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**SAILING PROGRAMME
AND
DUTY LIST
2019**

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Name of event: Wilsonian Sailing Club 2019
Inclusive Sunday dates: 24 February 2019 to 1 January 2020
Organising authority: The Sailing Committee of the Wilsonian Sailing Club (WSC) Hoo, Kent

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in the "The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020".
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.3 Racing Rules 29.1, 29.2 and 40 will be changed as follows:

Rule 29.1 Individual Recall is amended as follows. The sound signal accompanying the display of flag X will only be made for boats sailing from behind the line to the on-course side.

For class series only Racing Rule 29.2 General Recall and Race Signals First Substitute are amended as follows. When a fleet has a General Recall the First Substitute will be displayed, with two sound signals, for up to four minutes, but not later than one minute before any later starting signal, whichever is earlier, when it will be removed without a sound signal. The start of the recalled fleet will be postponed until five minutes after the last valid fleet start in the sequence (end of queue). If more than one fleet in the sequence has a General Recall, then the recalled fleets will start in their original sequence.

Racing Rule 40 will be changed as follows:

Whilst afloat competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

- 1.4 Boats shall be sailed using their own class sail number, unless prior consent has been obtained from the organising authority.
- 1.5 Yardsticks will be as allocated by the WSC Sailing Committee "WSC Number". Where no number is allocated, a boat will be allocated a trial number, which will be posted on the official notice board.
- 1.6 Competitors using a plurality of different rigs on the same boat in a series shall have the handicap corresponding to the fastest rig used applied to the results of all races.
- 1.7 This event is held on a navigable river and ships or other large vessels have right of way. If a ship/vessel is being escorted, no competitor shall sail between the guard boat displaying a naval numeral "zero" and the ship/vessel it is escorting. Any competitor passing between the guard boat and escorted ship/vessel shall be disqualified without a hearing. Boats shall not obstruct the fairway.
- 1.8 Other than Committee boat, craft engaged upon race management will display international code flag numeral "nine". Failure to display will not constitute grounds for redress.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 These events are open to WSC members and their guests (as defined in Rule 25 of "Rules of the Club"). Eligible boats shall be monohull dinghies, whose overall length does not exceed 5.5m, with a Portsmouth Yardstick equal to or less than a Mirror, unless by special dispensation of the Sailing Committee. Optimist dinghies are eligible for Junior's Cup and Handicap Slow/Junior "S/J" events only.
- 2.2 Ladies' Cup - only female helms eligible.
- 2.3 Juniors' Cup - helms under 18 years of age on 5 November 2019 are eligible.
- 2.4 Masters' Cup - helms over the age of 60 years on 1 January 2019 are eligible.
- 2.5 Scratch Series - open to all comers.

2.6 2000s and other classes electing to start with them are eligible for class series events. The boats in this start will race only boats of the same class, and courses for the classes may be different.

Other boats will be eligible to race in one of the following handicap fleet series events:

Handicap "F" (Fast), recommended for boats with a WSC Number of 970 or less.

Handicap "M" (Medium), recommended for boats with a WSC Number of 971 to 1119.

Handicap "SJ" (Slow/Junior), recommended for boats with a WSC Number of 1120 or more or Junior Members as eligible in 2.3

Handicap fleet series sailors have the option of sailing in the handicap fleet of their choice and are encouraged to join the fleet they feel is most appropriate, but if sailing in a fleet where their boat falls outside the recommended handicap boundaries they shall have no influence on the course set and will have no recourse if they finish outside the time limit.

3. Notices to Competitors

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, which is located on the landward side of the WSC race box.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

4.1 Any changes to these instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board, at least 15 minutes prior to the warning signal for any race that it affects and at least 30 minutes if the race has a committee boat start.

5. Signals made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the race box.

5.2 Flag boards or lights, corresponding to the equivalent flag, may be displayed at the race box in lieu of flags.

5.3 Flag A with two sound signals (one when lowered) means "No boat shall go afloat until this signal is lowered. The first warning signal will be made not less than 15 minutes after flag A is lowered".

5.4 Flag H with two sound signals (one when lowered) means "the warning signal will be made not less than 15 minutes after flag H is lowered".

6. Schedule of Races

6.1 Races are scheduled on the dates as shown in the "WSC Sailing Programme 2019". The Wilsonian River Challenge is not covered by these Sailing Instructions.

6.2 The scheduled time(s) of the **Warning** signal(s) and class flag(s) is/are:

Class Series Points	AM	PM	Flag
Handicap "F"	10:55	13:25	"K"
Handicap "M"	11:00	13:30	"T"
Class Start (including 2000)	11:05	13:35	"2000"
Handicap "S"/Junior	11:10	13:40	"F"
Class Series Events 27th October	AM	PM	Flag
Handicap "F"	10:25	N/A	"K"
Handicap "M"	10:30	N/A	"T"
Class Start (including 2000)	10:35	N/A	"2000"
Handicap "S"/Junior	10:40	N/A	"F"

For the purposes of these Sailing Instructions, the separate Courses described herein shall each be considered a "Class".

Warm up series	AM	PM	Flag
One course	10:25	ASAP after lunch	"K"

Frostbite Series	AM	PM	Flag
Long course	10:25	ASAP after lunch	"K"
Medium course	10:30	ASAP after lunch	"T"
Lapping course	10:35	ASAP after lunch	"F"

There will be no afternoon race on 15th December 2019

Club Series Events	AM	PM	Flag
Scratch	10:55	N/A	"K"
Juniors' Cup, Ladies' Cup, Masters' Cup & Novices/Improvers	11.05	N/A	"T"
Commodore's Trophy PY 971 and higher	N/A	13:25	"T"
Commodore's Trophy PY 970 or less	N/A	13.55	"K"
Bosun's Trophy	N/A	13:40	"F"

Wednesday Evening Series	As per sailing programme	"K"
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One-Off Races

Ice Breaker	As per sailing programme	"K"
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South Kent (one race using a staggered start sequence). Start times as per the Sailing Programme)		"K"
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Note: Competitors may choose their own start time from the 15 minute staggered starts to suit their boat in the prevailing conditions. Competitors shall sign on for their chosen start time. See note 1.6

Pursuit Races See additional instructions covering this event. First boat starts at 13:30.

John Yeo Trophy (Evening Race)		15:55
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Creeks Race (one race using a staggered start sequence)

Slow fleet	As per sailing programme	"F"
Medium fleet	As per sailing programme	"T"
Fast fleet	As per sailing programme	"K"

Note: the Creeks Race uses a stagger, intended to equalise course for all boats.

3-Race Regatta As per sailing programme. See additional instructions covering this event.

Leigh Trophy (one race using a staggered start sequence)

Slow fleet	As per sailing programme	"F"
Medium fleet	As per sailing programme	"T"
Fast fleet	As per sailing programme	"K"

Note: Leigh Trophy uses a stagger, intend to equalise course for all boats.

Laying-Up Cup	As per sailing programme	"K"
Chilly Willies	As per sailing programme	"K"
Scratch Races	All details displayed on the Official Notice Board.	

- 6.3 The afternoon race shall start no sooner than 45 minutes after the last finish of the morning race. This may mean that the afternoon race start for ALL fleets MUST be postponed.

7. Courses

- 7.1 The racing area will be as shown on the Official Notice Course Board.
- 7.2 The order in which marks are to be passed for each scheduled race and the side on which each mark is to be left will be displayed on the Official Notice Board prior to the warning signal of each race.

8. Marks

- 8.1 The marks of the course will be made up from some or all of the following:-
 - A) Fixed position navigation buoys, green coloured odd numbered, red coloured even numbered. The South Yantlet Creek buoys, red & white in colour and numbered one to four. The Otterham Fairway buoy, red & white in colour with a red spherical top mark. The Hoo Ness West Cardinal buoy, yellow & black in colour.
 - B) Fixed position racing marks identified as MYA1, MYC4, and Autumn Buoy, which are orange coloured drums, MYC 2 Yellow coloured drum, Police boat mooring buoy Princess Alice III (PAIII) Beacons No 1 and No 3.
 - C) WSC inflatable racing marks, orange in colour numbered 1, 2, 3 & 4 and TS yellow pillar buoy.
 - D) Additional marks as identified on the course board may be used.

9. Areas that are Obstructions

- 9.1 Folly Point and Darnett Fort beacons are obstructions, when passing Folly Point beacon it shall be passed to the south and Darnett Fort beacon shall be passed to the north.

10. The Start

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
5	Red light	One	Warning signal
4	Blue light	One	Preparatory signal
1	Red light	One	One minute
0	Green light	One	Starting signal

- 10.1 Races will be started by using the signals above and the sequence is repeated as necessary. In the event of a General Recall an extra start sequence will be used AFTER ALL OTHER FLEETS HAVE STARTED. In the event of more than one fleet suffering a General Recall restarts will follow the original order but with no gaps for successfully started fleets. This replaces rule 26.
- 10.2 In class and club series events - The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.
- 10.3 Other than when a committee boat is to be used the starting line will be the Wilsonian Sailing Club line, which is an extension of an imaginary line through the two white posts with triangular top marks, one of which is behind and one in front of the Race Box. The White Mark on the south shore does not form part of the line.

- 10.4 The starting line may be used in either an upstream or downstream direction depending on the course set for each race.
- 10.5 When a committee boat start or start/finish is to be used, an orange flag will be displayed at the race box. The start/finish line will be between the mast of the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the nearby pin-end mark. The location and description of the committee boat start/finish lines, along with a description of the pin-end mark, will be described along with the rest of the course on the Official Notice Board.
- 10.6 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.7 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be recorded Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

11. The Finish

- 11.1 The finishing line description and use is as starting line, see 10.3, 10.4 and 10.5 above.

12. Shortened Courses

- 12.1 When courses are being shortened at the starting/finishing line and to indicate the class(es) is/are being finished in a downstream direction, a Red flag board will be displayed with flag S. This is only applicable to courses with an upstream mark.
- 12.2 For the purposes of RRS 32.2(a) only, all marks shall be considered to be rounding marks.
- 12.3 When flag C and S are displayed at a rounding mark, the shortened course shall be from the rounding mark directly back via the main river channel to the finish line at the Wilsonian Sailing Club line. Sailing Instruction 9.1 shall continue to apply.
- 12.4 Boats shall pass within three boat-lengths of the mark at which the course is shortened

13. Time Limits

- 13.1 The time limit in each fleet in handicap class events, and in each race in club series events, except the Frostbite Series, will be 13:00 for a.m. races and 17:30 for p.m. races for the first boat; if this time limit is not met in a given fleet or race then all boats "Checked-Out in accordance with Sailing Instruction 16.1" in that fleet or race, respectively, shall score as DNF without a hearing. If the first time limit is met in a given fleet or race, "Checked-Out" boats not finishing by 13:30 or 18:00 respectively in that fleet or race, respectively shall be scored DNF. The time limit for 2000 Class racing will be 13:30 for a.m. races and 18:00 for p.m. races, "Checked-Out" 2000's not finishing by 13:30 or 18:00 respectively shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 13.2 The time limit for the Frostbite Series will be 12:30 for a.m. races and 16:00 for p.m. races for the first boat in each fleet; if this time limit is not met in a given fleet then all boats "Checked-Out in accordance with Sailing Instruction 16.1" in that fleet shall score as DNF without a hearing. If the first time limit is met in a given fleet, "Checked-Out" boats not finishing by 13:00 or 16:30 respectively " in that fleet shall be scored DNF. The time limit for 2000 Class racing will be 13:00 for a.m. races and 16:30 for p.m. races, "Checked-Out" 2000s not finishing by 13:00 or 16:30 respectively shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5
- 13.3 The time limits for the Frostbite Series races may be brought forward at the discretion of the Race Officer in cases of anticipated low light levels.

14. Protests and requests for Redress

- 14.1 Protests forms will be available from the WSC Chief Duty Officer CDO. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be returned to the CDO within 45 minutes of the last boat's finish time in that race, unless the Protest Committee sees good reason to extend the protest time limits.
- 14.2 Protests will be heard in an order decided by the Protest Committee and as soon as practicable.

15. Results and Scoring

15.1 Race results will be calculated using each boat's corrected finish time;

Corrected time = (Time on the course / WSC Number) * 1000

15.2 Average lap race results will be calculated;

Average lap time (A.L.T.) = Time on the course / number of rounds completed

Corrected average lap time = (A.L.T. / WSC Number) *1000

However, no boat will be penalised for completing additional laps to others in the same class or a boat with a lower WSC Number.

15.3 The number of races to count for series events shall be half the number of races held, half numbers being rounded down, plus one. Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst scores discarded if more races than the required number to count have been completed. This does not apply to the junior helm Fallout Trophy, which uses its own scoring system. For the Three Race Regatta all races held shall count.

15.4 DNC shall be scored the maximum number of entrants in any one race of the series plus two points. This changes Racing Rule A4.2

15.5 If a helm changes boats within the same class, including use of different rigs e.g. Laser/Laser 4.7/Laser Radial or RS Vareo with or without spinnaker, points will be carried forward. If a helm changes boats to a different class each boat will be regarded as a separate entry, unless approval is obtained from the Sailing Committee.

15.6 For a boat to be counted in any Series Event, final result, she must have started or been scored OCS in more than 30% of the number of races held for that event.

15.7 Races will retain their identifying number as published in the "WSC Sailing Programme and Duty List 2019".

16. Safety Regulations

16.1 All boats must Check-Out before each race, on the "Race Safety Sheets" provided at the Official Notice Board. Boats not Checking-Out shall be scored "DNS".

16.2 All boats must Check-In after each race on the Race Safety Sheets provided at the Official Notice Board.

16.3 Boats not starting, not finishing or retiring after finishing shall enter "DNF" or "RET" as applicable against their name on the Race Safety Sheet.

16.4 Checking-in must be made within half an hour of finishing on the club line or at the earliest opportunity when finishing at a Committee Boat, and before submitting any protest. Boats not checking-in within this time limit shall be scored "DNF".

17. Collisions with moored boats

17.1 Any collision with a moored boat must be reported to the Race Officer, CDO or their deputies within 30 minutes of coming ashore.

17.2 Failure to report such a collision will result in the boat being scored "DSQ" without redress.

18. Equipment and measurement checks

18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

19. Rubbish disposal

19.1 Boats shall not put rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be placed in the bins in dinghy compound.

20. Radio Communication

20.1 Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes cellular telephones.

21. Prizes

21.1 Perpetual and Keepsake prizes will be awarded for class and club series events and one-off races, excluding scratch races. The number of places receiving Keepsake prizes will be based on the 'square root' of the series/one-off race entry, rounded up to the nearest whole number. The Sailing Committee may allocate additional prizes during the season.

21.2 The South Kent Trophy will only be awarded if the South Kent buoy is rounded and the race is neither abandoned nor shortened.

21.3 Separate prizes will be awarded to Juniors racing with the Handicap "SJ" Fleet.

21.4 Crundwell Trophy - presented to the first helm over 65 years of age on 1st March of the year in question in either Commodore's or Bosun's Series. In the event of a tie the Commodore's series takes precedence.

21.5 Bob Dutton Trophy - presented to the first junior helm (as defined in 2.3 above) in the Commodore's or Bosun's Series. In the event of a tie the Commodore's series takes precedence.

21.6 Gun Wharf Trophy - presented to the person who has helmed the greatest number of Fleet Points Series races.

21.7 Fallout Trophy - awarded to a Junior helm (as defined in 2.3 above) on a cumulative points system from races on Junior Training Days.

21.8 Championship Series - each boat's scores from "Ice Breaker, South Kent, Evening Race, Creeks Race, Three Race Regatta, Leigh Trophy and Laying up Cup", with two discards will be used to calculate the Champion.

21.9 Perpetual prizes will be presented at the Annual Prizegiving; keepsake prizes will be presented at fleet evenings.

21.10 Merlin Trophy: Awarded to the club Member who, in the opinion of the Sailing Secretary & Commodore, has displayed outstanding achievement, endeavour or perseverance, or a combination of all three.

21.11 John Yeo Trophy - presented to the first helm in the Saturday Evening Race.

22. Risk Statement

22.1 Rule 4 of the RRS states "The Responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone."

22.2 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 while 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances.

23. Insurance

23.1 Each participating boat shall have adequate third-party liability insurance.

NOTES TO THE WSC SAILING/RACE PROGRAMME 2019

This is supplementary information and may not be used as a basis for any protest or request for redress.

1 DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS & RELATED INFORMATION

- 1.1 Class series races - courses are set for each race by or on behalf of the class captains to suit each fleet's requirement. Handicap fleets - there is a provision for opting for a fleet other than that in which a particular dinghy will fall within the stated parameters. The reason for allowing an option is to enable members to enjoy their sailing in an environment and at a standard which best suits their ability, stamina or preference. However, courses will be set with suitability for the boats falling within the stated parameters of a fleet and this should be taken into account when making your choice.
- 1.2 Ice Breaker and Laying-Up Cup races - the courses are set depending on the day's conditions and the entry.
- 1.3 Novices / Improvers races - held on the mornings of Commodore's race days. A short lapping course is set close to the club to enable less experienced helms the opportunity to try racing in a no-pressure environment. Those who would like to receive coaching should ask the Assistant Sailing Secretary suitably in advance so that a coach can be arranged who will crew or helm as required.
- 1.4 Ladies', Juniors', Masters' Cup and Scratch events are relatively short races set in sight of the club.
- 1.5 The Commodore's Series offers a longer and more challenging course than normally sailed. For those members wishing to sail a shorter, lapping course, the Bosun's Series is available as an alternative. Results of the Commodore's series races score towards the Commodore's Trophy and those of the Bosun's series towards the Bosun's Trophy.
- 1.6 South Kent race - this is an out and back race, of approximately 20 miles. It is preferable to use the ebb tide to get to the South Kent buoy near Queenborough Spit and the flood tide to return to the Club. The start shall be from the Club line and competitors may choose their start time from ¼ hour staggered intervals using the standard 5 minute start sequence, this system is designed to add an extra element of navigational skill for competitors as it requires good judgement of their arrival time at the South Kent Buoy for the weather conditions. It also adds a pursuit element to the race. Competitors shall sign on for their chosen start time.
- 1.7 Creeks Race - this race takes place over the top of the tide. It is intended to be a long distance race taking in one or more of the creeks of the river whenever practicable. A staggered start sequence is used to add a pursuit element to race and ensure slower boats don't finish too late. (see also 1.9, below).
- 1.8 Leigh Trophy race - this race takes place over the top of the tide. It is intended to be a long distance race through the creeks using marks not normally passed/rounded in club racing. A staggered start sequence is used to add a pursuit element to race and ensure slower boats don't finish too late. (see also 1.9, below)
- 1.9 Where possible the Creeks and Leigh Trophy races will be started by a committee boat and the finish will be at the club line.
- 1.10 Saturday Evening Race - It is intended to follow the race with a meal.
- 1.11 Three Race Regatta - A one day event with three back-to-back races. It is intended to use a committee boat start/finish with relatively short lapping courses, the emphasis being on starting, mark rounding and boat handling practice. Tide permitting, this regatta should be held in Hoo Bay.
- 1.12 Pursuit Races - are fun races for all-comers, arranged to give those who do not usually win a better chance by using personal handicaps. Starting will be from the beach under the instructions of the Race Officer, departing in reverse handicap order, slower competitors first, faster later. The results are given by the order of finishing, with no subsequent calculation. A trophy will be presented to the winner on aggregate of the two races.
- 1.13 MYC participation in club races - the Wayfarers have an arrangement with the Wayfarer fleet at MYC for participation in each other's racing; hence some Sundays could see some visitors from MYC sailing with our Medium fleet. Similar arrangements may be made regarding junior racing. The above descriptions are meant only as a guide. For further advice ask your Fleet/Class Captain/Vice or the Sailing Secretary.
- 1.14 The Chilly Willies is a single-start handicap race open to all-comers, including members of other clubs by invitation. The perpetual trophy will be awarded to the first WSC member.

2 OPEN EVENTS

- 2.1 Class opens may be run within the Wilsonian River Challenge on 1st & 2nd June. Class prizes will be awarded to classes mustering more than 6 entries prior to the start of the event, and a class start is possible if sufficient entries are received before the event.

3 EVENTS FOR JUNIORS IN 2019

- 3.1 Most Saturday mornings from 6th April to 28th September there is Junior sailing ("Saturday Skimmers"). Primarily this will be racing for those able to sail a triangular course (standard equivalent to RYA Stage 3), but additionally it is intended that a separate group for beginner or less experienced sailors will be run alongside. Saturday Skimmers starts at 09:30 am and normally finishes at 13:00. Sailors should be rigged and changed by 10:00.
- 3.2 Junior Week - A week's training course is arranged for Juniors in August culminating in a Regatta. Training follows the RYA Youth Sailing Scheme. Numbers for Junior Week are limited; an email with an attached application form will be sent to all families with Junior members.
- 3.3 For all of these events each Junior must have a parent or nominated guardian in attendance. It is expected that parents/guardians will help on the day with such duties as allocating and checking the return of club clothing, helping to get boats to and from the shore, safety boat crews (or drivers if qualified), serving refreshments and checking that boats have been packed away correctly at the end of the session.

4 ADULT TRAINING

- 4.1 "Adult Skimmers" runs from 1.30pm on Saturday afternoons after the Junior sessions. It is an opportunity for members to practice skills, try other boats, crew or helm in informal sessions supported with safety boat cover.

5 OTHER INFORMATION

- 5.1 Buoyancy tests - onus is now on self-certification, it is not possible to list all class buoyancy requirements.
- 5.2 It is strongly recommended that every boat has a towing line minimum dimension 8m length and 6mm diameter.
- 5.3 Training and advice - members requiring assistance and/or advice to enhance their sailing activities or advice and/or demonstrations when choosing a new dinghy should contact the Fleet Captains, the Sailing Secretary or the Chief Training Instructor. New members requiring such help are also advised to contact the Membership Secretary, who will assist in the co-ordination and liaison of requests.
- 5.4 Cruises - fleets or others may arrange informal cruises. The organisers of any group cruise, which is publicised in the club, must obtain prior approval from the Sailing Committee and should study the club's Cruising Guidelines. If available, a safety boat may accompany the cruise. The cruise organisers must consult the CDO before setting out giving names of all participants. Individuals cruising at weekends when a CDO is on duty should inform the CDO of the likely direction and duration of their sail and inform the CDO on their return.
- 5.5 Dinghy Park - members are reminded that the approval of the Sailing Committee is required before dinghy park spaces can be allocated to new classes of boats (Bye-law 8). The Sailing Committee's permission must be obtained before a member changes their class of dinghy to be kept in the Dinghy Park (Bye-law 14). Members are cautioned that the Committee will not permit boats to be kept in the Dinghy Park, even on a temporary basis, if these requirements have not been complied with.

IF YOU INTEND TO CHANGE CLASS OR BRING A NEW BOAT, DO DISCUSS WITH THE SAILING SECRETARY FIRST!

Club Racing Guidelines for Race Officers. The Sailing Instructions take precedence over these Guidelines.

Abandonment of Day's Racing: not before 15:00 in very light or strong winds.

Timing error: the RO may either postpone or signal a general recall. Postponing maintains the starting order, while in class and handicap series races only, a general recall requires the fleet recalled to go to the back of the queue (SI 1.3).

Course Setting: agreement between fleet captains can permit more adventurous courses without overstretching the safety cover. The RO, with the CDO, has the final say.

Competitors sailing outside their allotted handicap fleet must have no input to setting the course they intend sailing, according to SI 2.6.

Upstream club buoy should only be used as a **first** mark if it will result in a true beat, i.e. including tacks, and not merely a fetch; exception: when also used in a lapping course. Rounding direction: take account of competitors' need to gybe or tack and moored boats; the mark should so far as possible be located on the windier side of the river.

Hoo, South Yantlet and other creeks: for safety, fleets should not be split between Hoo Creek and Gillingham Reach, likewise between Long Reach and South Yantlett or others. Select marks in the appropriate reach or alternatively specify such as 'Through Hoo Creek', for all fleets, to make the course unambiguous.

Redundant marks: courses should be checked to ensure that a 'passing' mark cannot simply be ignored, e.g. by specifying 'RP'/'RS' ('Round' to port/starboard respectively) for the mark in question; avoid 360 degree roundings.

Disused marks: Destroyer and Pinup mooring buoys are not to be used as racing marks.

Approved and often neglected marks: PA3 (PAIII) and Beacons 1 and 3.

Buoy 28 Take care when using 28 that competitors can round it without risking passing through the moorings which are very close to the buoy.

The Finish: progress of the race should be monitored by means of feedback from the rescue boats, and the course shortened if necessary.

Time limit a 30 minute tail applies in class series events for handicap fleets only (SI 13.1)

South Kent Race only:

- a) should be started from the Club Line.
- b) competitors choose their start time from a series of starts at 15 minute intervals at times set out in the SIs and Sailing Programme. They should sign on and off on a sheet specific to that start.
- c) Blackstakes should be included in the course both down and up stream in order to keep boats out of the gas terminal exclusion zone.
- d) Queenborough Spit should normally be included after South Kent buoy to reduce the effect of tidal changes on early and late arrivals at S. Kent.
- e) The RO should monitor events downriver; some ROs find it advantageous to follow the race in a committee boat, returning in good time for the club line finish.

Please see specific guidelines for Commodore's Series racing (in the Race Book in the Race Box; also available from the Assistant Sailing Secretary on request).

WSC TRAINING PROGRAMME 2019

Sat /Sun	30/31 Mar	Powerboat	Power Boat 2 Course
Sat /Sun	8/9 Jun	Powerboat	Safety Boat Course
Sat /Sun	5/6 Oct	Powerboat	Power Boat 2 Course
Sat /Sun	26/27 Oct	Powerboat	Safety Boat Course

Please contact Martin Vinton or Paul Thorpe for details of Power Boat courses

Sat /Sun	25/26 May	Sailing	RYA Level 1
Sat /Sun	8/9 June	Sailing	RYA Level 2

Wed	8 May	Sailing	Ladies That Launch 10 am – 2pm
Tue	21 May	Sailing	Ladies That Launch 10 am – 2pm
Wed	12 Jun	Sailing	Ladies That Launch 10 am – 2pm
Tue	25 Jun	Sailing	Ladies That Launch 10 am – 2pm

Please contact Paul Thorpe for details of sailing courses
NB: Midweek courses available on request. Contact training@wilsoniansc.org.uk

Tue	20 Aug	Sailing	Junior Week
Wed	21Aug	Sailing	Junior Week
Thu	22 Aug	Sailing	Junior Week
Fri	23 Aug	Sailing	Junior Week
Sat	24 Aug	Sailing	Junior Week

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Day	Date	Tide	Ht.m	All Fleets	Notes
Tues	1-Jan	15:10	Low 0.6	Chilly Willies Handicap Race	1st warning signal 11:55
Sun	24-Feb	16:12	5.7	WARM-UP SERIES 1 + 2	
Sun	3-Mar	10:48	5.1	WARM-UP SERIES 3 + 4	Dinghy Show
Sun	10-Mar	15:02	5.5	WARM-UP SERIES 5 + 6	
Sun	17-Mar	15:13	Low 0.9	WARM-UP SERIES 7 + 8	
Sun	24-Mar	15:05	5.9	WARM-UP SERIES 9 + 10	
Sun	31-Mar	16:35	Low 1.5	ICE BREAKER (1st warning sig. 11:55 BST)	BST has started
Sat	6-Apr	14:35	5.9	Skimmers Starts	
Sun	7-Apr	15:06	5.9	Spring Points 1 + 2	
Sat	13-Apr	12:49	Low 1.3	Skimmers	
Sun	14-Apr	14:20	Low 1.4	Spring Points 3 + 4	
Sat	20-Apr	14:21	6.5	Skimmers	
Sun	21-Apr	15:00	6.5	COMMODORE'S Race 1 (1st w. sig. 13.25)	Novices/Masters/Ladies & Juniors a.m.
Sat	27-Apr	12:40	Low 1.5	Skimmers	
Sun	28-Apr	13:53	Low 1.7	Spring Points 5 + 6	
Sat	4-May	13:31	6.0	Musto/Blaze Open	Musto/Blaze Open
Sun	5-May	14:06	6.1	Spring Points 7+8	Musto/Blaze Open
Sat	11-May	11:50	Low 1.0	Skimmers	Medway River Festival
Sun	12-May	12:50	Low 1.2	Early Summer Points 1 + 2	
Sat	18-May	13:13	6.1	Open Day	Kent Scouts Topper Sailing Day
Sun	19-May	14:56	6.3	THREE RACE REGATTA 1st w. signal <i>downriver</i> 1pm	3 races back-to-back

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Day	Date	Tide	Ht.m	All Fleets	Notes
Sat	25-May	11:27	Low 1.0		No Skimmers due to preparation for GBSC
Sun	26-May	12:14	Low 1.1	Early Summer Points 3 + 4	MYC Keelboat Regatta 24th – 27th May
Sat	1-Jun	12:17	5.8	Wilsonian River Challenge	Great British Sailing Challenge - pre-enter on sailracer.com
Sun	2-Jun	12:58	6.1	Wilsonian River Challenge	Great British Sailing Challenge - pre-enter on sailracer.com
Sat	8-Jun	10:20	Low 0.8	Skimmers	
Sun	9-Jun	11:50	Low 1.0	Early Summer Points 5 + 6	
Sat	15-Jun	12:05	5.9	Skimmers	
Sun	16-Jun	12:53	6.0	CREEKS RACE (1st w. sig. 11.55)	Medway River Festival
Wed	19-Jun	14:54	5.9	Wednesday Evening Series 1 (1st w. sig. 18.55)	
Sat	22-Jun	10:40	Low 1.0	Skimmers + John Yeo Evening Race (1st w. sig. 15.55)	
Sun	23-Jun	12:08	Low 0.9	COMMODORE'S Race 2 (1st w. sig. 13.25)	Novices/Masters/Ladies & Juniors a.m.
Wed	26-Jun	17:50	5.0	Wednesday Evening Series 2 (1st w. sig. 18.55)	
Sat	29-Jun	10:47	5.3	Skimmers	Admiral's Cruise
Sun	30-Jun	11:44	5.7	Bob Dutton 3 RACE REGATTA 1st w. sig <i>downriver</i> 12:15	3 races back-to-back & Admiral's Cruise
Wed	3-Jul	14:05	6.1	Wednesday Evening Series 3 (1st w. sig. 18.55)	
Sat	6-Jul	15:13	6.1	Skimmers	
Sun	7-Jul	10:45	Low 0.7	Early Summer Points 7 + 8	Adult Week 8th July to 12 th July
Wed	10-Jul	19:45	5.6	Wednesday Evening Series 4 (1st w. sig. 18.55)	
Sat	13-Jul	10:46	5.5	Skimmers	
Sun	14-Jul	11:44	5.7	Late Summer Points 1 + 2	

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Sat	20-Jul	15:39	5.6	Skimmers	
Sun	21-Jul	16:16	5.7	Late Summer Points 3 + Pursuit Race 1	Pursuit start for first boat 13:30
Sat	27-Jul	15:11	Low 1.4	Skimmers	
Sun	28-Jul	16:12	Low 1.3	Late Summer Points 4 + 5	
Sat	3-Aug	15:23	6.3	Skimmers	
Sun	4-Aug	16:09	6.3	COMMODORE'S Race 3 (1st w. sig. 13.25)	Novices/Masters/Ladies & Juniors a.m.
Sat	10-Aug	14:58	Low 1.5	Skimmers	
Sun	11-Aug	10:17	5.1	Late Summer Points 6 + 7	
Sat	17-Aug	14:45	5.7	Skimmers	
Sun	18-Aug	15:33	5.7	COMMODORE'S Race 4 (1st w. sig. 13.25)	Novices/Masters/Ladies & Juniors a.m.
Sat	24-Aug	12:02	Low 1.1	Junior Regatta	Junior Week Tues 20th-Sat 24th Aug
Sun	25-Aug	14:45	Low 1.5	SOUTH KENT (Starts every 15 mins. from 12.00-13.30)	LW at S Kent Buoy approx 1:40
Sat	31-Aug	14:15	6.4	Skimmers	
Sun	1-Sep	14:58	6.2	Late Summer Points 8 + Pursuit Race 2	Pursuit start for first boat 13:30
Sat	7-Sep	13:00	Low 1.3	Skimmers	
Sun	8-Sep	14:15	Low 1.5	Autumn Points 1 + 2	
Sat	14-Sep	14:05	5.9	Skimmers	
Sun	15-Sep	14:30	5.9	Autumn Points 3 + 4	
Sat	21-Sep	10:47	Low 1.0	Skimmers	Kent Scouts Topper
Sun	22-Sep	12:53	Low 1.0	No Racing at WSC	MYC Medway Marathon

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Day	Date	Tide	Ht.m	All Fleets	Notes
Sat	28-Sep	13:08	6.1	Skimmers	
Sun	29-Sep	13:52	6.4	Autumn Points 5 + 6	
Sat	5-Oct	11.37	Low 1.1		
Sun	6-Oct	12:25	Low 1.2	Autumn Points 7 + 8	
Sat	12-Oct	12:47	5.9		
Sun	13-Oct	13:25	6.0	LEIGH TROPHY (1st w.sigs 10.55, 11.25, 11:55)	
Sat	19-Oct	16.52	5.9		
Sun	20-Oct	10:35	Low 0.9	COMMODORE'S Race 5 (1st w. sig. 13.25)	Novices/Masters/Ladies & Juniors a.m.
Sat	26-Oct	11:52	5.8		
Sun	27-Oct	11:38	6.1	Autumn Points 9 1st start at 10:30 GMT LAYING-UP CUP 1st w. signal 12.55	GMT today
Sat	2-Nov	15:56	5.8		KSSA Autumn Training
Sun	3-Nov	16:40	5.4	FROSTBITE SERIES 1 + 2	1st warning signal 10:30 GMT
Sun	10-Nov	11:10	5.7	FROSTBITE SERIES 3 + 4	2 minutes silence at 11:00, start soon after
Sun	17-Nov	15:34	5.9	FROSTBITE SERIES 5 + 6	
Sun	24-Nov	10:23	5.7	FROSTBITE SERIES 7 + 8	
Sun	1-Dec	15:35	5.7	FROSTBITE SERIES 9 + 10	
Sun	8-Dec	15:17	Low 1.1	FROSTBITE SERIES 11 + 12	
Sun	15-Dec	14:41	6.0	FROSTBITE SERIES 13	
Wed	1-Jan	16:32	4.9	2020 Chilly Willies Handicap Race	1st warning signal 11:55

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31-Mar	Ice Breaker	Bernard Smith	Mark Bew	Cameron Bew	Steven Pettifer Grahame Smith	Lesley O'Rourke Georgios Rafeletos	Richard Smith Graham Jenkinson
07-Apr	Spring Points	Bernard Smith	Stewart Robertson	Brian Reeve	Michelle Cope Steven Pettifer	Terry Brunton Amy Adams	John Speers David Thornelow
14-Apr	Spring Points	Brian Lamb	John Goudie	Peter Horner	Zoe Ralph Peter Coleman	Lesley O'Rourke Nik Antoniadis	Richard Smith Patrick Gray
21-Apr	Commodore's 1	Chris Wallis	Gordon Belcher	Tony Porter	Nina Wallis John Southall	Kevin Downard Lucy Hockey Philip Cope	Alastair Smith Richard Tutt John Shenton
28-Apr	Spring Points	Peter Horner	David Vettergreen	Penny Turner	David Brooker John Southall	John Eden-Green Andy Gibbs	Janice Smith John Speers
05-May	Spring Points Musto/Blaze Open	Jason Ramsden	Steve Offer	Simon Middleton	Rachel Sheridan Vivienne Pickrell	Grahame Smith Geoffrey Lambert	Graham Jenkinson Richard Tutt
12-May	Early Summer Points	Nik Antoniadis	Jo Wicken	Tim Kift	Lesley LeGassick Rachel Sheridan	Geoffrey Lambert Kevin Downard	Ashley McDermott Martin Brown
19-May	Three Race Regatta	Martin Smith	Mark Bew	Cameron Bew	Stephen Dixon Richard Starling	Terry Brunton Mike Suranyi Georgios Rafeletos	Martin Brown Simon McCausland
26-May	Early Summer Points	David Wraight	Chris Saunders	Tony Porter	Richard Seabrook John Ireland	Mike Suranyi Ray Craddock	John Shenton Martin Westlake

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01-Jun	Wilsonian River Challenge	Christine Godber Bernard Smith		Gordon Belcher Martin Smith Steve James	Carol Rodgers Stephen Dixon Sue Hart Jane Eames	Stephen Green Graeme Maxwell John Hewat	Artur Tomas Brian Drewery Andrew Lingham
02-Jun	Wilsonian River Challenge	Christine Godber Bernard Smith		Gordon Belcher Martin Smith Steve James	Carol Rodgers Sue Hart Jane Eames Bill Boddy	Stephen Green Graeme Maxwell John Hewat	Artur Tomas Brian Drewery Neil Potts
09-Jun	Early Summer Points	Derek Zobel	Andrew Pickrell	Ray Craddock	Peter Coleman Zoe Ralph	Terry Brunton John Eden-Green	Richard Turner Kathy Moss
16-Jun	Creeks Race	Colin Treadwell	Alastair Smith	John Musker	Lesley LeGassick David Brooker	Lucy Hockey Andrew Coward Harry Downard	Richard Turner Alan Simpson Bethany Gibbs
23-Jun	Commodore's 2	Isabelle Hill	John Goudie	Oliver Prout	Jamie Sprovach Andrew Clarke	David Fenech Thomas Lambert Terry Brunton	Alison Williams David Evans Martin Mackay
30-Jun	Bob Dutton 3 Race Regatta	Isabelle Hill	Stewart Robertson	John Musker	Simon McCausland Francis Cooper	Stephen Green Martin Jones Kathy Moss	Andrew Peake Millie Moss
07-Jul	Early Summer Points	David Wraight	Royston Winnett	Adam Hampton	Stuart Mason David Mason	Terry Brunton Martin Jones	Tony Porter Ray Craddock
14-Jul	Late Summer Points	Anna Crane	Andrew Pickrell	Graham Gibbs	Vivienne Pickrell Richard Starling	Stuart Bailey Andy Hockey	Brian Drewery Rachelle Hopkins

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21-Jul	Late Summer Points & Pursuit Race 1	VACANCY	Tony Hunt	Suzanne Hall	Jeff Brown Ellie Kift	Stephen Green Chris Saunders	Alan Simpson Robert Halliwell
28-Jul	Late Summer Points	VACANCY	David Vettergreen	Penny Turner	Thora Naybour Esther Naybour	Brian Drewery Richard Seabrook	Janice Smith Peter Warnham
04-Aug	Commodore's 3	Anna Crane	Ian Parris	Chris Ashby	Millie Moss Greg Brandt	David Fenech Adrian Kimberley Paul Rodgers	Alison Williams Martin Westlake David Mason
11-Aug	Late Summer Points	VACANCY	Royston Winnett	Oliver Prout	Jamie Sprovach Richard Coyle	Paul Thorpe Jayne Thorpe	Stewart Peart Max Beddard
18-Aug	Commodore's 4	VACANCY	Ian Parris	Chris Ashby	Morgan Tindall Tim Truin	Jayne Thorpe Paul Thorpe Michael Stephenson	David Poston Stuart Mason Alan Sale
25-Aug	South Kent	Martin Vinton	Gordon Belcher	Martin McKay	Natalie Oliver Andrew Peake	Stephen Green Graeme Maxwell Ian Ballard	Alan Sale Neil Potts Graeme Oliver
01-Sep	Late Summer Points & Pursuit Race 2	VACANCY	Tony Hunt	Suzanne Hall	John Ireland Samantha White	Richard Seabrook Brian White	Graham Turner Martin Westlake
08-Sep	Autumn Points	VACANCY	Jo Wicken	Tim Kift	Richard Starling Richard Seabrook	Jean-Baptiste Gouyon Kevin Downard	Ashley McDermott Patrick Gray
15-Sep	Autumn Points	VACANCY	Peter Belcher	Nick Lett	Eva Wotton Chris Wotton	Amy Adams Stuart Bailey	John Eden-Green Stephen Ray
22-Sep	No Racing at WSC Medway Marathon	Colin Treadwell				Ian Ballard	Andy Gibbs

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29-Sep	Autumn Points	Ray Craddock	Martin Jessop	Brian Reeve	Céline Romand-Monnier Michelle Cope	Terry Brunton Amanda Randall	Graham Turner Peter Warnham
06-Oct	Autumn Points	Derek Zobel	Martin Jessop	David Poston	Jackie Hudson David Hudson	Amanda Randall John Tinnams	David Thornelow Steve Tinnams
13-Oct	Leigh Trophy	Chris Wallis	Keith Jeremiah	Christina Jeremiah	Nina Wallis Andrew Lingham	Stephen Green John Tinnams Darren Horton	Simon McCausland Steve Tinnams Stephen Ray
20-Oct	Commodore's 5	Martin Vinton	Keith Jeremiah	Christina Jeremiah	David Hudson Peter Bishop	Jean-Baptiste Gouyon Nick Lett Adrian Kimberley	Jackie Hudson Stewart Peart Max Beddard
27-Oct	Autumn Points & Laying Up Cup	Steve Offer	Peter Belcher	Simon Middleton	Céline Romand-Monnier Philip Cope	Darren Horton Andy Hockey	Peter Bishop Rachelle Hopkins

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