



# Warsash Sailing Club

## Notice of Race

### Rooster Southern ITCA Traveller and 2023 Area Championships Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> & Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

1. **Organising Authority:** Warsash Sailing Club.
2. **Rules:** The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, the prescriptions of the RYA, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions issued for this event and the Class Rules. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.
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 2021- 2024) or at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter)

#### **The racing rules will be changed as follows:**

- i RRS 32 changed to allow a race to be shortened at the committee boat on station at the finish.
- ii RRS 35 changed to score boats finishing outside the time limit in their observed position on the course.
- iii RRS 40 changed so that personal flotation devices must be worn at all times whilst afloat.

The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions and event appendices. These may also change the racing rules.

4. **Advertising:** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
5. **Eligibility and Entry:**
  - a. The regatta is open to Topper class dinghies with either a 5.3 or 4.2 sail.
  - b. The maximum number of entries is as follows, which may be adjusted at the discretion of the Organising Authority:  
5.3 Fleet 40  
4.2 Fleet 30
  - c. Entry is [online](#) only and early entry is encouraged. Closing date for entries is Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023
  - d. Competitors must agree to a signed parent /guardian declaration which will be part of the online entry.
  - e. Competitors may change between the 4.2 and 5.3 fleets and visa-versa after entry up until 23:59 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, or afterwards at the discretion of the Race Officer.
6. **Entrance Fee:** The entry fee is £50 per boat for the weekend, there is a small discount for WSC members.



## Warsash Sailing Club

7. **Registration:** Registration will be from 09.00 on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023 in the Main Hall in Shore House.
8. **Races:**
  - a. There will be a maximum of 8 races for each fleet, with no more than 5 races per day.
  - b. A maximum of 2 discards will be allowed, the first after successful completion of 4 races, the second on completion of the 8th race.
  - c. The first race will not start before 11:00 on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023 and before 10:00 on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023.
  - d. The target duration of each race will be 35-40 minutes and the races will be run back-to-back without a return to shore.
  - e. No race will start after 17:00 on the Saturday, with no race starting after 1500 on the Sunday.
9. **Briefing:** There will be a briefing by the Race Officer at 0945 on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October with a shorter update before launching at 0900 on the Sunday.
10. **Sailing Instructions:** The sailing instructions will be available to download from the [Regatta web page](https://www.warsashsc.org.uk/open-events/topper/) (<https://www.warsashsc.org.uk/open-events/topper/>) from 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023.
11. **Race area:** The race area will be within Southampton Water/The Solent, in the vicinity of Coronation Buoy, which is approximately 2 miles from Warsash Sailing Club.
12. **Risk Statement:** RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue to race is hers alone" and that sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently 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 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.
  - e. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats if any and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
  - f. The provision of patrol boat cover if any is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances.
  - g. Personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors whilst afloat.
13. **Insurance**
  - a. Each participating boat must hold valid insurance, which includes cover for third-party liability up to a value of £3,000,000.



## Warsash Sailing Club

14. **Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.
15. **Social:**
  - a. Breakfast will be available in the Warsash SC from 09:00 on the morning of racing
  - b. Lunch will be available at Warsash SC
  - c. A post sailing BBQ will be provided at Lobster Quay from 17:00, or approximately one hour after the racing has finished. Hawaiian style shirts are expected.
  - d. It is anticipated that the Prize Giving will take place within an hour of coming ashore on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023.
16. **Parking:** Cars may be parked in either of the public car parks next to the club, please note these are now both paid car parks. Trailers will need to be stored in an empty bay within the Shore House dinghy park, please keep pathways clear for other sailors to access their boats, if you are unsure, please speak to a WSC member who will assist.
17. **Further Information** may be obtained from:

**Stu Davies**

**Tel: 07866 400 302**

**Email: [stu@daviesfamily.co.uk](mailto:stu@daviesfamily.co.uk)**

**Web: <https://www.warsashsc.org.uk/open-events/topper/>**

