

Wessex Winter Series

The idea of the open racing series is to provide weekly racing for club members. This racing is to be open to all members and will therefore not be too serious, and there are some modifications to how racing is normally structured to facilitate this. Further details are explained in the below document.

Format of racing

Racing will be carried out weekly (either on Wednesday or Saturday during the normal session). We will aim to run a minimum of three races each session. The aim is to use the first half of the session for helms/crews to get used to working together and get used to using different boats, with the second half of the session used for racing. The course will be set up from the start of the session to allow practice. We will aim to run a few practice races before commencing as there may be a wide ability level.

Everyone's two best races will be recorded at the end of each session. By aiming for a minimum of three races, a pool of helpers can still race every week whilst swapping into the committee boat for one race every few weeks. This allows everyone to sail every week whilst supporting the racing series as a whole, and means that nobody is materially disadvantaged for helping.

The course will vary based on the conditions, tide, number of sailors and equipment available. It will be announced in a race briefing at the start of the session.

Helms/Crews

Due to the fluid nature of open sailing and limitation on numbers of craft, it's difficult to guarantee sailing pairs and craft for the entire series. Therefore, everyone will be scored/timed individually, irrespective of whether sailing as a helm, crew or singlehanded. For example:

Sailor A and Sailor B race together in Week 1, and finish the course in 9 minutes 54 seconds. Both Sailors A and B are recorded in the scores as having a time of 9:54. In Week 2, Sailor A isn't there, so sailor B sails a single hander. Sailor B's score is recorded along with his time for Week 1. In Week 3, Sailor B sails with a new sailor, Sailor C. They finish in 10 minutes 15 seconds. This time is recorded for Sailor A with their previous two times and for Sailor C as a new entry (as they haven't raced before).

The point of this is that it doesn't matter who you race with each week.

Boats:

Portsmouth Yardstick handicaps will be used for craft, as per the table below. This is based on the craft available at SSC. If people use personal craft for any of the races then a suitable PY will be used.

Single handers		Double handers	
<i>Class</i>	<i>PY</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>PY</i>
RS Quba	1260	RS Venture	1112
Laser Pico	1330	RS Vision	1137
Laser / ILCA 7	1100	Laser Bahia	1095
		RS 200*	1046
		49er*	697

*Subject to being inducted and suitable ability, and subject to conditions

Results & Winners

Results will be recorded each week and published online via Sailwave (link to be shared later).

Prizegiving will be held at the Christmas party, with various prizes and awards available (not all to do with position in the final rankings)!