



## IW YOUTH AND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES 2026 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### INTRODUCTION

The IW Youth and Junior Championships Series 2026 comprises five separate events hosted by the following clubs

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Event	Host club and organising authority
1	Gurnard Sailing Club (Teras, ILCAs & Fevas)
2	Royal Victoria Yacht Club (Teras, ILCAs & Fevas)
3a	Yarmouth Sailing Club (Teras)
3b	Royal Solent Yacht Club (ILCAs & Fevas)
4	Brading Haven Yacht Club (Teras, ILCAs & Fevas)

The Organising Authority for each event will be the host club with the results from each event brought together for the IW Youth and Junior Championships Series (the “Championship Series”).

The Sailing Instructions for each event are split into two parts:

- The Championship Series Sailing Instructions (this document);
- Annex A: Additional Sailing Instructions specific to the host club’s event.

If there is any contradiction between the Championship Series Sailing Instructions and Annex A then the Championship Series Sailing Instructions will govern.

**See Notice of Race for event dates, “First start not before” times and sailing areas.  
More detail on the schedule of races will be provided in Annex A for each event.**

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028, the Sailing Instructions, individual Class Rules, and this Notice of Race.
- 1.2 RRS 63.5 will be changed as follows: In the event of a conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race and one in the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 1.3 RRS 41 will be changed in that boats in the Coached Regatta Fleet may receive support and coaching from authorised coaches.
- 1.4 In rule 44.1, a Two-Turns Penalty is amended to a One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.5 RRS 35, A4 and A5 will be changed in that when flag ‘W’ is displayed with two sound signals boats still racing may be scored by the race committee boat.
- 1.6 RRS 87 will be changed as follows:  
Sails and spars used may be supplied by any maker by prior agreement with the organising authorities and provided that they comply with the relevant class measurements and specification. Tera Sport Racing and Coached Regatta Fleet competitors may choose to use mini sails and vary this between races/events.
- 1.7 Competitors should note that the host clubs have all implemented the RYA Racing Charter and that all competitors will be required to sail in compliance with the Charter.

## **2 ELIGIBILITY**

See Notice of Race.

## **3 SAFETY**

### **3.1 Personal Buoyancy**

Adequate personal buoyancy (i.e buoyancy aid) must be worn at all times. Wetsuits/drysuits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. The Race Committee will disqualify without a protest any boat that does not comply with this instruction and ask the boat to leave the racing area. This changes RRS 60.

### **3.2 Painters**

All RS Teras must carry a painter attached to the bow or mast of minimum length of 7m and minimum 6mm diameter.

### **3.3 Mast Floats**

Competitors in the Coached Regatta Fleet are required to have a float attached to their mast head.

### **3.4 Sailing Ability**

As a minimum, all participants must be able to sail unaided around a triangular or windward-leeward course in the conditions of the day. In the interests of safety, any entrant not meeting these criteria will be instructed by the Race Officer to not participate or to retire from racing.

## **4 COMMUNICATIONS**

Official documents will be published on the event website at [IWYouthDinghyChampionships.co.uk](http://IWYouthDinghyChampionships.co.uk)

## **5. ENTRY**

See Notice of Race

## 6 SCORING

### 6.1 Scoring for each event:

- The low point scoring system (RRS Appendix A) will apply.
- One race is required to be completed to constitute a series at an event.
- If four or more races are sailed one discard will be applied. If three or less races are sailed there shall be no discard.

### 6.2 Scoring for the Championship Series:

- The Championship Series score will be the sum of the results of the individual events which will use the low point scoring system (RRS Appendix A).
- The Championship Series score will be based on results of each helm from the individual events. Boats (within the same fleet), equipment and sail numbers may be varied between events. Feva crews may be varied between events.
- If a sailor competes in the different fleets at different events, they will be given two separate entries in the Championship Series and the scores will not be transferable.
- Two events will be required to constitute the Championship Series.
- With reference to rule A5.2, the number of boats entered in the Championships Series will be the total number of entrants for each class considering all events.

Championship Series discards:

Number of events completed	Number of events discarded
4	1
3	0
2	0

6.3 Results will be published at: [www.sailwave.com/results/gurnardsc/](http://www.sailwave.com/results/gurnardsc/).

## 7 PRIZES

Event and Championship Series prizes will be awarded for at least the first boat per class plus other prizes at the discretion of the race committee.

## 8 TARGET TIME AND TIME LIMITS

The target time for each race is 20 - 45 minutes.

Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 61.

## 9 START LINE, COURSE TO BE SAILED AND FINISH LINE

See Annex A for host club details for each event.

## 10 RETIREMENTS

Boats retiring are required to indicate this to the Committee Boat or Patrol boat. Competitors who retire must "tally off" straight away when returning to the shore.

## **11. PROTESTS AND ARBITRATION**

- 11.1 Arbitration will be available as an alternative to protest, a decision to ask for arbitration does not reduce the ability for a protest.
- 11.2 RRS 60.3 and 60.4 are varied in that protests must be submitted to the Race Officer within 60 minutes of the end of the last race of the day. This time limit will only be extended in special circumstances.
- 11.3 It is the duty of both the protester and the protestee to ascertain from the race committee the time and place of the hearing and to produce their witnesses at this time.

## **12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 12.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 12.2 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. by launching, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 12.3 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 caused, 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 officer, patrol boats and beach masters.
- 12.4 Every boat is required to hold adequate insurance, and, in particular, to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £5,000,000.
- 12.5 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.