



# Warsash Spring Series 2010 and Spring Championship

## BLACK GROUP SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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## 1. RACE SCHEDULE

### 1.1 Spring Series: Sundays 14, 21 and 28 March - 11, 18 and 25 April 2010.

Each class is scheduled to have 1 race each Sunday; except that on 18 and 25 April class IRC 1 will have 2 races.

### 1.2 Spring Championship: Saturday-Sunday 17-18 April and 24-25 April for certain classes: See Appendix A.

## 2. RULES

2.1 Racing will take place under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions (SIs). For IRC boats, the IRC Rules parts A, B and C shall apply. One designs racing in their own class shall comply with their UK class rules. The RYA Racing Charter will apply. Changing RRS 63.7, in the event of conflict these SIs shall apply. In the SIs, the race committee is referred to as "RC."

2.2 **Additional SIs apply to the Spring Championship:** See Appendix A.

2.3 Affecting RRS 51 and class rules, Class 40 boats shall not move sails or other ballast when racing, other than water ballast for which they are rated.

## 3. SAFETY

### 3.1 Conditions of Participation

Attention is drawn to the Disclaimer of Liability at Paragraph 10 of the Notice of Race.

### 3.2 Safety Regulations

(a) Boats shall comply with the current ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 races and carry all the equipment required by those Regulations. Spot checks may be made on compliance.

(b) If flag "Y" is flown, lifejackets (complying with the Special Regulations for Category 4) shall be worn and shall be clearly visible to other boats. This changes RRS 40 and Race Signals.

### 3.3 Shipping

(a) Any boat infringing the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea or by-laws in respect of commercial shipping may be penalised or disqualified from one or more races or from the series and such a disqualification may be non-excludable.

(b) An engine shall be used when appropriate to avoid risk of collision with another vessel that is under way but not racing; or in grave emergency. The facts shall be reported to the RC at the finish, with written details to the race office before the protest time limit. The protest committee may impose a penalty if it thinks fit.

(c) SI 3.3 changes RRS 63.1.

### 3.4 VHF Radio

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

### 3.5 Retirement

Boats retiring shall advise the RC as soon as possible, usually on channel M1 (37), before leaving the race area.

### 3.6 Anchors, bowsprits and other equipment

(a) **Anchors** and other moveable equipment shall not be stowed in a position likely to cause a hazard to other competitors.

(b) **Boats with bowsprits** that extend and retract shall comply with the following:

(i) J/109s and J/105s shall comply with their class rules.

(ii) In the case of other "bowsprit" boats: to extend the bowsprit a boat shall be in the process of either a continuous hoist, flying, or a continuous retrieval of the spinnaker. At all other times the bowsprit shall be retracted until it is aft of the stem of the boat. The penalty for non-compliance is one turn including one tack and one gybe prior to the finish of the race for each contravention.

## 4. GENERAL

### 4.1 Measurement or Rating Certificate

(a) IRC boats shall have a valid IRC certificate. J/109s and J/105s shall have a valid class certificate. On demand the competitor shall present a valid rating/measurement certificate or sign an undertaking to present one by a time set by the RC.

- (b) If a boat fails to comply with SI 4.1 (a) her penalty shall be to be scored at a rating (TCC) of 2.000 or more at the RC discretion unless 4.1. (c) applies. This changes RRS 63.1
- (c) If a boat can show that a valid application has been made for the rating certificate before the race in question the RC may at its discretion waive SI 4.1 (b) and instead score her for that race based upon the actual rating when received.
- (d) The RC may require any boat to be measured at any time.
- (e) Boats may remove bunk cushions without penalty.

#### 4.2 **IRC Endorsed Certificates**

- (a) Any boat with one or more crew members aboard in any race who are “Group 3” under ISAF Regulation 22 (Sailor Classification Code) shall produce an endorsed certificate or sign an undertaking to present one by a time determined by the RC.
- (b) Each boat in IRC class 1 shall either submit a written declaration that all crew members are “Group 1” sailors or produce an endorsed certificate or sign an undertaking to present one by a time determined by the RC.
- (c) The RC may require any entry that it deems to be a “works team”, or any other entry where it deems this desirable, to produce an endorsed certificate or sign an undertaking to present one by a time determined by the RC.

#### 4.3 **Crew Restrictions**

In the IRC classes the maximum crew shall be the Crew Number printed on the boat’s certificate plus two. IRC rule 22.4.3 shall not apply.

#### 4.4 **Classes and Time Allowances**

- (a) **For IRC**, class splits are issued on the Thursday before the first race. It is each boat’s responsibility to race in the correct class. That applies whether or not the RC publishes lists provisionally assigning boats to a class. For any boat that has not yet received its IRC rating, if the IRC rating when confirmed puts her in another class she must sail in that class; any results from earlier races in the wrong class will not count.
- (b) **The RC may allocate IRC boats** to classes for reasons other than TCC, e.g. taking into account displacement/length ratios or SSS numbers, with the aim of providing more satisfactory competition. This is at the sole discretion of the RC.
- (c) **A boat entered in IRC may ask** to compete in the class above that for which she is eligible. She shall apply to the RC by 1400 local time on Friday before the first race in which she is entered. At its discretion, the RC may allow this and allocate a rating which will not be less than the bottom rating of that class.
- (d) **Any change to rating** shall promptly be notified to the RC. A reduction in rating will be applied only if notified to the RC by 1400 local time on the Friday before the relevant race, and not retrospectively. An increase in rating will be applied from the effective certificate date. Boats will not change class on change of rating. The RC may vary the effect of this paragraph (d) in individual cases if in its discretion it considers it equitable to do so.
- (e) **J/109s and J/105s** will race level in their classes and not on handicap.
- (f) **The class flags** set out below will be used by the RC. Whilst racing, boats shall display their class flag as listed prominently in the aft part of the boat at least 1.3 metres above deck level.

IRC1 to 4	International Code Numerals 1 to 4
J/109	Naval Numeral 0 (zero)
J/105	International Code J

#### 4.5 **Committee Boats**

- (a) The **Warsash Black Race Control** boat, which is the main committee boat, will fly International Code (IC) flag 3<sup>rd</sup> Substitute and a yellow Warsash Committee flag. **Boats in IRC4 – see SI 5.**
- (b) The **Communications Boat** will fly IC flag “W” and a WSC burgee. This boat is usually found at or near the “pin” end of the Black Group line at the start. This boat may also be used as the Outer Distance Boat. Its radio call sign is **Warsash Comms.**
- (c) An **Outer Distance Boat (ODB)** which if used will fly IC flag “V” and a yellow Warsash committee flag. This boat may also be used as the Communications Boat.
- (d) **RC RIBs** will fly a WSC burgee if possible
- (e) **Other Finishing Boats** which if used will fly a yellow Warsash Committee flag.

#### 4.6 Sail Numbers

- (a) **Sail numbers must be clear to the RC** in all conditions. Numbers of any colour on shiny grey sails seldom comply. If numbers are not always readily visible, sail number dodgers should be displayed to the RC at the start and finish. Otherwise boats may be scored DNC or DNF and will be ineligible for redress if the RC does not identify them - redress can only be given if there is no fault on the part of the boat.
- (b) Exceptionally, a boat may be permitted to use sails with a sail number not complying with the RRS, subject to conditions. Any request for permission must be received by the RC by 0900 local time on the race day. If a boat is permitted to race with sails showing more than one sail number, the “wrong” number shall be clearly crossed out with dark tape. This changes RRS 77.
- (c) A boat infringing this SI may be protested and penalised.

### 5 CLASS IRC4

#### 5.1 For class IRC4 only, this SI modifies some Black Group SIs.

#### 5.2 Class IRC4 will start at 1000 in the area around East Knoll to Royal Southern buoys.

#### 5.3 (a) Class IRC4 will be started from the Warsash Laser Race Control boat which also runs the racing for the Laser SB3 class. This committee boat will fly IC flag 2<sup>nd</sup> Substitute. Until after the class has started, radio communication with class IRC4 will be on VHF channel M2. After starting, boats should revert to radio channels in accordance with SI 6.4.

- (b) **The starting line** is between a spar displaying an orange flag on the Warsash Laser Race Control boat and an outer distance mark (ODM).

The RC will indicate by flag signal before the preparatory signal which ODM is being used. A red flag displayed on the Race Control boat indicates the use of a red ODM (or a black ODM bearing a red flag). A green flag indicates the use of a green ODM (or black ODM bearing a green flag). Marks of more than one colour/flag colour may be present and the one indicated is to be used.

#### (c) The start sequence for class IRC4 will be:

- (i) The orange flag will be displayed 10 minutes before the intended start time as an “attention” signal.
- (ii) The warning signal will be displayed 5 minutes before the start. Signals will follow the 5-4-1-go sequence of RRS 26.
- (iii) If there is a general recall of class IRC4, RRS 29.2 will apply and not SI 7.8 (a) or (b).
- (d) Class IRC4 will start first on this line. The Laser SB3 class will start subsequently.

#### 5.4 The course for class IRC4 will be advised by radio on channel M2 after the attention signal and after the preparatory signal.

#### 5.5 SIs 7.5, 7.6 and 7.7(b) apply to class IRC4 with the substitution as necessary of the correct Race Control boat.

#### 5.6 All other Black Group SIs apply to class IRC4.

### 6. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

#### 6.1 Notices to Competitors

Notices will be posted on the official race notice board outside the WSC race office.

#### 6.2 Changes in SIs

New changes will be indicated by IC flag "L" flown on the Race Control boat. The changes will be advised by radio at about 0930 and 0945 – see SI 6.4(b). Changes affecting class IRC4 will be repeated on channel M2. This changes RRS Race Signals.

#### 6.3 Abandonment

If a day’s racing is to be abandoned, this may be advised by signal at the Warsash SC by 0900 on the race day, on a committee boat in the start area; and by radio. A decision to abandon will rarely be taken earlier than 0800 on the race day and competitors are requested not to call by telephone or radio earlier, as they may delay the decision. Confirmation may be posted on the website at [www.warsashsc.org.uk](http://www.warsashsc.org.uk).

#### 6.4 Radio Communications

- (a) **Courses and other information will be advised by radio** whenever possible. Boats should monitor this traffic until after finishing.

(b) **Warsash Black Race Control and Warsash Comms** will transmit race information to competitors on VHF channel 28. Competitors shall not transmit on Ch 28 and in any event such transmissions would not be heard on this duplex channel. Boats in class IRC4 – see SI 5.

Warsash Black Race Control and Warsash Comms may exchange time checks and weather information at about 0930 and 0945; boats may check their radio reception from this.

(c) If transmissions on VHF channel 28 were to fail, IC flag “U” will be displayed and the RC will use VHF channel M1 (37) for all communications.

(d) **Competitors needing to contact the RC** should call Warsash Comms on VHF channel M1 (37) - not when the RC is transmitting on channel 28 - and should return to monitoring channel 28 after completing their exchange with Warsash Comms. Boats should not call for radio checks unless they believe their transmitter is faulty.

(e) **Communications Boat**

The Communications Boat (Warsash Comms) will handle necessary traffic from competing boats. From 0830 until all boats have finished or the time limit has expired, it will listen on channel M1 (37) except during transmissions on channel 28. Competitors should not communicate with other committee boats, which will not respond before the last start of the day.

(f) **The Race Office** ashore operates on channel M1 (37), call sign Warsash Base.

6.5 **Flag Signals**

(a) Certain flag signals such as IC Flags “K”, “L”, “U”, or “Y”, flown on the Warsash Black Race Control boat may also be repeated on other committee boats.

(b) A flag signal displayed with IC 3rd Substitute or class flag applies only to Black Group or that class.

7. **STARTS**

7.1 **The Start Area** will usually be in the vicinity of Air Canada/East Bramble/Ryde Middle. Boats in class IRC4 – see SI 5.

7.2 **Starting Order**

It is intended that classes will be started in the following order; any change will be notified by Amendment to SIs and/or by radio: IRC1 - IRC2 – J/109 - J/105 - IRC3. Boats in class IRC4 – see SI 5.

7.3 **Time of Starts**

The first start is expected to be at 1000 hours local time. The starts of two or more classes may be combined. Competitors are advised to be in the area before 0950.

7.4 **Starting Line**

(a) **The starting line** is between a staff flying an orange flag on the Warsash Black Race Control boat and either the mainmast of the Outer Distance Boat (ODB) displaying IC flag “V” or an outer distance mark (ODM). Boats in IRC4: see SI 5.

(b) **The RC will announce** by radio before the preparatory signal for each class whether an ODB or ODM is being used for that class. If an ODM is used, its colour will be advised. The ODB and/or ODMs of more than one colour may be present, and the one announced is to be used.

7.5 **Limit marks; Keeping clear of committee boats**

(a) **A boat that causes damage** to any RC boat or RIB may be penalised or disqualified from that day’s racing or from the series by the RC. A boat is entitled to a hearing on request. This changes RRS 63.1 and 64.

(b) **Inner distance marks (IDM)** may be laid near the Warsash Black Race Control boat and/or near the ODB if used. Boats shall not cross the line between an inner distance mark and the adjacent Race Control boat or ODB 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.

(c) The Warsash Black Race Control boat, inner distance mark(s) and ODB or mark all rank as starting marks, as do any anchor chain or line, or any buoy, RIB or tender attached to them.

(d) **Boats are strongly urged to keep at least 10 metres** away from all RC boats and RIBs, except that boats may close the Communications Boat to collect or pass essential items; any boat with an inboard engine shall do so under power.

## 7.6 **Obstructing the Start Line**

Competitors shall keep well clear of the starting line after the first warning signal of a start sequence until the warning signal for their class. Protests under this SI may only be brought by the RC. This changes RRS 60.

## 7.7 **Starting Procedure**

(a) **RRS 26 is changed** so that the warning signal is 10 minutes before the start, and the preparatory signal is 5 minutes before the start - thus a “**10-5-1-go**” sequence. (This does not apply to IRC4, see SI 5).

However **after an extended postponement** and in order to save time, IC flags M over 5 may be displayed on the Black Group Race Control boat and the change notified by radio. All subsequent starts will be in accordance with RRS 26 - thus a “**5-4-1-go**” sequence.

(b) **In the last minute before the start**, if any boats are seen on the course side of the line, IC flag “X” may be raised (no sound signal) and lowered (no sound signal) when these boats have returned to the pre-course side of the line. Failure to display this flag before the starting signal will not be grounds for redress.

## 7.8 **General Recalls and Starting Penalties**

(a) **After a general recall**, the recalled class will usually be restarted **after the last scheduled start** in that sequence, and the warning signal for the next class will not be lowered on signalling the recall. This changes RRS 29.2 and Race Signals.

(b) However at the discretion of the RC, the recalled class may be restarted either

(i) **After one or more other classes** but before the end of the sequence. The arrangements will be signalled, and advised by radio.

or (ii) **Immediately after its original start**, when the warning signal for the next class will be lowered on signalling the general recall. The preparatory signal for the re-start of the recalled class will be one minute after the First Substitute is removed. A new warning signal will not be given. This changes RRS 29.2 and Race Signals.

(c) If a RRS 30 starting penalty applies, the RC may advise by radio the sail numbers of boats that have infringed, instead of displaying them. This changes RRS 30.3.

## 7.9 **Late Arrival at Start**

A boat arriving in the start area under engine or tow after her preparatory signal may exonerate herself by not starting for at least 2 minutes after her start signal, and making a 360° turn after stopping her engine or dropping her tow but before starting.

## 8. **COURSES**

8.1 **Courses** will be set using rounding marks as indicated in Appendix B.

8.2 **Courses will be given by radio** after the warning signal for each class on VHF channel 28, see SI 6.4. This changes RRS 27.1. Boats in class IRC4 see SI 5.4.

When possible, Warsash Black Race Control will advise the course to Warsash Comms, which will repeat the course back to Warsash Black Race Control, which will confirm if the repetition was correct. Warsash Black Race Control may repeat the course to Warsash Comms after the preparatory signal.

## 8.3 **Shortening or Changing Course**

(a) Courses may be shortened at any mark in accordance with RRS 32.

(b) The course may be changed as follows:

(i) A committee boat (which may be a RIB) displaying IC flags C over F and a board with a 2-digit number and making repetitive sound signals may be on station near to any rounding mark.

(ii) The 2-digit number identifies the next mark which shall be the finish. This mark may not have been part of the original course.

(iii) Boats shall round the mark at which the change of course is displayed and then proceed directly to the mark indicated and finish between it and a staff displaying IC flag S on the nearby committee boat.

(c) Shortening or changing course may only apply to certain classes, whose class flags will be displayed on the committee boat. Information about shortening course may also be announced on VHF channel 28.

## 9. **FINISHING**

9.1 (a) **The finishing line** is between the last mark of the course line and the spar displaying a blue flag on the adjacent committee boat. This boat will fly a yellow Warsash Committee flag, and may display an orange diamond shape.

(b) The RC may shorten or abandon a race due to major wind shifts or irregular winds. This changes RRS 32.1.

## 9.2 Time limits

(a) **The time limit for a class** will be the later of 1400 hours local time or 2 hours after the race start. However in the event of one or more boats finishing within this limit whilst other boats are unable to do so, the time limit will be extended to 40 minutes after the first boat to finish. **Boats not finishing** within the time limit (including any extension) will not be counted as finishers.

(b) **The RC may notify an amended time limit** for a class with the course shortly after the warning signal.

(c) The expiry of the finishing time will be announced by radio and signalled by IC flag “K” with the appropriate class flag. This may be accompanied by 5 sound signals if the RC considers this is not likely confuse boats in other classes.

(d) If at least one boat in the class finishes before the expiry of the time limit (including any extension), then a **boat that is still racing** at that time may ask to be scored as **OTL** (Over Time Limit). To do so, she shall inform the RC as soon as possible that she was still racing and wishes to be scored OTL, and await an acknowledgement. See SI 12.5 for scoring.

Starters that cease racing before the final time limit shall advise their retirement in accordance with SI 3.5. Starters that were still racing at the final time limit but do not ask to be scored as OTL or do not receive an acknowledgement will be scored DNF if the RC is aware they were racing, otherwise the score will be DNC.

(e) Boats that start and retire without advising the RC and receiving an acknowledgement will be scored DNC.

(f) This SI changes RRS 35 and A4.

## 10. PENALTIES

10.1 (a) The One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties of RRS 44.2 shall not apply.

(b) **Scoring Penalties** as described in RRS 44.3 shall apply except RRS 44.3 (c) is changed so that the penalty will be 1% of the boat’s elapsed time.

(c) A boat that fails to comply with RRS 44.3 as amended by paragraph (b) hereof but acknowledges an infringement before the protest time limit expires will be penalised 2% of her elapsed time.

(d) A boat that fails to comply with RRS 44.3 as amended by paragraph (b) hereof but acknowledges an infringement after the protest time limit expires but before a relevant protest hearing will be penalised 3% of her elapsed time.

10.2 A boat shall not be scored as having finished outside a time limit solely by application of a time penalty.

10.3 In the published results, each 1% penalty is indicated by the letter “I” so that a single “I” represents a 1% penalty, letters “I I” mean 2% and so on.

## 11. DECLARATIONS and PROTESTS

11.1 **Declarations** are not required.

11.2 **The time limit for lodging protests** is 2½ hours after the last boat in the class finishes the last race of the day.

11.3 The RC or the protest committee (PC) may protest a boat for a breach of the preamble to Part 2 of the RRS as a result of a report from an interested party or information in an invalid protest or in a request for redress. This changes RRS 60.2(a) and 60.3(a).

11.4 (a) **Protests for weeks 1 to 5 will be heard** after racing on the next Sunday of the series. **Protests for the final week 6** will be heard that Sunday.

(b) A list of protests received will be published on the website each week with the results. Boats directly involved will be sent notification by post, except for week 6 when any boat involved in a protestable incident must contact the Race Office and be available for a hearing as soon as possible after racing.

(c) Protests brought by the RC or PC will be notified similarly except for week 6, when the name/sail number of any boat being protested by the RC will be announced by radio and displayed on the official notice board immediately after racing. RRS 61.1(b) is changed so that the time limit shall not apply.

(d) The PC will not normally postpone to a later hearing unless application is received 48 hours or more beforehand, except for week 6. This changes RRS 63.3(b).

(e) (i) Penalties arising from protests are at the discretion of the protest committee. If the protest committee considers that points for retiring from a race make an insufficient penalty in the circumstances, it may impose a higher penalty. This changes RRS 64.1.

(ii) A boat which is entitled to Mark-Room that infringes rule 19 by failing to give room to a boat that is required to give her Mark-Room will normally be penalised 0 (zero) seconds elapsed time for that infringement, but she may be further penalised if she breaches rule 14.

## 12. SCORING SYSTEM AND RACES TO COUNT

### 12.1 For all classes except IRC class 1:

- (a) when fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) when five or six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

### 12.2 For IRC class 1:

- (a) when fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) when six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) when seven or eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

### 12.3 The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply except that:

- (a) A9 shall not apply.
- (b) A4.2 is changed so that the following scores are used (for definitions see RRS Appendix A11):
  - DNC: Number of race entries plus 3
  - DSQ/DNE: Number of race entries plus 2
  - DNS/OCS/DNF/RAF: Number of race entries plus 1
- (c) A7 shall not apply. When boats that finished are tied for a place at the end of a race, they shall be awarded that place. Other boats will be scored as if the tied boats had not tied.
- (d) A8.2 shall not apply. Ties unbroken after A8.1 shall stand.

12.4 **Boats that change ownership** or are chartered by a different charterer during a series will not count points scored by the previous owner/charterer. Before racing, the new owner/charterer must submit a signed entry form and a new owner must submit a valid new class or handicap certificate as appropriate.

12.5 **Over Time Limit (OTL)**. A boat complying with SI 9.2(d) will be scored as "OTL" with points one more than the last placed boat to finish before the time limit. If more than one boat in a class is to be scored OTL, points will be awarded as described in RRS A7 as if the boats had tied at the finishing line, or if racing on handicap had equal corrected times.

12.6 This SI changes RRS Appendix A.

## 13. RESULTS and PRIZES

13.1 **Provisional results** will be displayed at the Warsash SC after racing each day and on the website at [www.warsashsc.org.uk](http://www.warsashsc.org.uk). They are also sent by email to anyone registering for email contact at [webmaster@warsashspringseries.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@warsashspringseries.org.uk). Final results will be displayed on the website after the end of the series.

13.2 **Prizes of the Day** will be presented at Warsash SC after racing each Sunday, target time between 1500-1530. A bottle of Mumm Champagne will be awarded to the winner of each class if present, otherwise to the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> placed boat in the class with crew present.

13.3 **A Winner's Trophy** will be presented to the Series Winner of each class. Second and subsequent prizes will be presented according to the number of entries. These are Keeper prizes, retained permanently by the winners.

13.4 **Perpetual Trophies**, held by the winners for a year, then returned to the Club:-

- (a) The **Commodore's Trophy** will be awarded to the winner of a class for IRC-rated boats selected on merit at the discretion of the organising committee.
- (b) The **Founders Salver** will be awarded to the winner of a non-IRC-rated class selected on merit at the discretion of the organising committee.

13.5 **The Prize-giving** is at Warsash Sailing Club from 2000 on Friday 14 May 2010. All competitors and crews are invited to attend.



**APPENDIX A**  
**ADDITIONAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**for the SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP**

**The Spring Series SIs apply to the Spring Championship**  
**subject to the additions and amendments below**

**A1 Entries, Races and Rules**

A1.1 **The Spring Championship** will be on Saturdays and Sundays 17-18 April and 24-25 April.

**Boats in the following classes are eligible:-**

(a) **“45 foot class”** open to Farr 45 class boats which must comply with IRC rules but will race level regardless of rating. On application, similar boats of other designs may be allowed to race.

(b) **“BB1 class”** - boats with IRC rating 1.075 or above and DLR 200 or less, racing under IRC. Boats of eligible rating but with a higher DLR may apply to the RC for inclusion, which may be agreed if it is felt the boat is sufficiently similar in character for satisfactory racing. With sufficient entries, the BB1 class may be sub-divided.

(c) **Class 40s** holding IRC certificates but racing level regardless of rating.

(d) **First 40.7s. and First 31.7s.**, racing under IRC.

(e) **J/109s** racing “one design.”

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

A1.2 **Each boat in the 45 foot, BB1 and CC3 classes** shall either produce an endorsed certificate or submit a written declaration that all crew members are “Group 1” sailors.

A1.3 **The championship for each class except Class 40s, First 31.7s and CC3 Class** will comprise up to 12 races, with 4 races per day on Saturdays 17 & 24 April, and 2 races per day on Sundays 18 and 25 April, if practicable. **For Class 40s** the championship will comprise a maximum of 8 races, with 2 races per day. **For First 31.7 class** it will comprise a maximum of 10 races, with 4 races per day on the Saturdays and 1 race per day on the Sundays. **For CC3 Class** it will comprise a maximum of 6 races, with 4 races on 24 April and 2 races on 25 April.

A1.4 Competitors not already entered in the Spring Series will automatically be entered in the Spring Series races on 18 and 25 April, which will count in both events (CC3 class 25 April only).

A1.5 (a) **On Saturdays the class flags** will be:

Class 40	International Code 0 (zero)
45 foot	International Code R
BB1	Numeral pennant 1
First 40.7	Numeral pennant 2
CC3 class	International Code D
J/109	Naval Numeral 0 (zero)
First 31.7	Numeral pennant 4

Whilst racing, boats shall display their class flag as listed prominently in the aft part of the boat at least 1.3 metres above deck level.

(b) **On the Sundays** of the Spring Championship:

J/109s will race in their own class.

All CC3 class boats will race in class 2, regardless of TCC (25 April only).

All other boats will race in the appropriate IRC class and display the class flag indicated in SI 4.4(f) and as notified when the IRC class splits are announced.

A1.6 **All races in the Championship will count.**

**A2 Prizes**

A2.1 **Prizes of the Day** for best boat overall in each class for all races on Saturdays 17 and 24 April will be presented at Warsash Sailing Club after racing on the Sunday afternoons 18 and 25 April respectively, if the winners are present in the Club at the time (otherwise may be awarded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> placed boat if present).

A2.2 **Trophies** and prizes for the Big Boat Series will be presented for each class at the Prize-giving held at Warsash Sailing Club from 2000 BST on Friday 14 May 2010. All competitors/crews are invited to attend.

## Sailing Instructions A3 to A6 apply only to the Saturday races

### **A3 Committee Boats**

- A3.1 Racing will be controlled by the Warsash Black Race Control boat. A finishing committee boat and/or RIBs may also be used.
- A3.2 There will be no Communications Boat. If necessary, boats may contact Warsash Black Race Control on channel M1 (37), avoiding times when the RC is transmitting on channel 28.

### **A4 Starts**

- A4.1 **The expected time of the first start** will be 1010 BST. The starts of two or more classes may be combined. Competitors are advised to be in the area by 1010.
- A4.2 **The starting procedure** for the Saturday races will be in accordance with RRS 26 - thus a **“5-4-1-go” sequence**. The warning signal for the next class may be at the same time as the start for the preceding class, or after an interval. The arrangements will be signalled and advised by VHF radio.
- A4.3 It is intended that **classes will be started in the following order**; any change will be notified by Amendment to SIs and/or by radio: Class 40 - 45 foot class - BB1 class – CC3 Class (24 April only) - First 40.7 - J/109 - First 31.7.
- A4.4 Each class's subsequent race will start as soon as possible after the finish of its previous race. The order of starting for subsequent races may vary, depending when each class is ready.

### **A5 Time Limit**

- A5.1 **Excluding Class 40, for the Saturday races the time limits** in SI 9.2 (a) are amended as follows. The rest of SI 9.2 remains in force.
- (a) The time limit for the first boat to finish in a class will be 90 minutes after the start of the race.
- (b) For the 45-foot class, boats not finishing within 10 minutes after the first boat to finish will not be counted as finishers.
- (c) For the BB1 class, boats not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will not be counted as finishers.
- (d) For the CC3, First 40.7 and First 31.7 classes, boats not finishing within 20 minutes after the first boat to finish in the class will not be counted as finishers.
- A5.2 **The time limits for Class 40** will be in accordance with SI 9.2.
- A5.3 The RC may announce the time limit on VHF after the first boat has finished.

### **A6 Protests**

- A6.1 **The time limit for lodging protests for Saturday racing** is two hours after the Race Control boat returns to the WSC pontoon on that day. The race office is not manned on Saturdays until the RC returns ashore.
- A6.2 **Protests relating to races held on a Saturday will be heard after racing on the Sunday** of the same weekend. Protests relating to races held on a Sunday will be heard in accordance with SI 11.3.

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## APPENDIX B - LIST OF MARKS

Mark	Name		Latitude N	Longitude W
02	Air Canada	Y	50-47.20	1-17.00
09	Browndown	G	50-46.57	1-10.95
10	Burges Salmon	Y	50-47.31	1-12.10
14	Coronation	Y	50-49.55	1-17.62
15	Craftinsure.com	Y	50-45.03	1-11.89
16	Cutter	Y	50-49.45	1-16.91
17	DAKS	Y	50-45.53	1-14.39
20	East Bramble	BYB	50-47.23	1-13.64
21	East Knoll	G	50-47.96	1-16.83
26	Fastnet Insurance	Y	50-47.66	1-13.65
27	Flying Fish (new position for 2010)	O	50-47.27	1-15.90
28	Gales HSB	Y	50-46.15	1-16.65
33	Hamble Yacht Services	O	50-48.13	1-14.64
35	Hill Head	R	50-48.07	1-16.00
36	HW Corporate Finance	Y	50-49.18	1-15.71
41	Mackley Construction	Y	50-46.16	1-13.09
42	Mother Bank	R	50-45.49	1-11.21
50	Norris	R	50-45.97	1-15.51
52	North East Ryde Middle	R	50-46.21	1-11.88
55	North Ryde Middle	R	50-46.61	1-14.31
58	Peel Bank	R	50-45.49	1-13.34
60	Prince Consort	BY	50-46.42	1-17.59
65	RORC (new mark)	Y	50-47.12	1-17.72
66	Royal London (new mark)	Y	50-47.67	1-17.00
67	Royal Southern	O	50-48.88	1-15.57
70	Simon Vigar (ex B&G)	Y	50-48.46	1-15.72
73	South Bramble	G	50-46.98	1-17.72
74	South East Ryde Middle	YB	50-45.93	1-12.09
75	South Ryde Middle	G	50-46.13	1-14.16
77	Stormforce Coaching	Y	50-49.21	1-17.46
78	Sunsail Events	Y	50-46.43	1-15.09
80	Universal Marina	Y	50-47.33	1-14.59
84	West Knoll	Y	50-47.43	1-17.84
86	West Ryde Middle	YBY	50-46.48	1-15.79
87	Wight Vodka	Y	50-48.63	1-16.65
88	William	O	50-49.03	1-16.49
89	Williams Shipping	O	50-47.20	1-18.50
91-99	Moveable marks whose position and description will be advised by radio			

Mark	Approximate position	Latitude N	Longitude W
<b>A to I</b>	These are standard positions where the RC may lay inflatable buoys. If used, the designating letter will be given, with a description of the buoy being used, e.g. "black inflatable."		
A	Half mile ENE of Simon Vigar	50-48.64	1-15.00
B	Midway Simon Vigar – Hamble Yacht Services	50-48.28	1-15.21
C	0.4M SE of Hill Head buoy	50-47.86	1-15.50
D	Half mile ENE of Hamble Yacht Services	50-48.28	1-13.98
E	Midway Hamble Yacht Services - Fastnet Insurance	50-47.90	1-14.20
F	Midway Fastnet Insurance - Burges Salmon	50-47.47	1-12.90
G	Half mile SE of Burges Salmon	50-47.00	1-11.30
H	Midway Norris - DAKS	50-45.72	1-14.95
J	Midway Air Canada - Flying Fish	50-47.22	1-16.46
K	Midway Flying Fish - Universal Marina	50-47.30	1-15.25
L	Middle of triangle: N Ryde Middle – S Ryde Middle – Sunsail Events	50-46.33	1-14.50
M	Midway N Ryde Middle - Mackley Construction	50-46.40	1-13.58

B=Black G=Green O=Orange R=Red Y=Yellow Numbers in the range 01-90 are taken from the SCRA 2-Digit Marks List. **Other Solent Marks** may be used, being named in full.

**No responsibility** is accepted for error in positions shown, which use WGS84 datum.