

## Weir Quay Sailing Club

### Winter 2023 Race programme

Series 1 Equinox Sundays from 14:30, 2 races each day for 3 weekends

Series 2 Autumn Sundays from 14:30, 2 races each day for 3 weekends

Pursuit The Chilly One pursuit race, first start at 14:30

				Equinox series			Autumn Series			Spare	The Chilly	
	09.09.23	10.09.23	17.09.23	24.09.23	01.10.23	08.10.23	15.10.23	22.10.23	29.10.23	05.11.2023	12.11.23	
11:00	Cargreen regatta							11:31 HW			11:00 LW	
12:00			+2	+1	+2	12:51 LW	+1	-1	11:59 LW		-1	
13:00			+1	13:08 HW	+1	-1	13:08 LW	-2	-1	+3	-2	
14:00			14:06 LW	-1	14:05 LW	-2	-1	-3	-2	+2	-3	
15:00			15:28 HW	-1	-2	-1	-3	-2	+3	-3	+1	+3
16:00				-2	-3	-2	+3	-3	+2	+3	16:39 LW	+2
Sunset				19:39			18:27		17:00			

#### Notice of Race:

All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2021 - 2024), the Prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association.

#### Racing guides

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=rya+racing+rules+youtube&qpvt=rya+racing+rules+youtube&FORM=VDRE>

#### • Suitability

- This is for competent sailors who can rig and command their vessels without support, there is unlikely to be more than one rescue boat on the water and it should be understood this is a rescue not a coaching craft.
- Helms should be able to return a boat to shore in most moderate conditions without intervention.
- It is the Helms responsibility to decide if the conditions are suitable for themselves and their crew, if applicable.
- All participants are expected to wear wet suits or dry suits and appropriate well-fitting buoyancy aids.
- The Officer Of the Day (OOD) reserves the right to refuse entry of a boat on an individual race if they believe their completeness or preparedness for the conditions falls short.

#### • Timings:

- The first race on each day will start at 14:30, the second race on each day will start at 15:30, each race is planned for 45 min duration.

- The start time will not be delayed for late arrivals but may be delayed by the OOD due to conditions. The first boat in the Pursuit Race will start at 14:30.
- **Entry**
  - Each helm must register for one craft for each complete series and keep to that craft for that series.
  - The Helm may alter their crew from week to week or race to race.
  - No boat with a Base Handicap slower than 1248 (a higher number than 1248) will be eligible to participate.
  - Entry fee of £5:00 per series and £2:00 for the pursuit or £10:00 for all three is payable prior to the first race start via member mojo.
  - The safety of a boat and her entire management including the provision of liability insurance cover of £2,000,000 shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge. Those who sail must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise during the race. Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspection of the boat reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner or person in charge for the safety of the crew, the boat, and her management.
  - The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death, or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner or person in charge or crew, because of their taking part in a race or races or any activity or any damage to a third party or third party's property caused by a craft belonging to a member or visitor. Moreover, every owner or person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races and that insurance cover is provided.

### **Handicap Racing**

- The races will be run using the Portsmouth Yard stick system for the boats Base Handicap.
- The Race Officer will calculate a Local Handicap for the individual helm based on their performance in three races.
- Personal handicaps will be applied from the Autumn series onwards and be used to calculate race time start for The Chilly (pursuit race).
- A reduction of 10 on the Base Handicap will be made for any boat declaring at the start of a series that they will not use all the boat's equipment – no spinnaker or asymmetric. This reduction will apply to the whole of a series, helm cannot alter this declaration mid series.
- The OOD will endeavour to set a course which will allow everyone to finish the course within 45 minutes, a vessel not completing within the time limit of 1 hour will be registered as Did Not Finish.
- For each series of 6 races the Race Officer will discard the Helms 2 worst results to calculate the series win.
- A DNS – Did Not Start will be scored as the number of boats registered for the series +1.
- A DNF - Did Not Finish will be scored as the number of boats starting in the race +1.
- A Helm completing Rescue Cover or OOD duty will be scored at the mean of that race.
- Boats taking part must sign in with the OOD 15 mins prior to the race start.
- Starts will be on the 5-4-1- GO system, with sound and visual signal for each time – exact signals tbc.
- A low point scoring system will be used.

- **Course:**
  - There will be a fixed course set-out (buoys may be moved, to lengthen or shorten the distance covered), no pre-race briefing will be given.
    - A start line between the beach below the boat house or the flag staff outside the boat house and a marker on the Cornwall bank. Start Line = SL
    - An upstream mark between the start line and the slip way. Upstream Mark = UM
    - A downstream mark toward car green. Downstream Mark = DM
  - Boats will be started either in an upstream or downstream direction depending upon wind direction, a note of an upstream or downstream start will be made on the board in the boat house along with the proposed number of laps.
  - Most of the races will be in low water conditions so a wing mark will not be used.
  - The courses will be:
    - Downstream start = SL – DM – UM – SL boats only need to pass through the SL at the end of each lap and the SL will be the Finish line on the last Lap.
    - Upstream start = SL – UM – DM – SL boats only need to pass through the SL at the end of each lap and the SL will be the Finish line on the last Lap.
  
- **Racing:**
  - A race may be postponed when Answering Flag (wide flag with red and white vertical stripes) is hoisted. A sound signal may also be made.
  - The end of the postponement will be signalled 5 minutes before the 5 minutes Warning signal. This will be identified by the lowering of Answering Flag and one sound signal.
  - If a boat is over the line at the start one sound signal will be made. An X Flag (white square with blue cross) may or may not be flown.
  - If a general recall is deemed necessary two sound signals will be made and a First Substitute Flag (Triangle with blue border to longer sides and yellow centre) may or may not be flown.
  - A boat's crew may hold an object which is part of or secured to the land to prevent that craft from drifting backwards. No action is permitted that may be deduced as being propulsion or benefit in a forward direction from this temporary attachment. (This is an extension to ISAF rule 45)
  - If a race is abandoned, then code N flag (square with checkered blue and white squares) may be flown with two sound signals.
  - The penalty for touching a mark (rule 31) is altered in that a boat shall re round the mark. This changes rule 44.1.
  - Ruel infringement penalties will be standard 720 degree.
  - Protest will not be heard, WQSC expect racing to be self-governing, if a Hlem is judged to flagrantly disregard the rules of sailing then their results will be voided. This can be by petition of at least 50% of those racing at the time or by the OOD.
  - Shortening course will be designated by displaying flag S (square flag with white background and blue square in the middle) with two sound signals, normally when a boat is approaching the finishing line. It may however be displayed near a rounding mark of the course when boats will finish between the flag and the mark having approached or rounded the mark in the prescribed manner. Following the signalling of shorten course, all boats will be finished when they next cross the designated finish line from the last mark whether they are on the same lap as the leading boat.
  
- **Personal Handicaps:**
  - Individual races in the Equinox series will be calculated using the Base Handicap.

- Once a helm has completed 3 races in the same craft then a Personal Handicap which can be applied to any boat (any base handicap) will be calculated.
- The results for the Equinox series will be calculated using Base Handicap modified by Personal Handicaps.
- All further races will use Base Handicaps modified by Personal Handicaps.
- A new Helm's performance will be calculated on the Base handicap until three races have been completed at which point a Personal Handicap will be calculated.
- Personal handicaps will be recalculated at the end of each race series.
  
- **Craft Booking:**
  - Club dinghies can be used for the race series.
  - Book dinghies at least one week in advance of each series with the Dinghy Officer.
  - A club dinghy hire form must be completed prior to use.
  - Boats:
    - Lasers
    - Laser II
    - Vision
    - Feva
    - Enterprise
    - RS400
    - 505
    - Wayfarer
    - Plus any personal craft