



# BROOKS MACDONALD<sup>★</sup> Warsash Spring Series 2015 and Spring Championship



## Notice of Race

**THE SPRING SERIES will be on SUNDAYS in the Central Solent  
15, 22 & 29 March and 12, 19 & 26 April. Starts from 1000.**

**THE SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP will be on the 2 WEEKENDS  
of Saturday and Sunday 18-19 April and 25-26 April.**

### 1. ELIGIBILITY and RULES

The event is open to IRC boats with LOA of 6.9m or over; to the One Design classes set out below; and to Mixed Sportsboats in the Spring Championship. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Boats will be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority Warsash Sailing Club.

### 2. CLASSES

#### **SPRING SERIES (SUNDAYS):**

**Black Group: Four IRC classes. J/109.**

**White Group: J/70. SB20. J/80.**

#### **SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP (2 WEEKENDS):**

**Black Group: Four IRC classes. J/109.**

**The J/111, Sigma 38, J/88, and Quarter Ton classes will race with IRC and will also be given extracted one-design results and extra trophies.**

**White Group: J/70. SB20. J/80. Mixed Sportsboats.**

**The Mixed Sportsboat class** is for boats with maximum LOA 8.5m and maximum DLR 160. One design J/80, J/70 or SB20 boats are not eligible. The class will race under RYA NHC handicaps using the base number which will not be changed between races.

**IRC "Small Boats"** with TCCs under 0.900 are welcome. Based on past experience of entries, a minimum rating of 0.840 is recommended.

Other one-design classes with sufficient entries may be considered. Starts for smaller classes may be combined. Starts may not be offered for a class if there are insufficient entries.

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### **3. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

Boats shall each carry a functioning VHF radio with all usual UK marine channels including M1 (37) and M2. Essential race information will be announced by radio.

**Black Group** boats shall comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 races; or with their Class Safety Regulations if to an equal or higher standard. **White Group**: regulations are at [www.warsashspringseries.org.uk](http://www.warsashspringseries.org.uk) or available on request. **All crew on boats without lifelines** must always wear suitable personal flotation devices when racing.

### **4. CLASS RULES and RATINGS**

**IRC Classes:** IRC Rules Parts A, B and C shall apply. **IRC Endorsed certificates** are required for boats with any "Group 3" sailor aboard, whether or not the sailor is registered with his/her Classification Authority. IRC Endorsed certificates are required for works teams; the race committee's decision whether an entry is a works team shall be final.

IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by "The maximum number of crew that may sail on a boat shall be the Crew Number printed on her certificate plus 2. There is no weight limit."

A current IRC certificate is required for IRC boats; but if not yet issued, or if an endorsed certificate is required and has not yet been issued, a boat may race at a TCC of 2.000. When the actual rating is received, the race committee may at its discretion amend her score based upon that instead; and as a result the scores for other boats may also change.

Boats will be allocated between the IRC classes on 11 March and details will be e-mailed to entrants and put on the website. The race committee may permit a boat to race in the class above that for which she is eligible, using a TCC not less than the bottom rating of that class.

**J/111, J/109, Sigma 38, J/88, J/70, SB20, and J/80 classes:** The class one design rules (including crew limits) will apply, subject to any changes agreed with the class associations.

**Bunk cushions** may be removed without penalty.

### **5. GENERAL**

**Sailing Instructions** will be posted to entrants on 3 March and displayed on the website [www.warsashspringseries.org.uk](http://www.warsashspringseries.org.uk). SIs for late entries may be collected from Warsash S.C.

**Sail numbers** must be easily readable at all times. If in doubt, a dodger with the sail number should be shown at the start and finish, or else boats may be scored DNC or DNF.

**Courses:** Black Group courses will be round the cans for Spring Series; mainly windward-leeward for Spring Championship. White Group courses will be windward-leeward.

**Time Penalties** will apply for Black Group classes instead of the turns penalties of RRS 44.

**Texting:** entries may register 2 mobile phone numbers to receive some general information e.g. whether racing is going ahead in bad weather. Details such as courses will not be texted.

## **6. SCORING and NUMBER OF RACES**

The Low Point scoring system will apply with modifications. Details will be in the SIs.

### **SPRING SERIES:**

**Black Group:** 8 races are scheduled (1 on each of the first 4 Sundays and 2 on each of the final two Sundays). Up to 2 discards.

**White Group** 18 races are scheduled (3 each Sunday). Up to 3 discards.

### **SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP:**

**Black Group:** up to 12 races are scheduled – up to 4 races each Saturday and 2 races each Sunday of the Championship. All races will count.

**White Group** up to 14 races are scheduled – up to 4 races each Saturday and 3 races each Sunday of the Championship. All races will count.

For boats entered in both the Spring Series and the Spring Championship, the Sunday Spring Series races on the Championship weekends will be counted in both events.

## **7. ENTRY**

Entry is by completed Entry Form with the required fee, to be received before the boat races. See Entry Form for fees. Online entry is available at [www.warsashspringseries.org.uk](http://www.warsashspringseries.org.uk).

Refunds: If cancellation of entry is received 9 days or more before the first race entered, the whole fee less a £70 administration charge will be refunded. Thereafter, a refund will not be made unless in exceptional circumstances.

## **8. PRIZES**

The prize-giving reception will be held on Friday 15 May 2015 at 2000 BST.

**Keeper prizes** - retained permanently by the winners:-

**A Winner's Trophy** for the winner of each class in the Series and the winner of each class in the Championship. Second and subsequent prizes will be presented according to the number of entries.

**The Brooks Macdonald Trophy** awarded by the organising committee to a boat or individual for outstanding achievement during the event.

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

The **Commodore's Trophy** will be awarded to the winner of a class for IRC-rated boats; and the **Founder's Salver** will be awarded to the winner of a non-IRC-rated class. Both will be selected on merit at the discretion of the organising committee.

## **9. WELCOME TO WARSASH SAILING CLUB**

All competitors and their crews are invited to use the excellent facilities at Warsash Sailing Club on race days.

## **10. BERTHING, ACCOMMODATION and FERRIES**

**Berthing for non-local boats:** an information sheet is available on request.

**Accommodation:** for some local contacts, visit [www.warsashspringseries.org.uk](http://www.warsashspringseries.org.uk).

**On Sundays, a free water taxi service** is provided from Warsash, before and after racing, up river as far as Hamble Yacht Services. Not Saturdays but there is a commercial taxi.

## **11. RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. 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;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats if any and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover if any is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;
- (g) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew;
- (h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2 million against third party claims; and
- (i) The fact that the race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

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