

Notice of Race

Westbere Frostbite Sailing Association

2024/2025 Sailing Season

1. The Organising Authority will be the Westbere Frostbite Sailing Association Committee.
2. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024, RYA Prescriptions and WFSA Sailing Instructions. The Exoneration Penalty (and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration) of the RYA Rules Dispute Procedures will be available.
3. Members should note that WFSA implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028) or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter
4. Sailing Instructions will be available on the WFSA Website at least one month prior to the start of the season. Racing notices will be posted on the Notice Board in the Clubhouse.
5. Club races are open to member's monohull boats of any recognised class. Racing will be on a Handicap basis using the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick System (PY) and Average Lap scoring will be used.
6. Sailors of boats with multiple rig choices should declare a preferred rig at the start of the season or series, and this will decide their PY number for series races. For individual races, members will be permitted to select a smaller rig, but this will not make a change to their handicap. Any change to a bigger rig will be treated as a new entry in that series.
7. Rule 40.1 (Personal Floatation Devices) shall apply at all times whilst afloat. Members failing to comply will be scored DSQ without a hearing.
8. The 2024/2025 season will comprise the following series and races. Open meetings will be covered by separate Notices of Race

Series or Race	Dates	Number of Races
Autumn 1st Series (Handicap)	Sunday mornings 3 rd November to 22 nd December	8 races
Spring 2nd Series (Handicap)	Sunday mornings 5 th January to 23 rd February	8 races
	Handicap start – 11.00	
Commodores Cup	Sunday mornings 9 th and 16 th March	2 races
	General Handicap start – 11.00	

Full details of the 2024/25 sailing programme are available on the WFSA web site

Risk Statement

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 nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each member 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;	(e)	The provision of a Race Management team, safety boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
		(f)	The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
(b)	They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;	(g)	It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the WFSA operating area drawn to their attention in any rules, sailing instructions or bye-laws issued by the Club and to attend any safety briefings.
(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;	(h)	Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2,000,000 against third party claims;

All enquiries should be made to the Vice Commodore.