SILVER WING
SAILING CLUB

Notice of Race – Christmas Fun Races

Sunday 13th December 2026 5 races, 4 to count

1. **Rules**
   1.1. The Organizing Authority is Silver Wing Sailing Club (SWSC). All enquiries to secretary@silverwingsc.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. There will be 5 short average lap time races. Each will be approximately 10-15 minutes in duration.
   3.2. The first Warning Signal will not be before 10:55. Subsequent races will be held back to back as soon as possible after each other.
   3.3. For starting sequences see Club Racing Sailing Instructions
4. **Novelty and additional rules**
   4.1. The race officer may designate up to two races as 'novelty' races, and include additional 'rules'. These will still count towards both the Xmas Pudding and Sprint Series.
5. **Handicaps**
   5.1. Club racing will be carried out using the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick system. Local adjustments will be made where the sailing committee see fit.
   5.2. 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.
   5.3. 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.
6. **Sailing Instructions**
   6.1. Club Sailing Instructions are available on the SWSC website and are pinned to the club notice board.
7. **Scoring System**
   7.1. Scoring shall be IAW Appendix A, and shall use the Low Points System.
   7.2. A minimum of 2 races are required to constate the regatta.
   7.3. If 3 or less races are sailed there will be no discard.
   7.4. Rule A5.3 will not apply in scoring towards the Christmas Fun Races.
   7.5. Sprint Series – all races sailed will also count towards the 2026 Sprint Series.
8. **Divisions**
   8.1. Helms will be seeded in to Divisions A, B and C by the committee.
9. **Trophies**
   9.1. Prizes will be awarded to first overall, first Division B and first Division C.
   9.2. Other 'novelty' trophies may be awarded by the committee.
10. **Rights to use Names and Likenesses**
    10.1. 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.
11. **Risk Statement**

11.1. 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;

12. Insurance

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