



Hamble Autumn Championships 2011 Notice of Race



1 Organising Authority

- 1.1 The Hamble Autumn Championships is organised by the Hamble River Sailing Club.
- 1.2 This event is run as a subsidiary event of the Garmin Hamble Winter Series, and all entries to this event will be deemed to have entered the Main Series.
- 1.3 All correspondence regarding the series to be sent to:
The Sailing Secretary
Hamble River Sailing Club
The Ferry Hard
Hamble Southampton SO31 4JB
Tel: 023 8045 2070

Or e-mail: sailsec@hambleriversc.org.uk

Event Website: <http://www.garminhamblewinterseries.co.uk>

2 Racing Classes

- 2.1 Classes: It is intended to organise racing for the J/109, J/80 & Laser SB3 Classes. Other one-design classes that can guarantee a minimum entry of 8 boats may apply for a class start.
- 2.2 A minimum entry of 8 boats is required by 12:00 hours on the Monday preceding the first race.
- 2.3 The series for the J/80 and Laser SB3 classes is planned to consist of a maximum of seven (7) qualifying races – a maximum of 4 races on Saturday and 3 races on Sunday.
- 2.4 For the J/80 & Laser SB3 classes, the series is planned to consist of a maximum of fourteen (14) qualifying races – a maximum of 4 races on each Saturday and 3 races on each Sunday of the Series.
- 2.5 The series for the J/109 class (and any other qualifying classes) is planned to consist of a maximum of six (6) qualifying races – a maximum of 4 races on Saturday and 2 races on Sunday.

3 Location of Racing

- 3.1 Each race will start from a Committee Boat and will be sailed around buoys in the central Solent.

4 Race Programme

4.1 Racing is planned to take place on the following dates:

Race Day	Date	Sched. Races	Details / Associated Events
1	Sat 8 th October	4	
2	Sun 9 th October	3 or 2	Main Series Day 1
3	Sat 22 nd October	4	
4	Sun 23 rd October	3 or 2	Main Series Day 1

4.2 The first start is scheduled for 10:00 hours (Warning Signal 09:55) on each Race Day

4.3 No warning signal for the first start of a sequence of starts will be made after 15:00 on Saturday and 13:30 on Sunday.

4.4 For the J/109 class only, the Racing area and Courses will be shared on Sunday only with the Main Winter Series.

5 Conditions of Entry

- 5.1 A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 5.2 It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it finds itself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and its crew is competent to sail and compete in races.
- 5.3 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000 (as recommended by the RYA).
- 5.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officers and race support boats.
- 5.5 The provision of race support boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

6 Rules

6.1 General

6.1.1 The Series will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

6.1.2 This Notice of Race can be amended by a notice on the official notice board at the Hamble River Sailing Club and such notice will also be posted on the event website.

6.1.3 All competitors are welcomed as temporary members of the HRSC on race days.

6.2 One Design Classes - Boats racing in One Design Classes shall:

6.2.1 Comply with their Class Rules

6.2.2 Comply with the class crew limit if any

6.2.3 Hold a valid class certificate

6.2.4 The owner shall be a paid-up member of the class association.

6.3 Safety

6.3.1 Boats competing in the J/80 and Laser SB3 classes shall comply with the Hamble Winter Series 2011 Sportsboat Safety Addendum which is posted on the event

website and is available from the Club Office. It will also be issued to White Fleet competitors with the Sailing Instructions.

- 6.3.2 Boats competing in the J/109 class, and any other qualifying Black Fleet classes (if applicable) shall comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4.

6.4 VHF Radio

- 6.4.1 All boats shall carry an operational VHF marine radio telephone equipped with Channels 16, 6, 12, 67, 72, 77 and M1 (37). VHF Channels to be used for communications will be specified in the SI's.

- 6.5 Cushions - Boats may remove their bunk cushions. This changes some class rules.

6.6 Scoring

- 6.6.1 The Low Points scoring system of Appendix A of the RRS will apply. The number of races completed shall constitute a series.

- 6.6.2 For the J/109 Class, a maximum of twelve (12) races are scheduled:

- (a) When six (6) or less races are completed, no score shall be excluded.
- (b) When seven (7) to nine (9) races are completed, one score shall be excluded.
- (c) When ten (10) or more races are completed, two scores shall be excluded.

- 6.6.3 For the J/80 & Laser SB3 Class, a maximum of fourteen (14) races are scheduled:

- (a) When seven (7) or less races are completed, no score shall be excluded.
- (b) When eight (8) to ten (10) races are completed, one score shall be excluded.
- (c) When eleven (11) or more races are completed, two scores shall be excluded.

- 6.6.4 RRS A9 does not apply – *the event is a "short" series.*

7 Entries & Fees

- 7.1 Entries will only be accepted on-line on the event website, or on an official entry form available from the event website.
- 7.2 Entries for the series will close at 12:00 hours on the Monday preceding the first race.
- 7.3 Event Entry Fees are shown on the official entry form, downloadable from the event website.
- 7.4 Late entries, at an additional supplementary fee, will be accepted up to 1200 hours on the day preceding each race day.
- 7.5 Entries must be accompanied by the appropriate fee as set out on the official entry forms, downloadable from the event website.
- 7.6 In lieu of the Charity Pursuit Race, a minimum of 5% of all Hamble Winter Series entries fees will be donated to the nominated charities which are Hamble Inshore Rescue, the John Merricks Trust, and Sail4Cancer.
- 7.7 Entries cancelled before 12:00 on the Monday preceding the first race scheduled will be refunded, less a £10 administration fee. Where a class fails to meet the minimum requirement of 8 boats entered, resulting in the class being cancelled, entry fees for that class will be refunded in full.

8 Sailing Instructions

- 8.1 Sailing Instructions, together with a list of current entries, will be posted to each boat entered no later than the Monday preceding the first race.

9 Results

- 9.1 Provisional results of each race will be posted on the official series notice board at the Hamble River Sailing Club on completion of each day's racing. Results will be displayed on the event website.

10 Sponsor Identification

- 10.1 Competing yachts will be required to display Sponsor's branding. Details will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

11 Prize-giving

- 11.1 Provisional results of each race will be posted on the official series notice board at the Hamble River Sailing Club on completion of each day's racing. Results will be displayed on the event website.
- 11.2 There will be a Race Day Prize Giving on each Sunday afternoon of the Series at approximately 1530 hours in the HRSC Clubhouse. Prizes will be awarded to the highest placed boat in each class present at the prize giving. These individual weekend prizes will not be held over.
- 11.3 Overall prizes for the series will be presented at the same prize giving on the final Sunday of the series.

12 Bar & Catering

- 12.1 Facilities will be available at the Clubhouse from 1300 to 1700 hours each Race Day.

13 Crew Register

- 13.1 A crew register will be maintained on the event website for boats looking for crew and crews wanting to sail.