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Warsash Spring Series 2015

and

Brooks Macdonald Crewsaver Spring Championship



WHITE GROUP SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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WHITE GROUP SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RACE SCHEDULE

- 1.1 **Sundays 15, 22 & 29 March and 12, 19, & 26 April.**
3 races each Sunday.
- 1.2 **Spring Championship for all classes: Saturday-Sunday 18-19 April and 25-26 April.**
Up to 7 races each weekend.

2. RULES

- 2.1 Racing will take place under the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS).
- 2.2 **Additional SIs apply to the Spring Championship:** See Appendix B.
- 2.3 Boats shall comply with Southampton Harbour Bye-Laws 10 & 11 and ABP Southampton Notice to Mariners No. 3 of 2014 concerning the Thorn Channel Precautionary Area. These documents can be seen and downloaded from www.southamptonvts.co.uk or www.warsashspringseries.org.uk.
- 2.4 Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority, in the form of a pennant which shall be displayed on the backstay at least 1.8m above deck level at all times when racing. If there is no backstay then the pennant shall be displayed equally prominently at the stern.

3. SAFETY

- 3.1 **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.
 - (a) **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 capsized. Boats shall be equipped with suitable means for bailing or pumping.
 - (b) **Flares:** Boats shall carry in a waterproof pack at least two red hand flares and two orange smoke flares.
 - (c) **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.
 - (d) **Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs):** When they are required to be worn, **PFDs shall be clearly visible** to other boats. **All crew on boats without lifelines** must wear an adequate PFD at least sufficient to comply with RRS 40 at all times when racing and any display or removal of Flag “Y” will be irrelevant to them. This changes RRS 40 and Race Signals.
 - (e) **Man Overboard:** Boats shall carry a rescue quito or throw bag with at least 15m of floating line and at least one lifebuoy or lifesling.
 - (f) **First Aid:** Boats shall carry a waterproof first aid pack with instructions.
 - (g) **Anchor:** Boats shall carry a suitable anchor and sufficient warp to hold the boat in 15m depth of water in the expected racing conditions.
 - (h) **Compass:** Boats shall carry a suitable compass – a handheld is acceptable.
 - (i) **Equipment:** All equipment, fittings and engines shall be securely fastened.
- 3.2 **Shipping:** to avoid commercial shipping that is under way, a boat may use her engine, or any other means of propulsion, without retiring. This shall be reported to the Race Committee (RC) at the finish, with written details to the race office before the protest time limit. The RC may refer the matter to the Protest Committee which may impose a penalty if an advantage has been gained. This affects RRS 42.3(i) and changes 63.1.
- 3.3 **Retirement:** Boats retiring shall advise the RC as soon as possible, before leaving the race area. Any boat that retires without advising the RC will be scored DNC – see SI 11.1 for scoring. This changes RRS A5.
- 3.4 **Anchors and bowsprits**
No anchor shall be carried forward of the stem or with any part of it outboard, except when anchoring.
Boats with retracting bowsprits: J/70s, J/80s and SB20s shall comply with their class rules. To exonerate herself from an infringement of the rules on extending and retracting the bowsprit, a boat shall take a One-Turn Penalty as in RRS 44.2.

4. GENERAL

- 4.1 **Keeping clear of committee boats:** **Boats are strongly urged to keep at least 5 metres away** from all RC boats. A boat that touches any RC boat or her anchor line or chain, or any buoy, RIB or tender attached to any RC boat, may be penalised or disqualified by the RC from one or more races or from the series. A boat is entitled to a hearing on request. This changes RRS 63.1 and 64.

- 4.2 **Sail Numbers:** Sail numbers must be easily legible to the RC in all conditions; otherwise boats may be scored DNC or DNF and will be ineligible for redress. Boats shall ensure that their mainsail number is visible to the RC, especially on a downwind finish and if class rules permit the use of downwind sails without sail numbers. In exceptional circumstances, a boat may seek consent from the RC before 0900 on the race day to use sails with a number not complying with the RRS. If consent is given, this changes RRS 77.
- 4.3 **Equipment checks and measurement:** the RC may make spot checks on equipment and may require any boat to be measured at any time.

5. COMMUNICATIONS and COMMITTEE BOATS

- 5.1 **Notices to Competitors:** Notices will be posted on the official notice board outside the WSC race office and may be repeated on the Spring Series website.
- 5.2 **New changes in SIs:** IC flag "L" will be displayed on the Warsash White Race Control boat. Competitors shall report to the Race Control boat and the new changes will either be displayed on a board or passed to the boat. Such changes will be also be advised by radio (see SI 5.6) at about 0930 and 0945.
- 5.3 **Abandonment:** If a day's racing is to be abandoned, this may be advised by text to registered mobile phones; by radio; on the Series website; or by signal at the Warsash SC and/or on a committee boat in the start area.
- 5.4 **The class flags** set out below will be used by the RC. Competing boats need not display class flags.
J/70: International code J SB20: Naval Numeral 2 J/80: International Code H
- 5.5 **Committee Boats**
- (a) The **Warsash White Race Control** boat will fly a white flag and a yellow Warsash Committee flag.
 - (b) A **Finishing** boat may be used and will fly a yellow Warsash Committee flag.
 - (c) RC **RIBs** will fly a WSC burgee if possible.
- 5.6 **Radio Communications**
- (a) **Race information** will be advised by radio on **VHF channel 02** and boats should monitor this traffic throughout. Boats shall not transmit (and cannot be heard) on channel 02.
 - (b) If transmissions on VHF channel 02 fail, IC flag "D" will be displayed; and the RC will change to channel M2.
 - (c) Warsash White Race Control will transmit general information (e.g. on the location of the start) occasionally between about 0915 and 0945. Boats may check their radio reception from this and should not call for radio checks.
 - (d) Otherwise, boats may call the RC on VHF channel M2 – but not when the RC is transmitting on channel 02 - and should return to monitoring channel 02 after speaking to the RC.
 - (e) The Race Office ashore operates on channel M1 (37), call sign Warsash Base.

6. STARTS

- 6.1 **The Start Area** will normally be in the vicinity of Royal Southern buoy.
- 6.2 **Starting Order and Time:**
- (a) The White Group Race Control Boat will start Class IRC4 (from Black Group) at 1000 and White Group Boats shall keep clear of the start area and IRC4 boats until after that class has started.
 - (b) **The first start for White Group classes** will be at 1010. The intended starting order is: J/70s, SB20s, J/80s, but that may change. The starts of two or more classes may be combined.
- 6.3 **Starting Line:** between a staff flying an orange flag on the Race Control boat and an Outer Distance Mark (ODM). Before the preparatory signal for each class, the RC will display either a red flag to indicate the use of a red ODM; or a green flag to indicate the use of a green ODM. Both coloured marks may be present and the one indicated is to be used.
- 6.4 **An Inner Distance Mark (IDM)** may be laid near the Race Control boat. Boats shall not cross the line between an IDM 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. The Race Control boat, IDM and ODM all rank as starting marks.
- 6.5 **Starting Procedure:** the "5-4-1-go" sequence of RRS 26 will be used. The warning signal may be at the same time as the start of the previous class, or after a short interval.
- 6.6 **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, and lowered when these boats have returned to the pre-course side of the line, in each case with no sound signal. Failure to display this flag before the starting signal will not be grounds for redress.
- 6.7 **General Recalls and Starting Penalties**
- (a) **After a general recall**, the recalled class may be re-started in accordance with RRS 29.2. Alternatively the re-start may be after the last scheduled start in that sequence, in which case the First Substitute will be removed after four minutes with no sound signal.

- (b) **If a Black Flag starting penalty** applies, the RC may advise the sail numbers of boats that have infringed by radio.
- (c) **Alternative to Black Flag:** If flag “U” has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat’s hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal.
- (d) This SI changes RRS 26, 29.2, 30.3 and Race Signals.

7. COURSES

- 7.1 **Courses will be set from the list in Appendix C.** The course letter and number of “laps” will be displayed on the Race Control boat. Courses may be displayed after the warning signal. This changes RRS 27.1.
- 7.2 **Shortening or Changing Course or abandoning a race** (changing RRS 33 and Race Signals)
 - (a) **Course change:** a committee boat (which may be a RIB) may be on station near to any rounding mark (before any boat in the class has rounded it), making repetitive sound signals and displaying IC flags “C” over “F”. Boats shall round that mark and then proceed directly to the finishing line. This changes RRS 33 and Race Signals.
 - (b) **Shortening or changing course may only apply to certain classes**, whose class flags will be displayed.
 - (c) **The RC may shorten or abandon** a race for major wind shifts or irregular or inadequate winds. This changes RRS 32.1.

8. FINISHING

- 8.1 **The finishing line** is between an ODM and the spar displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat.
- 8.2 **Target Times and Time Limits**
 - (a) For information, the target time is 50-60 minutes for each race. There is no standard time limit for the first boat to finish; however the RC may notify a time limit by radio (see SI 5.6) before the preparatory signal.
 - (b) Boats that do not finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in the class finishes will be scored DNF unless paragraph (c) below applies. IC flag “K” plus the class flag will be displayed at the end of that time, accompanied by 5 sound signals unless they might confuse boats in other classes.
 - (c) A boat not finishing within that time may promptly advise the RC that she was still racing and wishes to be scored OTL (Over Time Limit). She must await an acknowledgement. See SI 11.4 for scoring.
 - (d) This SI changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

9. ALTERNATIVE PENALTY FOR LATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AN INFRINGEMENT

- 9.1 If a boat is required to take a One-Turn or a Two-Turns Penalty and fails to do so, but acknowledges an infringement before the protest time limit expires will be penalised 3% of her elapsed time. If she acknowledges an infringement later but before a relevant protest hearing, she will be penalised 5% of her elapsed time.
- 9.2 In the results, each 1% penalty is indicated by the letter “I” so that letters “III” mean 3% and so on.
- 9.3 A boat shall not be scored as having finished outside any time limit or the time in SI 8.2(b) solely by application of a time penalty.

10. PROTESTS

- 10.1 **The time limit for lodging protests** is 2½ hours after the last boat in the protestor’s class finishes the last race of the day.
- 10.2 **Protests for weeks 1 to 5 will be heard** after racing on the next Sunday of the Series.
Protests for the final week 6 will be heard that Sunday.
- 10.3 **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 or email, except for week 6.
- 10.4 **Protests brought by the RC or the Protest Committee (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 to RC/PC protests.
- 10.5 **The RC or the PC may protest a boat for a breach of the IRPCAS** under the preamble to Part 2 of the RRS or of SI 2.3 as a result of a report from any source including 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).
- 10.6 **The PC will normally start hearings at 1500** each Sunday. The parties should be present at Warsash Sailing Club before that time, or as soon as possible after racing if that is delayed. If racing is cancelled the start of

- hearings will be brought forward to 1100. The PC will not usually postpone to a later hearing unless application is received by 48 hours beforehand, except for week 6. This changes RRS 63.3(b).
- 10.7 **Penalties are at the PC's discretion.** If it 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.
- 10.8 **In Week 6, any boat involved in an incident** that might result in a protest hearing or request for redress must send a representative to the Race Office at Warsash SC as soon as possible after racing and be available for a hearing. If a boat fails to comply, the PC may nevertheless decide the protest or request.
- 10.9 The Race Office may be contacted on 01489 583575 or on VHF channel M1 (37), callsign Warsash Base.

11. SCORING SYSTEM AND RACES TO COUNT

- 11.1 **RRS Appendix A will apply** except that:
- (a) RRS A4.2 is changed so that the following scores are used:
DNC: 25 points, or 3 points more than the number of race entries, whichever is greater.
DSQ/DNE: 2 points more than the number of race entries.
- (b) RRS A8.2 shall not apply: ties unbroken after A8.1 shall stand. RRS A9 shall not apply.
- 11.2 **Discards:**
- (a) when fewer than 13 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (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 2 worst scores.
- (c) when from 16 to 18 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 3 worst scores.
- 11.3 **Boats that change ownership** or are chartered by a different charterer during a series will not count points scored by a previous owner/charterer. Before racing, the new owner/charterer must submit a signed entry form.
- 11.4 A boat complying with SI 8.2(c) will be scored as "OTL" with points one more than the last placed boat to finish before the time expired. If more than one boat in a class is to be scored OTL, they shall be scored as if they had tied as described in RRS A7.
- 11.5 This SI changes RRS A4.2, A5, A8.2 and A9.

12. RESULTS and PRIZES

- 12.1 **Provisional results** will be displayed at the Warsash SC after racing each Sunday. They will also be displayed on the website at www.warsashspringseries.org.uk and emailed to competitors after 1600 each Sunday. 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 1500-1530. A bottle of Lanson Black Label 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. **A Crewsaver Crewfit Pro Auto Lifejacket** and Harness will be won in a draw each Sunday by a competing boat present in Warsash SC at the time.
- 12.3 (a) **A Winner's Trophy will be awarded** to the Series Winner of each class. Second and subsequent prizes will be presented according to the number of entries.
- (b) The **Brooks Macdonald Trophy** will be awarded by the organising committee to a boat or an individual for outstanding achievement during the series, chosen either from White Group or Black Group.
- (c) Those trophies are retained permanently by the winners.
- 12.4 **Perpetual Trophies**, for which the winners are selected on merit at the discretion of the organising committee, are held for a year and then returned to the Club:
- (a) The **Commodore's Trophy** for a boat in a class for IRC-rated boats.
- (b) The **Founder's Salver** for a boat in a non-IRC-rated class.
- 12.5 **The Prize-giving** will be at Warsash Sailing Club from 2000 on Friday 15 May 2015. All competitors and crews are invited to attend.

13. RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1 **Attention is drawn to the Risk Statement** set out in the Notice of Race paragraph 11 and the undertaking by the competitors in the Entry Form to accept the Notice of Race and comply with its provisions.

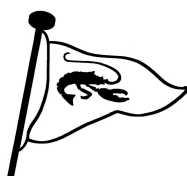
14. WELCOME TO WARSASH SAILING CLUB

- 14.1 All competitors and crews are invited to Warsash Sailing Club on race days. The "yellow water taxi" provides a free water taxi service on Sundays before and after racing for competitors to/from Warsash SC, for berths and marinas up river as far as Hamble Yacht Services. Call this taxi on 07827 157155. (The free water taxi is not available on Saturdays; a yellow taxi may be available commercially).

APPENDIX A - SPECIAL FLAGS & SIGNALS FOR WHITE GROUP

The list shows some signals with special meanings for the Warsash Spring Series and Championship; these meanings may replace or add to RRS Race Signals. See the SIs for further details.

Flag	Meaning	Flown where	SI ref
D	White Group: Radio channel M2 in use, as channel 02 is unavailable	Warsash White Race Control boat and/or Finishing boat	5.6 (b)
C over F	Round this mark and proceed directly to the finishing line	RIB or committee boat near a rounding mark	7.2 (a)
K	Time expired	Committee Boat(s)	8.2 (a) & (b)
L	Amendment to SIs	Warsash White Race Control boat	5.2
U	Alternative Preparatory Signal	Warsash White Race Control boat	6.7(c)
X	May also be shown in last minute pre-start, if boats are over the line	Warsash White Race Control boat	6.6
White	Warsash White Race Control boat	Warsash White Race Control boat	5.5 (a)
Orange	Attention signal and Start line mark	Warsash White Race Control boat	6.3
Green	Green ODM in use at start	Warsash White Race Control boat	6.3
Red	Red ODM in use at start	Warsash White Race Control boat	6.3
Blue	Finish line mark	Finishing committee boat	8.1
Yellow	Committee Boat (flag reads "Warsash Committee")	Committee Boat	5.5 (a) & (b)
VHF (notice)	An alternative course will be announced on VHF radio - see SI 5.6 for channels	Warsash White Race Control boat (A notice is displayed, not a flag)	C1.6





Brooks Macdonald Crewsaver Spring Championship

APPENDIX B ADDITIONAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

for the

SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday-Sunday 18-19 April and 25-26 April 2014

**The Spring Series SIs apply to the Spring Championship
subject to the additions and amendments below**

B1 Entries, Races and Rules

- B1.1 **Classes:** - J/70, SB20, J/80, Mixed Sportsboats. The class flag for Mixed Sportsboats is Naval Numeral 3.
- B1.2 **The Championship comprises** up to 14 races, with 4 races a day on the Saturdays and 3 races a day on the Sundays.
- B1.3 Competitors not already entered in the Spring Series will automatically be entered in the Spring Series races on the two Sundays, which count in both the Series and the Championship (except the Mixed Sportsboat class).
- B1.4 **All races in the Championship will count.**
- B1.5 **Mixed Sportsboat class boats with retracting bowsprits:** the bowsprit shall be fully retracted at all times other than when the spinnaker is set or in the act of being set or recovered. To exonerate herself from each infringement, a One-Turn Penalty shall be taken as in RRS 44.2.

B2 Prizes

- B2.1 **Prizes of the Day** will be presented at Warsash Sailing Club after racing on the Sunday afternoons. A bottle of Lanson Black Label champagne will be presented for best boat overall in each class for all races on each of the Saturdays and each of the Sundays, if the winners are in the Club at the time (otherwise may be awarded to the 2nd or 3rd placed boat if present).
- B2.2 **Trophies** and prizes for the Championship will be presented for each class at the Prize-giving held at Warsash Sailing Club from 2000 BST on Friday 15 May 2015. All competitors/crews are invited to attend.

Sailing Instructions B3 to B5 apply only to the Saturday races

B3 Starts

- B3.1 The expected time of the first start will be 1030.
- B3.2 Subsequent races will start as soon as possible after the finish of the previous race.
- B3.3 Boats shall not start more than 4 minutes after the start signal. This changes RRS A4.

B4 Target Time

- B4.1 The target time in SI 8.2 (a) is reduced to 45 minutes on the Saturdays.

B5 Protests

- B5.1 **The time limit for lodging protests for Saturday** is the later of the limit stated in SI 10.1, or 30 minutes after the Race Control boat returns to the Warsash SC pontoon on that day. The Race Office is not manned on Saturdays until the RC returns ashore.
- B5.2 **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 SIs 10.2 to 10.8.
- B5.3 **Protesting boats, or the RC or PC for any protest or request for redress made by them, are responsible** for informing the protestee(s) that the protest or request for redress has in fact been lodged at the race office on Saturday and that the hearing will take place on the Sunday. This changes SI 10.3 and 10.4 and RRS 63.2.

APPENDIX C COURSES: See page 8 (back cover).

APPENDIX C WHITE GROUP COURSES

C1 General

- C1.1 **The course and number of laps will be displayed** on the Race Control boat, using courses from SI C2. The Course diagram shows the approximate layout of the marks and is not to scale. See examples at the end of SI C2.
- C1.2 **Marks will normally be black except for a red or green Start ODM (see SI 6.3); and a small orange Finish ODM.** The RC may however use marks of different colours. Marks that are not being used may not be laid.
- C1.3 **Marks 4 and 5 may be single buoys or a Gate.** If 2 buoys are laid to form a Gate, boats shall pass between the 2 buoys that are the marks of the Gate from the direction of the previous mark, rounding either one.
- C1.4 **A change in the position of a mark** will not be signalled if it involves shortening or lengthening a leg, or changing its direction by no more than 20°. This changes RRS 33.
- C1.5 **Finish line:** boats need not pass through the Finish except when finishing.
- C1.6 **Exceptionally, an alternative course** may be announced by radio. In that case the letters “VHF” will be displayed on the Race Control boat and the course will be announced on VHF (see SI 5.6 for channels).

C2 Courses & Course Diagram

All marks to Port
except 4 and 5 if laid as a Gate.

The marks shown in bold and enclosed in square brackets [] comprise 1 lap.

Course D

Start - 1 - 2 - [3 - 4] - Finish A

Course E (see example below)

Start - 1 - 2 - [3 - 4] - Finish B

Course F (see examples below)

Start - [1 - 2 - 5] - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - Finish A

Course G

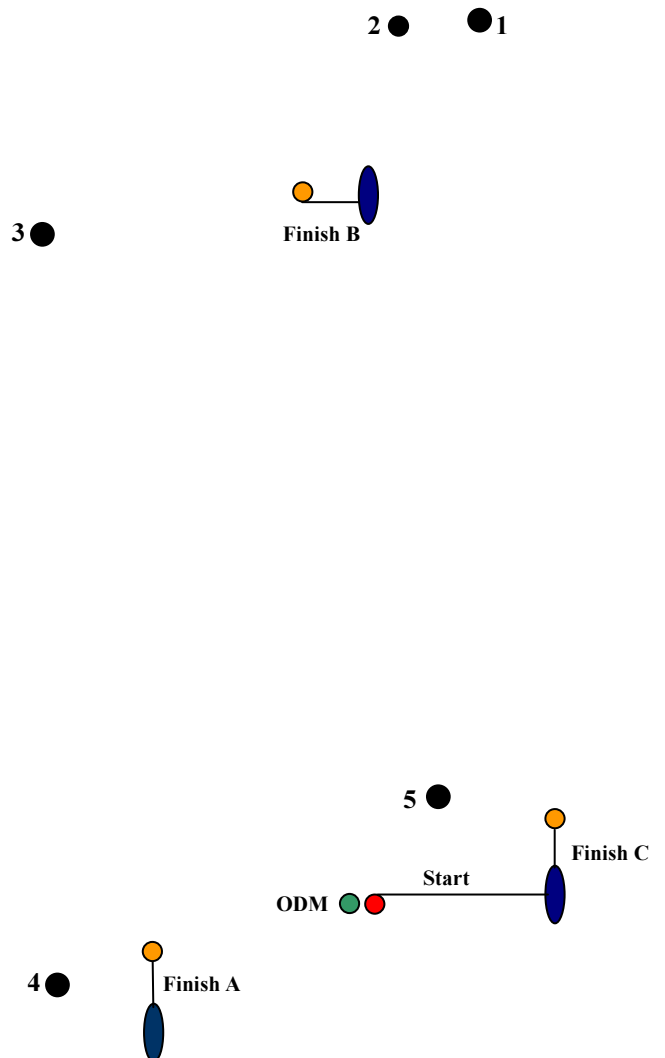
Start - [1 - 2 - 5] - Finish B

Course H

Start - [1 - 2 - 5] - Finish C



COURSE DIAGRAM



COURSE EXAMPLES

E3: Course E with 3 laps of marks 3 and 4: Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 3 - 4 - 3 - 4 - Finish B

F1: Course F with 1 lap of marks 1, 2 and 5: Start - 1 - 2 - 5 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - Finish A

F2: Course F with 2 laps of marks 1, 2 and 5: Start - 1 - 2 - 5 - 1 - 2 - 5 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - Finish A

F3: Course F with 3 laps of marks 1, 2 and 5: Start - 1 - 2 - 5 - 1 - 2 - 5 - 1 - 2 - 5 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - Finish A