



SILVER WING SAILING CLUB

Notice of Race - Autumn Series Windfall Shield

Sunday 5th October – Friday 26th December and Sunday 28th December 2025 (10 Sundays +1)

1. Rules

- 1.1. The Organizing Authority is Silver Wing Sailing Club (SWSC). All enquiries to secretary@silverwingclub.co.uk
- 1.2. The series shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, and the Rules of SWSC.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1. The series is open to all dinghy classes sailed at SWSC.
- 2.2. All boats must be helmed by club members. Current club fees must be paid by the helm or person in charge before competing in any race.
- 2.3. Sailors need not be a member of the relevant class association

3. Schedule of races

- 3.1. Three races every Sunday in the above period, except:
 - 3.1.1. Sprint Series Sundays.
Sprint Series Sundays are the second Sunday of each month (except 21st December - 3rd Sunday for Christmas Pudding Races). These are defined on the sailing calendar available on the SWSC website
 - 3.1.2. On the first Sunday of each month there will be two races. The first warning signal will be as soon as possible after the 50 minute Pursuit Race. The warning signal of the Pursuit Race will not be before 10:55.
 - 3.1.3. On Friday 26th December there will be one race. The warning signal for this will not be before 11:55. It will count towards the Autumn Series as well as the Alistair Rouse Bowl.
- 3.2. Races will either be Average Lap Time of approximately 40-50 minutes, or fixed lap races, at the race committee's discretion.
- 3.3. The warning signal of the first race will not be before 10:55. The races will be sailed back-to-back.

4. Handicaps

- 4.1. Club racing will be carried out using the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick system. Local adjustments will be made where the sailing committee see fit.
- 4.2. A list of PY numbers used for boats commonly sailed at SWSC is displayed on the results noticeboard and the SWSC website. A boat not on the list will use the published RYA handicap.
- 4.3. Laser/ILCA, Topper and RS boats equipped with replica sails and parts shall have the same PYs as fully class legal boats, unless it is judged by the sailing committee that they have a performance advantage over class legal boats.

5. Sailing Instructions

- 5.1. Club Sailing Instructions are available on the SWSC website and are pinned to the club notice board.

6. Scoring System

- 6.1. The series is defined as a 'Club Series' as detailed below.
- 6.2. Scoring shall be IAW Appendix A, and shall use the Low Points System, with the following exceptions for a 'Club Series':
 - 6.2.1. Scores for races in a 'Club Series' are allocated to competitors as opposed to boats.
Competitors may race as either helms, or crews, or both; and will be scored separately as helms or crews. Competitors may sail different boats during the series. This changes Appendix A.
 - 6.2.2. Rule A5.3 will apply.
 - 6.2.3. In a Club Series a competitor's score shall be the total of their best scores from a number of races equal to one quarter of the number of races sailed. If one quarter of the total races sailed is not a whole number it shall be rounded to the nearest whole number. A competitor shall sail a minimum of this number of races to qualify for a series.
 - 6.2.4. The number of races counting towards the above qualifying score shall however not be less than three.
 - 6.2.5. If a competitor does not sail the required number of races in a Club Series they shall still be given an overall position. They will however be deemed a 'non-qualifier' and will not be finished higher overall than any competitor who has qualified. They will not be eligible for any trophies.

6.2.6. Club Series ties shall be broken IAW rule A8, except that excluded scores will be used. This changes rule A8.1

6.3. Solo fleet

6.3.1. The Solo fleet will also be scored in an additional sub-series.

6.3.2. This will be scored as a 'Club Series' above.

6.3.3. Scores for the Solo sub-series will be a boat's position in a race relative to all other Solo class boats only.

6.4. Competitors undertaking RO or safety boat duties shall score for those races their average score from the races they competed in during the series. Defined as 'RO average points'.

6.4.1. A competitor must have sailed the required number of races to qualify for a trophy however.

6.4.2. A competitor shall however only count 'RO average points' from no more than one day's duty.

6.4.3. If a competitor does two or more day's duties, and the number of races on the days differs, then a competitor will count 'RO average points' for the day with the highest number of races sailed.

6.5. Four races are required to constitute a series.

7. Post-Race Penalties

7.1. RRS Appendix T applies.

7.2. Advisory Meeting

When there is an incident that will not result in the lodging of a protest or a request for redress, a boat may request an advisory meeting and notify any boat involved in the incident. An adviser will then call a meeting to learn what may have happened and will state whether any rule appears to have been broken, and by which boat.

A boat may as a result notify the race office that it accepts a Post-Race Penalty when it applies to the incident, or choose to retire, but is not required to do so.

8. Divisions

8.1. Helms will be seeded in to Divisions A, B and C by the committee.

9. Trophies

9.1. The trophy for the overall winning helm is the Windfall Shield.

9.2. Trophies will be awarded for first crew, first Solo class, first Division B and first Division C.

9.3. Other trophies may be awarded by the committee.

10. Races Counting Towards Other Series

10.1. Boxing Day race on Friday 26th December will also count towards the Alistair Rouse Bowl. See 2025 Boxing Day NOR.

11. Rights to use Names and Likenesses

11.1. Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the series.

12. Risk Statement

12.1. Rule 3 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 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the 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 be practically provided in the circumstances

g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue;

13. Insurance

13.1. Boats are required to be adequately insured including insurance against third party claims of at least £3,000,000