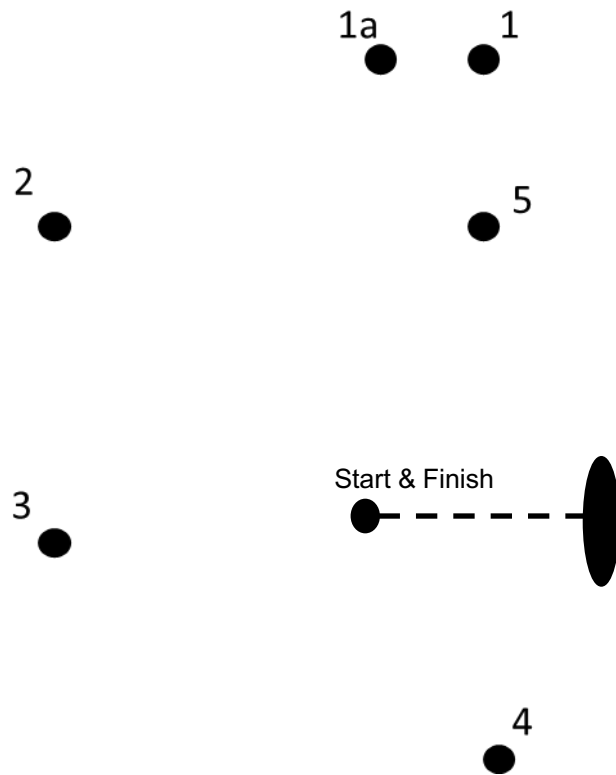
10. PROTESTS OR REQUESTS FOR REDRESS (changing RRS 60.1 and 63.1)

Boats shall inform the Committee Boat at the finish of the race that they intend to protest in that race. The written protest shall be handed to the race officer in Shore House within 30 minutes of the last boat returning ashore.
A hearing will be arranged at the earliest opportunity, before the final results can be announced. (Protest forms are available in Lobster Clubhouse)

11. SCORING AND HANDICAPS

The Portsmouth Yardstick handicap system with average lap times will be used. There will be 1 discard if 4 races are sailed. If course QC is used, that race will still count for individual class prizes.

Course Layout



Course to sail

The course layout is not to scale and shows the approximate lengths and angles between the marks.

The course will be displayed on a board on the Committee Boat.

Each boat shall pass through the finish line on each lap.

One lap comprises:

Q – 1, 2, 3, 4, finish – for the Superfast, Fast and Medium classes

Q – 5, 2, 3, 4, finish – for the Junior & Slow class

QC – 1, 2, 3, 4, finish – all classes

WL – 1, 1a, 4 finish – for the Superfast, Fast and Medium classes

WL – 5, 4, finish – for the Junior & Slow class