



Warsash Spring Series 2010 and Spring Championship

WHITE 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 3 races each Sunday.

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

2. RULES

2.1 Racing will take place under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the appropriate class rules, Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions (SIs). For the J/80s, at the request of the class association class rules C6.1(b) and C6.1(d) shall not apply. 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.

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 following regulations; but if class rules provide a higher standard then class rules apply. Spot checks may be made on compliance.

(1) **Buoyancy:** Boats shall either be self-righting from 90 degrees or have enough reserve buoyancy to support boat and crew for at least 30 minutes after a capsize. Boats shall be equipped with suitable means for bailing or pumping.

(2) **Flares:** Boats shall carry in a waterproof pack at least two red hand flares and two orange smoke flares.

(3) **Fire Extinguisher:** Boats carrying engine or cooking fuel shall carry a fire extinguisher, and a stout bucket of 9 litres minimum capacity attached to a lanyard.

(4) **Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs):** At all times when racing, each person on board shall wear an adequate PFD at least sufficient to comply with RRS 40. PFDs shall be clearly visible to other boats. The RC will not display Flag "Y". This changes RRS 40 and Race Signals.

(5) **Man Overboard:** Boats shall carry a rescue quoit or throw bag with at least 15m of floating line and at least one lifebuoy or lifesling.

(6) **First Aid:** Boats shall carry a waterproof first aid pack with instructions.

(7) **Anchor:** Boats shall carry a suitable anchor and sufficient warp to hold the boat in 15m depth of water in the expected racing conditions.

(8) **Compass:** Boats shall carry a suitable compass - handheld acceptable.

(9) **Equipment:** All equipment, fittings and engines shall be securely fastened.

(b) A Sportsboat crew member using a trapeze as permitted by SBR Rule 9.1(a) shall wear an effective dry suit.

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, 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:
 - (i) J/80s 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) Sportsboat class boats shall have a valid RYA/RORC Sportsboat (SBR) certificate. One Design boats 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 as DNF (see SI 11.3) unless 4.1. (c) applies.
- (c) If a boat can show that a valid application has been made for the rating or class certificate before the race in question the RC may at its sole discretion waive SI 4.1 (b) and instead score her for that race in her actual finishing position (for SBR sportsboats, 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 Classes and Time Allowances

- (a) The RYA/RORC Sportsboat rules apply to the Sportsboat class.
- (b) One Design classes will each race level in their class or according to class rules.

4.3 The class flags set out below will be used by the RC. Competing boats need not display class flags.

Laser SB3	Naval Numeral 2
J/80	Int. Code J
SBR Sportsboats	Naval Numeral 3

4.4 Committee Boats and Radio Channels

- (a) The **Warsash Laser Race Control** boat, running the racing for the Laser SB3 class, will fly IC flag 2nd Substitute and a yellow Warsash Committee flag. Its radio call sign is Warsash Laser Control and it uses channel M2. This committee boat will also be used to start class IRC4.
- (b) The **Warsash White Race Control** boat, running racing for the other White Group classes (J/80 and SBR Sportsboats), will fly a white flag and a yellow Warsash Committee flag. Its call sign is Warsash White Race Control and it uses channel 06.
- (c) A **Finishing** boat may be used and when on station will fly a yellow Warsash Committee flag.
- (d) **RC RIBs** will fly a WSC burgee if possible.
- (e) **The Race Office** ashore operates on channel M1 (37), call sign Warsash Base.

4.5 Sail Numbers

- (a) **Sail numbers must be clear to the RC** in all conditions. Numbers of any colour on shiny grey sails seldom comply. Boats in one design classes without sail numbers on spinnakers can be hard to identify in a downwind finish and boats must ensure their sail numbers can be seen at the finish.
- (b) Exceptionally, a boat may be permitted to use sails with a sail number other than as required by RRS, subject to conditions. Any request for permission must be received by the RC by 0900 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) If numbers are not always readily visible, 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.
- (d) A boat infringing this SI may be protested and penalised.

5. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

5.1 Notices to Competitors

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

5.2 Changes in SIs

New changes will be indicated by IC flag "L" flown on the Race Control boat. Competitors shall report to the Race Control boat and the new changes will be either be displayed on a board; or may be passed to the boat.

Such changes will be also be advised by radio on channel M2 for the Laser SB3 and IRC4 classes and on channel 06 for the other White Group classes, at about 0935 and 0950.

5.3 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.

5.4 Flag Signals

(a) Certain flag signals such as IC Flags 1st substitute, "K" or "L" displayed on the Race Control boat may also be repeated on other committee boats.

(b) A flag signal displayed with a white flag or class flag applies respectively only to White Group or that class.

(c) Information from flag signals or course boards may be confirmed by radio - for channels, see SI 4.4 (a) and (b) above. Boats should monitor this traffic until after their start.

6. STARTS

6.1 **The Start Area** for Laser SB3s will normally be in the vicinity of East Knoll to Royal Southern buoys, and for the other White Group classes in the vicinity of Coronation to William buoys.

6.2 Starting Order

It is intended that White Group classes (excluding Laser SB3s) will be started in the order J/80 - SBR Sportsboat for the first race of the day, but the starts of classes may be combined, so competitors are advised to be in the area by about 0950.

Subsequent starts may be in a different order, to get classes away as soon as possible after the end of their previous race.

The Laser SB3 class has its start and course area separate from the other White Group classes.

6.3 Time of Starts

The first start for J/80s is expected to be at 1000 local time, with SBR Sportsboats to follow.

The first start for Laser SB3s is expected to be at 1015. Class IRC4 is expected to start on the same line at 1000 and Laser SB3s shall keep clear of the start area and IRC4 boats racing until that class has cleared the area. IRC4 has only one race scheduled per day.

6.4 Starting Line

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

(b) **For the Laser SB3 class only:** The RC will indicate by flag signal before the preparatory signal for each class 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.

6.5 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) **An inner distance mark (IDM)** may be laid near the Race Control boat. Boats shall not cross the line between an inner distance mark 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.

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

(d) **Boats are strongly urged to keep at least 5 metres** away from all RC boats and RIBs, except that, if necessary, boats may seek consent to close a committee boat to collect or pass items.

6.6 **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.

6.7 **Starting Procedure**

(a) **RRS 26 will be used.** This provides a “**5-4-1-go**” sequence. The warning signal may be at the same time as the start of the previous class, or after a short interval.

(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.

6.8 **General Recalls and Starting Penalties**

(a) **After a general recall** on the White Race Control line, the recalled class will normally be re-started 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) If a RRS 30 starting penalty applies, the RC may advise by radio the sail numbers of boats that have infringed which may also be displayed on the Race Control boat. This changes RRS 30.3.

6.9 **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.

7. **COURSES**

7.1 **Courses will be set from the list in Appendix B and displayed** on course boards on the Race Control boat. A board representing the class flag may be displayed to the left of the course. Courses for more than one class may be displayed. If no “class flag” board is displayed then all classes shall sail the displayed course.

Courses may be displayed after the warning signal. This changes RRS 27.1.

7.2 **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:

If a committee boat (which may be a RIB) displaying IC flags C over F and making repetitive sound signals is on station near to any rounding mark, then boats shall round that mark and then proceed directly to the Finish.

(c) Shortening or changing course may only apply to certain classes, whose class flags will be displayed.

8. **FINISHING**

8.1 (a) **The Finish** will be at the line between an ODM and the spar displaying a blue flag on the Finishing Boat. This committee boat will also fly a yellow Warsash Committee flag when on station. The Laser SB3 finishing line is “Finish 1” as indicated in Course Diagram B3 except that the ODM may be closer to the committee boat than at the start. For the other classes the “Finish 2” layout is used.

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

8.2 **Target Times and Time limits**

(a) **The target time** is 60 minutes for each race. The target time is for guidance and is not a time limit.

(b) **Boats not finishing within 20 minutes** after the first boat to finish in a class will not be counted as finishers. That is a time limit.

(c) The expiry of the finishing time will be signalled by IC flag “K” (with the appropriate class flag in the case of Warsash White Race Control). 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 11.4 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.

9. ALTERNATIVE PENALTY FOR LATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AN INFRINGEMENT

9.1 (a) The Turns penalties of RRS 44.2 apply.

(b) However if a boat is required to take a One-Turn or a Two-Turn Penalty in accordance with RRS 44 but fails to do so, she may acknowledge the infringement by advising the RC and receiving an acknowledgement.

(c) If she does so before the protest time limit expires, she will be penalised 2% of her elapsed time.

(d) If she does do after the protest time limit expires but before a relevant protest hearing, she will be penalised 3% of her elapsed time.

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

9.3 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.

10. PROTESTS and DECLARATIONS

10.1 **Declarations are not required.**

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

10.3 The RC or the protest committee (PC) may also 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).

10.4 (a) **Protests for weeks 1 to 5 will be heard** after racing on the next Sunday of the series. **Protests for 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.

11. SCORING SYSTEM AND RACES TO COUNT

11.1 (a) When fewer than 13 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 13 to 15 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 16 or 17 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

(d) When 18 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

11.2 **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.

11.3 The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply except as follows:-

- (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.

11.4 **Over Time Limit (OTL).** A boat complying with SI 8.2(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.

11.5 This SI changes RRS Appendix A.

12. RESULTS and PRIZES

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

12.2 **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 2nd or 3rd placed boat in the class with crew present.

12.3 **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.

12.4 **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.

12.5 **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 and 24-25 April 2010

The eligible classes are Laser SB3, J/80 SBR Sportsboat and Quarter Ton Classes

Except for the quarter-tonners, it will comprise a maximum of 14 races, with up to 4 races per day on the Saturdays 17 and 24 April and 3 races per day on Sundays 19 and 26 April.

For the Quarter Ton class the championship will comprise a maximum of 7 races on 17-18 April. The class flag used by the RC for this class will be International Code "A.". The class will race with the Warsash White Race Control boat, see SI 4.4 (b).

A1.2 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 (Quarter ton class only on 18 April).

A1.3 All races 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 2nd or 3rd placed boat in the class if present).

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

Sailing Instructions A3 to A5 apply only to the Saturday races

A3 Starts

A3.1 **The expected time of the first start** on each line will be 1030 BST.

A3.2 Subsequent races will start as soon as possible after the finish of the previous race.

A3.3 Boats shall not start more than 4 minutes after the start signal. This changes RRS A4.

A4 Time Limit

A4.1 **The target time** in SI 8.2 (a) is reduced to 45 minutes for the Saturday races only. The rest of SI 8.2 remains in force.

A5 Protests

A5.1 **The time limit for lodging protests** for Saturday racing is two hours after the class's Race Control boat returns to the WSC pontoon on that day. The race office is not manned on Saturdays until the RC returns ashore.

A5.2 **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 10.3.

For APPENDIX B: See next page

**APPENDIX B
WHITE GROUP COURSES**

- B1.1 **Using courses from SI B2 Courses and marks as in B3 Course Diagram, the course and the number of laps will be displayed** on the Race Control boat.
The marks shown in bold and enclosed in square brackets [] comprise one lap.
- B1.2 **Black marks** will be used for the Laser SB3s, except red or green for the start ODM.
Orange marks will be used for the other White Group classes.
- B1.3 **Leeward Gate Mark** – a second black mark 4B may be laid adjacent to leeward mark 4A to form a Gate. This is included in Course D: if this course is set, boats shall pass between the two buoys comprising the leeward Gate from the direction of the previous mark, rounding either one.
- B1.4 **The Spreader Mark** (Mark 2 on diagram) will be the same colour as the adjacent windward mark (Mark 1), but usually smaller.
- B1.5 **A change in the position of a mark** that only involves shortening or lengthening a leg will not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.
- B1.6 **Finish line:** boats do not need to pass through the finish line except when finishing.

B2 COURSES:

Course A
[1 to port 2 to port 4A to port] Finish

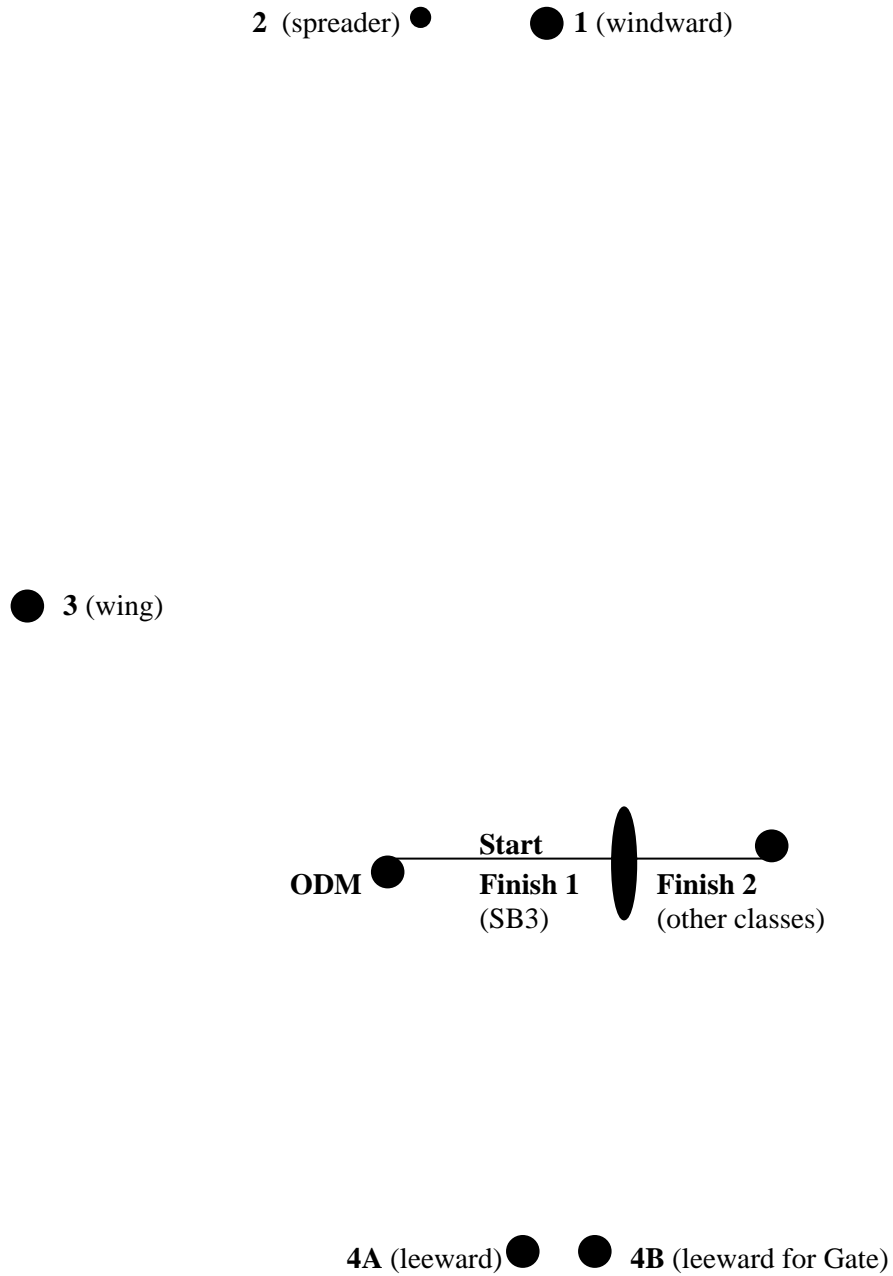
Course B
[1 to port 2 to port 3 to port 4A to port] Finish

Course C
[1 to port 2 to port 3 to port 4A to port 1 to port 2 to port 4A to port] Finish

Course D
[1 to port 2 to port Gate 4A-4B] Finish

The marks shown in bold and enclosed in square brackets [] comprise one lap.

B3 COURSE DIAGRAM



The Diagram is not to scale but illustrates the approximate orientation of the marks.

Only marks being used may be laid.

Laser SB3s: Finish 1 is used.

Other classes: Finish 2 is used.