

Warsash Spring Series 2010 and Spring Championship

Notice of Race

The Spring Series will take place in the Central Solent on Sundays 14, 21 & 28 March, 11,18 & 25 April 2010 for classes as below. Starts from 1000.

The Spring Championship will take place on Saturday-Sunday 17-18 April and 24-25 April for classes as below.

1. RULES and ELIGIBILITY

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The RYA Racing Charter will apply. The Notice of Race may be varied by amendment or by the Sailing Instructions.

The event is open to boats having an LOA of 6.9m or over, in IRC, SBR Sportsboat, or the specified "One Design" classes.

2. CLASSES

Spring Series:

Black Group: 4 IRC classes. J/109. J/105.

White Group: Laser SB3. J/80. SBR Sportsboats (RYA/RORC Sportsboat Rule, including Hunter 707s).

Starts may not be offered for a class if less than 8 entries have been received by 5 March. Any entries affected by this will be welcomed into the relevant IRC or SBR class. IRC boats with TCC less than 0.890 are gladly accepted if enough enter for satisfactory racing.

Spring Championship - White Group classes as follows:

Both championship weekends: Laser SB3. J/80. SBR Sportsboats.

Quarter-ton class (17-18 April only).

Spring Championship - Black Group classes as follows:

(a) **45 Foot Class.** For Farr 45 class boats, complying with IRC rules but racing level regardless of rating. On application, other but similar boats may be allowed to race.

(b) **"BB1 class"** - boats whose IRC rating is 1.075 or above and whose IRC displacement-length ratio (DLR) is 200 or less, racing under IRC. Boats with a higher DLR may apply to the race committee for inclusion, and permission may be granted if it feels the boat is sufficiently similar in character for satisfactory racing. With sufficient entries, the BB1 class may be sub-divided.

(c) **Class 40s. First 40.7s. J/109s. First 31.7s.** Other "one-design" classes on request if with 8 or more entries by 5 March.

(d) **CC3 Class (24-25 April only).** For boats entered in the trials for the Commodore's Cup 2010 Class 3, in the rating band 1.025 – 1.074 and with DLR not exceeding 215.

3. RATINGS and CLASS RULES

IRC Rules Parts A, B and C shall apply. IRC Endorsed Certificates are required for IRC boats deemed by the race committee to be works teams, and for boats with any Group 3 sailor aboard (ISAF Sailors' Classification Code).

Class 40s, J/109s, J/105s, Laser SB3s, J/80s, will each race under their one-design class rules, subject to any changes agreed with the classes. **Quarter-tonners** will race under their class rules.

Current IRC or SBR ratings will be used. **IRC boats** must have a current IRC certificate. The maximum crew is IRC crew number plus two. IRC classes may be divided flexibly, to group similar boats. The race committee may permit a boat in IRC to compete in the class above that for which she is eligible, allocating a TCC not less than the bottom rating of that class. Boats will be allocated between the IRC classes on 10 March and details will be mailed to entrants and shown on the website.

SBR Sportsboat Class boats must have an RYA/RORC Sportsboat Rule (SBR) certificate, LOA under 9.2m and draft of under 2m. Hunter 707s, 1720s and Melges 24s do not need individual SBR certificates so long as they have a current class certificate. Other sportsboats not fully able to meet the requirements of the Notice of Race may apply to the organising committee for permission to enter. Other boats may be eligible for the appropriate IRC class.

4. SAFETY REGULATIONS

Boats shall carry a functional VHF radio with all usual UK marine channels including M1 (37) & M2.

Black Group: Boats shall comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 races, or with their Class Safety Regulations if to an equal or higher standard.

White Group: Regulations are available on request and in the SIs and on the website.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

SIs will be posted to all entrants on or about 1 March. They will be posted on the website www.warsashspringseries.org.uk and will also be available for collection from the Club Administrator, Warsash Sailing Club. SIs may not be posted for late entries.

Bunk cushions may be removed without penalty.

Sail numbers must be readily readable by the race committee in variable light conditions. In case of doubt, a dodger with the sail number should be displayed to the race committee at the start and finish. Otherwise boats may be scored DNC or DNF.

Courses will be set in the central Solent. For White Group, courses will be windward-leeward in nature. For Black Group, Spring Series courses will be "around the cans"; Spring Championship courses will be predominantly windward-leeward.

Time Penalties will apply for Black Group classes instead of the turns penalties of RRS 44.

6. SCORING and NUMBER OF RACES

A modified version of the Low Point scoring system will apply. Details will be in the SIs and are available on request.

Spring Series:

Black Group except IRC1 will have 6 races with 5 to count.

IRC1 will have 8 races with 6 to count (1 each day except 2 on each of 18 & 25 April).

White Group will have 18 races (3 races each Sunday) with 15 to count.

Spring Championship:

Black Group classes except Class 40: up to 12 races - 4 races on each of Saturdays 17 & 24 April, and 2 races on each of Sundays 18 & 25 April. All races to count.

Class 40 will have up to 8 races - 2 races each day. All races will count.

White Group classes: 14 races - 4 races on each of Saturdays 17 and 24 April, and 3 races on each of Sundays 18 and 25 April. All races will count.

7. PRIZES

The prize-giving reception will be held on Friday 14 May at 2000 BST.

Spring Series: A winner's trophy and other prizes will be awarded in each class.

Spring Championship: A winner's trophy and other prizes will be awarded in each class.

The Commodore's Trophy will be awarded "on merit" to a class winner of IRC-rated boats, and **The Founder's Salver** to a class winner of non-IRC-rated boats.

8. ENTRY FEES

See Entry Form or Online entry at www.warsashspringseries.org.uk

9. MOORINGS AND FERRIES

A free ferry service is provided before and after racing on Sundays from Warsash to and from moorings up river as far as Port Hamble.

Some visitors moorings are available from the Hamble Harbour Master 01489 576387, email harbour.office@hants.gov.uk; or contact marinas and boat yards.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race, SIs or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2 million per event.

Nothing done by the organisers will reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the racing and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, committee boat(s), the race officers and others.

The boat is responsible to ensure that she is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew knows how to use it.

The fact that the race committee may inspect a boat does not reduce the responsibilities set out in this paragraph.

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