

Notice of Racing

Club Racing

3-Dec-22



1. Club racing organised by Wimbleball Sailing Club Ltd is open to all members and takes place each Sunday throughout the year. If advertised, some informal racing may take place on Wednesday evenings during the summer.
2. A programme of sailing is published on the club website under "Programme".
3. The NoR and the Sailing Instructions (SIs) are on the website under Programme/Sailing Calendar.
4. Each race will be governed by rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions. Rule 40.1 applies which requires that a personal flotation device be worn at all times while afloat. A wetsuit or drysuit does not constitute personal buoyancy.
5. By entering you accept you will be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and the club bye laws. The bye laws can be found on Members' Area of the website under "Club Information".
6. To enter racing speak with the Race Officer from 10am onwards at the Clubhouse. You will need to enter using the race spreadsheet on the club laptop. There is £1 charge per person for racing (£2 for a double hander) which will be used to buy prizes. Tokens can be won for club racing which can be exchanged for a bottle of wine (10 tokens).
7. We encourage the Race Officer to do a simple Race Briefing to assist newcomers. A bell will indicate that a briefing is about to take place. Please make your way to the clubhouse to listen to the briefing.
8. The Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) rating system is used for club racing, modified in some races to a Personal Handicap (PH) rating. A PH rating is based on Portsmouth Yardstick but adjusted to allow for the relatively skill of the helm. This adjustment is expressed as a % increase to PY. Whichever rating system is used will apply to all races on that day.
9. There will be one mixed class start for elapsed time races, unless otherwise notified in advance. We also run pursuit races, with start times staggered according to Portsmouth Yardstick. The Race Officer will advise the start number that applies to your class.
10. The following adjustments to Portsmouth Yardstick are in effect for all club racing, unless otherwise stated: double hander + 10, spinnaker + 10, trapeze + 10. All of them can apply simultaneously if the conditions are met. We will consider the recommendations of class associations to adjust the PY for older boats in the class. Local adjustments and class association recommendations can apply simultaneously.
11. Unless otherwise advertised, the 5-minute warning signal for the first race, regardless of season, will be at 11.25am. 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 not be before 1.30pm.
12. 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.
13. Series
 - 13.1. We run seasonal series across the following months: Spring (Mar to May), Summer (Jun to Aug), Autumn (Sep to Nov) and Winter (Dec to Feb). Certain events are excluded from the seasonal series, as indicated on the programme. For example, the "Get into Racing" events are excluded, where the aim is for experienced sailors to encourage newcomers. Victor Ludorum events do not count towards the seasonal series.
 - 13.2. The Victor Ludorum series (latin for "winner of the games") includes up to 12 races, which take place on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Each event is scored under Portsmouth Handicap, modified by the local adjustments.

- 13.3. Any events which include a minimum of 4 K1s sailing will count towards the K1 Series Cup.
- 13.4. Depending on the mix and popularity of other classes sailing we may run additional series which will be announced during the season.
- 13.5. For the series events, including the K1 Series Cup, 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. In the event a series is curtailed, a minimum of 3 sailed races is required to be eligible to win any series. If you haven't been awarded OOD points, please email sailingsec.wsc@gmail.com.
- 13.6. For each 3 events in each series, one discard will be available.
- 13.7. Wednesday evening racing will not count towards series results or the Top Helm ladder.

14. Change of boat

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. 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).

15. 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. Results on the Excel race spreadsheet will be provisional. Final results will be published on the club website using Sailwave.

16. 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.

17. Further information

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