



# Weston Sailing Club

Abbey Hill, Netley Abbey, Southampton, SO31 5FB



## Catamaran Open

**Incorporating Shearwater TT, Dart 18 TT, Nacra 15 Nationals,  
Nacra 20 Carbon Nationals and Spitfire Nationals**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Organising Authority: Weston Sailing Club (WSC)

Event Location: Weston SC, Southampton Water

## Sailing Instructions

### 1 Rules

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020, and relevant class rules. Competitors should also note that Weston Sailing Club:

- Implements the RYA Racing Charter and expects competitors to sail in compliance with the charter.
- Expects competitors to sail in accordance with the Southampton Water by-laws for Racing.

### 2 Notices and Signals to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located by the Race Office in the Weston Sailing Club House.

Signals for this event will be by flags displayed on the committee boat and sound signals may also be provided.

### 3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the warning signal of the race it affects.

### 4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the WSC Race Box balcony situated by the WSC Clubhouse.

4.2 Postponement Signals Ashore: When the AP is displayed ashore the time "1 minute" shall be replaced with the time "not less than 30 minutes". This changes the RRS Race Signals.

4.3 Launch Control: When, before a race, International Code flag K is displayed ashore no craft shall launch until flag K is removed. A boat may rig and approach the beach while flag K is displayed ashore. (IC flag K has yellow and blue vertical stripes)

### 5 Fleet Designation and Class Flags

Up to 4 classes are provisionally intended:

Shearwater  
Dart 18

Nacra 15  
Handicap, including Nacra 20 Carbon and Spitfire (double and singlehanded)

Fleets and starts may be combined, depending on the number of entries.

Individual class flags will be announced at the briefing. Competitors may be required to display hull and or sail stickers issued by the organising authority on the morning of the event.

## 6 Racing Schedule and Starting Sequence

Registration will take place at WSC in the Race Office from 08:30hrs on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

A racing and safety briefing for all competitors will be held in the WSC Clubhouse at 09:45hrs.

Fleet:	Number of races planned:	Warning signal of first race Saturday: (1 <sup>st</sup> HW: 11:23)	Warning signal of first race Sunday: (1 <sup>st</sup> HW: 11:59)
Shearwater	6	10:55	10:55
Dart 18	6	11:00	11:00
Nacra 15	6	11:05	11:05
Handicap fleet	6	11:10	11:10

Subsequent races shall follow immediately after the preceding race; however a suitable break may be taken between races at the Race Management's discretion. 3 races per day are planned, however, the race committee may choose to run a 4<sup>th</sup> race on either day, which will be indicated by IC flag Four hoisted on the Committee boat before the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> race.

Races will be started according to RRS 26 (5-4-1-Start). It is planned for 2<sup>nd</sup> class start sequence to commence at the start of 1<sup>st</sup> class start.

## 7 Racing Area

Courses will be set and races will be held on Southampton Water within a 3 mile radius of WSC.

## 8 Courses and Shortened Courses

8.1 The race course, including start and finish line details, will be displayed during the briefing at least 45 minutes before the warning signal of the first race.

8.2 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

8.3 The intended course is planned as trapezoid or windward / leeward. An outer loop may be used.

8.4 Races will be shortened according to RRS 32; Flag 'S' and the class flag will be flown from the committee boat and two sound signals will be made when the leading boat in the fleet for which the course is to be shortened is in the vicinity of the last mark before the finish. Boats in that fleet will round the mark in the normal manner and then proceed through the finish line. If flag 'S' is flown without a class flag, then all boats will finish on the next occasion of crossing the finish line.

8.5 When the first boat in a fleet has finished, the rest of that fleet will finish on the next occasion of crossing the finishing line irrespective of the number of laps completed. The first boat finished may not be the leading boat.

8.6 If using an outer loop, this will be shortened using 'S' flag flown from a patrol boat at the outer loop leeward mark with sound signals. Boats are then to proceed to the finish line at the committee boat.

## 9 Marks

9.1 Racing marks shall be either large yellow or orange inflatable triangular or cylindrical buoys, or any of the fixed Southampton Water buoys. The approximate positions of Southampton Water buoys are shown on the course board attached to the WSC Race Box.

9.2 Starting and finishing marks will be identified in the briefing.

## 10 The Start

10.1 The starting line shall be a transit between the laid orange pin end buoy (P) and the rectangular orange flag, flown from the committee boat (CB).

10.2 A limit mark may be laid adjacent to the CB and shall be small spherical buoy. If used, the limit mark is a mark of the course and no boat shall pass between a limit mark and the CB it guards after her warning signal.

10.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10.4 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

Rule 26 is:

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Flag Signal</u>	<u>Sound signal</u>	<u>Minutes before starting signal</u>
Warning	Class Flag	1 sound	5
Preparatory	P, U OR Black flag	1 sound	4
One minute	Preparatory removed	1 sound or whistle	1
Starting	Class flag removed	1 Sound	0

## 11 General Recalls

11.1 The procedure for subsequent starts will be as follows:

- The recalled fleet will be restarted under the “U” or black flag rule. Other subsequent class starts will be delayed until after the recalled start.
- The new warning signal will be displayed 1 minute after the first substitute flag has been removed and the start will be 5 minutes later.

## 12 The Finish and Finishing

12.1 The finish line shall be between a laid finish buoy and the rectangular orange flag, flown from the committee boat.

## 13 Time Limits and penalty system

13.1. The advisory time limit for the leading boat shall be 45 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes of the leading boat may be scored as Did Not Finish, however to minimize delays between races the Race Officer may award finishing positions to boats that are still racing. The Race Officer's finishing position decisions are final and will not be grounds for a competitor to seek redress. This changes RRS 35.

13.2 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed FOR ALL COMPETITORS so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required

## 14 Scoring

14.1 One race is to be completed to constitute a series.

14.2 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores but excluding her worst score.

14.4 Scoring shall be in accordance with the low point scoring system as defined RRS A4.

14.5 For handicap fleets, corrected times will be calculated using 2019 SCHRS ratings.

## 15 Protests, Rule Disputes and Requests for Redress

15.1 The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available during this event. See the official notice board for details of any Protests.

15.2 Competitors wishing to lodge a protest must notify the Race Committee, but preferably the Principal Race Officer, of their proposed action as soon as possible after finishing the race concerned and before leaving the race area and coming ashore.

15.3 Protest forms are available in the Race Office at WSC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.4 For each Class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

15.5 Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

15.6 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.7 Breaches of instructions 4.3, 10.3, 15.1, 16.1, 17.1 and 17.2 and Notice of Race paragraph 2 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction shall be DPI.

15.8 A request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## **16 Radio Communication**

16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions while racing. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **17 Safety Regulations**

17.1 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices adequate for the conditions at all times whilst afloat. International code flag Y will not be displayed. Wet suits and dry suits shall not be considered as adequate personal flotation devices. This changes Rule 40. Parents, guardians and those acting in loco parents are solely responsible for ensuring that young competitors in their care comply with this instruction.

17.2 All competitors must collect a tally from the Beachmaster before launching and upon return, must deposit this with the Beachmaster or on the tallyboard within 30 minutes of returning. Failure to do so will result in a 1% time penalty applied to their race results for the day(s) in question. Where possible, an equivalent tally number will be attached to competitor trolleys to assist with the retrieval of trolleys.

## **18 Local Variations**

Competitors must keep clear of the commercial shipping channel in Southampton Water.

## **19 Eligibility and Liability**

19.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither these sailing instructions, nor any inspection of the boat, limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew, as a result of their taking part in the races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the races.

19.2 The provision of safety equipment and boats by Weston Sailing Club is neither a guarantee that assistance can be rendered to any competitor in need, nor an acceptance of any responsibility for rescue of competitors. Further, in the event that any assistance is rendered to a competitor, no liability for any loss, damage or injury to the competitor and/or boat and its equipment is accepted by either the Club or the crew of such rescue craft.

19.3 Only boats belonging to competitors who have completed an entry form and paid the prescribed entry fee are eligible to race in this event.

19.4 Competitors wishing to use sail numbers other than those declared on the relevant entry form must notify the race officer via the office in writing before the race concerned.

## **20 Prizes**

The boats finishing in the top 3 places in each Class and conforming strictly to class rules shall be presented with a prize. Other prizes may be awarded at the event organiser's discretion. The prize giving will be as soon as possible following the final race.