

# Notice of Race for Club Racing



1. Club racing organised by Wimbleball Sailing Club is open to all members and takes place each Sunday throughout the year at Wimbleball Lake, Brompton Regis, Somerset, TA22 9NU.
2. A programme of sailing is published on the club website: <https://www.wimbleballsc.org.uk/sailing-calendar.htm>
3. Each race will be governed by rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
4. By entering you accept you will be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing, club bylaws and by all other rules that govern club racing.
5. Club bylaws require that each craft be insured with valid third-party liability insurance, with a minimum £3m per event. Club bylaws also require a wetsuit or drysuit to be worn between the 1 Nov and 30 April. See full Bylaws at <https://wimbleballsc.org.uk/bylaws.htm>
6. Rule 40.1 applies – this requires that a personal flotation device be worn at all times while afloat. A wetsuit or drysuit does not constitute personal buoyancy.
7. Sailing Instructions are available from: <https://www.wimbleballsc.org.uk/SailWaveResults/SailingInstructions.pdf>
8. A Race Briefing will not usually be held due to the routine nature of Sunday racing, but if the Race Officer thinks it is necessary, given unusual circumstances or conditions, they will ring a bell. Please make your way to the clubhouse to listen to the briefing.
9. There is no specific restriction on classes sailed. Access to water is via a steep slipway which gets longer during the summer as the water level drops, so please contact the Membership Secretary if you are in any doubt about access for a particular class.
10. The Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) rating system is used but modified in some races to a Personal Handicap (PH) rating. A PH rating is based Portsmouth Yardstick but adjusted to allow for the relatively skill of the helm. There will be one mixed class start. We also run pursuit races, with start times staggered according to Portsmouth Yardstick. Whichever rating system is used will apply to all races on that day.
11. To enter racing speak with the Race Officer from 10am onwards at the Clubhouse. As of April 2021, no charge is being made to enter racing. That is subject to review by the Committee.
12. The 5-minute warning signal for the first race, regardless of season, will be at 11.30am. In the Winter two races will be held back-to-back. From late Spring three races will be scheduled as follows: one in the morning and two after lunch back-to-back. The 5-minute warning for races 2 and 3 in the summer will be approximately 1.45pm and 3pm respectively.
13. The course will vary according to conditions but is usually windward/leeward with a windward (upwind) finish or a triangle with a windward finish.
14. The Low Point Scoring System according to Appendix A will apply. Appendix A5.3 applies. One discard will be available after 3 races. If less than 3 races are possible, all races will count.

## 15. Series

- 15.1. We run a Seasonal Series, a K1 Series, and a Victor Ludorum Series (Portsmouth Yardstick series). To count towards the K1 Series a minimum of 4 K1s must race in the days event. All events count toward the Seasonal Series: Spring (Mar to May), Summer (Jun to Aug), Autumn (Sep to Nov) and Winter (Dec to Feb).
- 15.2. For the Victor Ludorum Series you earn average points (exc. DNC) when you are on duty, to a maximum of two duties per series. This is marked as OOD on the series results. A minimum of 3 sailed races is required to be eligible to win this series, in the event the series is curtailed.
- 15.3. For each 3 events in each series, one discard will be available.

## 16. Change of boat

- 16.1. If a different boat is sailed in the Victor Ludorum Series we will add points to an existing helm (and crew if applicable) provided it is the same class of boat, otherwise it will be considered a new competitor. This obviously applies to the K1 Series as well; a different class of boat would not be eligible for the series.
- 16.2. If a different class of boat is sailed in the Seasonal Series, the points will be awarded to an existing helm (and crew if applicable).

17. Results will be published on the website. If you do not wish your name or boat to be disclosed, please inform the Race Officer and email [sailingsec.wsc@gmail.com](mailto:sailingsec.wsc@gmail.com). Results on the Excel race spreadsheet will be provisional. Final results will be published on the club website using Sailwave.

18. A prize giving will usually be held in the clubhouse after racing but has been temporarily suspended due to COVID-19.

## 19. Risk Statement

Rule 4 states that the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. 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 crew, 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. The provision of a race management team, safety boats, and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- e) The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- f) The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damaged or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after racing.

## 20. Further information

Contact Nick Ryles 01278 686392 or [sailingsec.wsc@gmail.com](mailto:sailingsec.wsc@gmail.com)  
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