



Warsash Spring Championship 2025

WARSASH SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP



WHITE GROUP SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Incorporating Amendment 1: Change of Protest Time Limit on last weekend, updated finish line and change to Course C.

1 RACE SCHEDULE

- 1.1 The Spring Championship will take place on Saturday and Sunday 12/13 April and 26/27 April.
- 1.2 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.

2 RULES

- 2.1 Racing will take place under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2 Boats shall comply with Southampton Harbour Bye-Laws (and in particular Byelaws 10 & 11) and ABP Southampton Notice to Mariners No. 06 of 2025 concerning the Thorn Channel Precautionary Area. The NTM is available from www.southamptonvts.co.uk or <https://warsashsc.org.uk/springseries/wss-notices/>.
- 2.3 Subject to SI 5.2, any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the event web site by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 SAFETY

- 3.1 **The White Group safety requirements** are available from the documents area at <https://warsashsc.org.uk/springseries/wss-notices/>.
- 3.2 **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 (springseries@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.
- 3.3 **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.
- 3.4 **No anchor** shall be carried forward of the stem or with any part of it outboard, except when anchoring.

4 GENERAL

- 4.1 **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. Any boat that does so may be protested by the RC but not by another boat. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 4.2 **Any boat damaging or moving a mark** or its ground tackle shall inform the RC as soon as possible, normally immediately.
- 4.3 **Sail numbers**
 - a) Sail numbers must be easily legible to the RC in all conditions and of a contrasting colour to the body of the sail in accordance with RRS G1.2. Otherwise, boats may be scored DNC or DNF and will be ineligible for redress. This changes RRS 61.1, A5 & A10.

- b) 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.
- 4.4 **Equipment checks and measurement:** the RC may make spot checks on equipment and may require any boat to be measured at any time.

5 COMMUNICATIONS and COMMITTEE BOATS

- 5.1 **Notices to Competitors and Changes to the Sailing Instructions:** notices will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) which is on the Spring Series web site at <https://warsashsc.org.uk/springseries/wss-notices/>.
- 5.2 **New changes in SIs:** IC flag "L" will be displayed on the Race Control boat and the changes advised by radio (See SI 5.8) at about 1000 and 1020. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 5.3 **Race Office:** 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 (springseries@warsashsc.org.uk).
- 5.4 **Event WhatsApp Group** – competitors may join the event WhatsApp group to receive general information at the event. The link to join the event can be found on page 4 below and at <https://warsashsc.org.uk/springseries/wss-notices/>.
- 5.5 **Abandonment:** if a day's racing is to be abandoned ashore it will be signaled at WSC. It may also be advised by: WhatsApp, by radio; on the Series website; and/or on a committee boat in the start area.
- 5.6 **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
- 5.7 **Committee Boats**
- a) The **Warsash White Race Control** boat will display a white flag and a yellow Warsash Committee flag, it is expected to be a Gibsea 37 yacht.
 - b) RC **RIBs** will display a yellow WSC burgee or logo.
- 5.8 **Radio Communications**
- a) **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.
 - b) If transmissions on VHF channel 02 fail, IC flag "D" will be displayed. Channel M2 will be used instead.
 - c) 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.
 - d) 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.

6 STARTS

- 6.1 The **Start Area** will normally be in the vicinity of mark 4L, William.
- 6.2 **Starting Order and Time**
- a) The first start for White Group classes will be at 1030 each day. The intended starting order is: J/70s, RS21s, then SB20s. If no boats in a class entered for the day, then that start will not be signaled.
 - b) Subsequent races will start as soon as possible after the finish of the previous race.
- 6.3 **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.
- 6.4 **Starting Line:** between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Control boat and an Outer Distance Mark (ODM).
- 6.5 **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.
- 6.6 **Races will be started** using RRS 26.
- 6.7 **A boat that does not start** within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 6.8 **General Recalls and Starting Penalties**
- (a) **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.

7 COURSES

- 7.1 **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. Courses may be displayed after the warning signal but no later than the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 27.1.
- 7.2 **Shortening or Changing Course** (changing RRS 33 and Race Signals):
- a) **Course change:** a committee boat, which may be a RIB, may be on station near to marks 3 or 4 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.
 - b) **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.

8 FINISHING

- 8.1 **The finishing line:** between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Control boat and a small orange Outer Distance Mark (ODM). Note: The start ODM may be in place at the same time.
- 8.2 **Target Times and Finishing Window**
- a) For information, the **target time** is 45 minutes for each race. There is no standard time limit for the first boat to finish.
 - b) **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.
 - c) The **finishing window** is 15 minutes.

9 PENALTIES

- 9.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn penalty.
- 9.2 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 by email 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.

10 PROTESTS

- 10.1 **The time limit for lodging protests** is 1900 hours on the day of the race, except for the final weekend 26/27 April when it is 90 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.
- 10.2 **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 springseries@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.
- 10.3 **The list of protests** received will be published on the ONB after the time limit.
- 10.4 **Protests will be heard** at Warsash Sailing Club as follows:
- a) Protests from 12 April will be held on Sunday 13 April.
 - b) Protests from 13 April will be heard on Saturday 26 April.
 - c) Protests from 26 & 27 April will be held on those days.
- 10.5 **On 26 & 27 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.
- 10.6 **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.
- 10.7 **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).

11 SCORING SYSTEM AND RACES TO COUNT

- 11.1 **Three races** are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 11.2 **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.
- 11.3 **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.

12 RESULTS and PRIZES

- 12.1 **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 Series.
- 12.2 **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. Additional prizes of sailing equipment will be awarded by the race supporter. These trophies and prizes are retained permanently by the winners.
- 12.3 **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.
- 12.4 **The Prize Giving** will be held after racing on Sunday 27 April at Warsash Sailing Club. The target time is 1630. All competitors are invited.

13 RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1 **Attention is drawn to the Risk Statement** set out in the Notice of Race paragraph 9 and the undertaking by the entrant when entering to accept the Notice of Race and comply with its provisions.
- 13.2 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.

APPENDIX A - SPECIAL FLAGS & SIGNALS FOR WHITE GROUP

The list shows some signals with special meanings for the Warsash Spring Series and 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	5.8
F	Round this mark and go directly to the finishing line	RIB or committee boat near a mark	7.2
L	Amendment to SIs	Warsash White Race Control boat	5.2
White	Warsash White Race Control boat	Warsash White Race Control boat	5.7
Yellow	Committee Boat (Reads "Warsash Committee")	Committee Boat	5.7



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WhatsApp group



APPENDIX B - WHITE GROUP COURSES

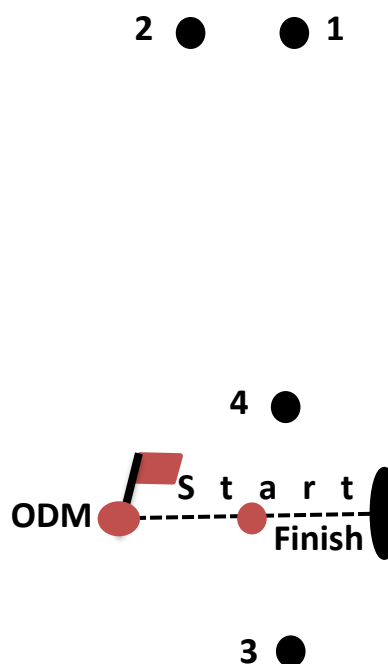
B1 General

- 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. See examples at the end of SI B2.
- B1.2 **Marks will normally be orange or black except for** a dan buoy with orange flag Start ODM (see SI 6.4). The RC may however use marks of different colours.
- B1.3 **If Marks 3 or 4 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.
- 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 & 4 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)
- C2** Start – 1 – 2 – 4 – 1 – 2 – Finish (2 laps)
- C3** Start – 1 – 2 – 4 – 1 – 2 – 4 – 1 – 2 – Finish (3 Laps)
- C4** Start – 1 – 2 – 4 – 1 – 2 – 4 – 1 – 2 – 4 – 1 – 2 – Finish (4 laps)