



## **HAVERSHAM SAILING CLUB**

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**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**for**  
**CLUB RACE SERIES**  
**and**  
**TROPHY EVENTS**



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### 1. **Definitions**

#### 1.1 **Fast Handicap Fleet**

Boats racing in a Fast Handicap Series that have a PY the same as or lower than an ILCA7. (Current PY 1103)

#### 1.2 **Slow Handicap Fleet**

Boats racing in a Slow Handicap Series that have a PY higher than an ILCA7. (Current PY 1103)

#### 1.3 **Helm / Boat**

1.3.1 In a series, each boat will be counted as a different entry, unless the helm sails the same class of boat. Club boats used by different helms will be classed as a separate entry.

1.3.2 A boat with a choice of rig (e.g. an ILCA or Aero) is counted as a separate class, except that a boat sailing with a smaller rig may be scored as the faster boat if it has been signed on as such.

#### 1.4 **Handicap System**

1.4.1 The Portsmouth Yardstick, as notified by the RYA, or official club numbers are used to determine corrected time.

1.4.2 The Sailing Committee reserves the right to use CNs (Club Numbers) as allowed by the Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme.

1.4.3 Handicap numbers in use are displayed on the official club notice board, which is located in the corridor outside the changing rooms.

1.4.4 Personal handicapping systems may be introduced for future series.

1.4.5 To this end, lap times are to be recorded for all handicap and class racing.

1.4.6 Average Lap Racing will be used for all club racing (even if in the same Class), except for pursuit races.

1.4.7 Race durations shall be as defined in sections 5 and 6.

### 2. **RYA Racing Charter**

Competitors should note that Haversham Sailing Club 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 version of the Racing Rules of Sailing and on the official club notice board.



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### 3. Scoring System

#### 3.1 Abbreviations

DNC	Did not start; did not come to the starting area (see 11.15 HSC SI)
DNS	Did not start (other than DNC and OCS)
OCS	Did not start; on course side of starting line and failed to start
DNF	Did not finish
RET	Retired
DSQ	Disqualification
NSC	Did not sail the course (other than DNC, DNS, OCS and DNF)
DNE	Disqualification that is not excludable
RDG	Redress given
OOD	Race Officer (and Assistant Race Officer)
SBC	Safety Boat Crew
MKC	MK Cup and other absences authorised by the committee.
SUP	Bar and Galley Duty

#### 3.2 Points

3.2.1 Points will be scored as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

3.2.2 Unless stated otherwise the number of discards allowed will be half the number of races sailed (rounded up) less one. There will be no discards for events comprising 3 races of 20 minutes.

3.2.3 Except as detailed in 3.2.4 below, a helm must have competed in half the number of races sailed (rounded down) plus one to qualify for a series, as follows:-

No. of Races	1,	2,	3,	4,	5,	6,	7,	8,	9,	10,	11,	12
Discards	0,	0,	1,	1,	2,	2,	3,	3,	4,	4,	5,	5
To Qualify	1,	2,	2,	3,	3,	4,	4,	5,	5,	6,	6,	7

3.2.4 In the long series (i.e.- the Civil Service Cup, Dennis Cooke, Icicle, Ice Maiden, Winter Willie, Frostbite, Eric Hine, Weatherhead and Ladies' Hot Series), a helm must have competed in one third of the number of races sailed (rounded down) plus one to qualify for a series, as follows:-

No. of Races	13,	14,	15,	16,	17,	18,	19,	20,	21,	22,	23,	24
Discards	6,	6,	7,	7,	8,	8,	9,	9,	10,	10,	11,	11
To Qualify	5,	5,	6,	6,	6,	7,	7,	7,	8,	8,	8,	9

3.2.5 The qualification rules will be applied on a rolling basis throughout the Series.

3.2.6 In a Series covering more than two days, the OODs, SBCs, SUPs and MKCs will be given the average points of all races that they sailed (other than DNCs) in the series, including DNFs. This will only apply to one boat / helm combination. Where both helm and crew are Race Officers both will get a duty score.

3.2.7 Except as detailed in 3.2.8 below, a helm may not take more than two average point scores in a series.



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- 3.2.8 In the long series (i.e.- the Civil Service Cup, Dennis Cooke, Icicle, Ice Maiden, Winter Willie, Frostbite, Eric Hine, Weatherhead and Ladies' Hot Series), a helm may not take more than four average point scores in a series.
- 3.2.9 Helms not "Signing On" may be classified as DNC by the Race Officer.
- 3.2.10 In club and open racing, the Race Officer may class a boat as NSC if it sails an incorrect course.
- 3.2.11 If there is an overall trophy for all classes in a series then there will be a single start.
- 3.2.12 Series Ties will be resolved in accordance with the rules of RRS Appendix A 8.1 and then Appendix A 8.2.
- 3.2.13 Aggregate points are the sum of points for two or more series.

### 4. Types of Race

#### 4.1 **Fast/Slow Handicap Fleet Racing**

2 Starts - Fast Handicap Fleet starts first followed by Slow Handicap Fleet.

HSC handicaps are used to calculate corrected time.

Corrected time = (Actual Time / (Handicap / 1000))

Average Lap times will be used for boats not completing the same number of rounds.

With average lap racing being used the start and finish line must be in the same position.

#### 4.2 **General Handicap Racing**

1 Start, HSC handicaps are used to calculate corrected time.

Corrected time = (Actual Time / (Handicap / 1000))

Average Lap times will be used for boats not completing the same number of rounds.

With average lap racing being used the start and finish line must be in the same position.

#### 4.3 **Fleet Racing**

##### 4.3.1 General

The helm / boats will be split into Gold / Silver / Bronze Fleets.

Fleet Races shall have two starts: Normally Gold and Silver Fleets together, followed by Bronze Fleet.

##### 4.3.2 Allocation to a Fleet

Helms will be allocated to a Fleet in accordance with the qualification rules outlined below and at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.



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New Members and infrequent sailors will be categorised according to their experience at the discretion of the Rear Commodore. Appeals can be made to the Sailing Committee.

### 4.3.3 Bronze, Silver and Gold Fleets

The Bronze Fleet consists of any helm not having qualified for the Silver or Gold Fleet. Allocation to Gold and Silver fleets will be on merit with the aim of ensuring balanced fleets and close racing.

To be considered for moving between Gold, Silver and Bronze Fleets, a helm should:

- Have been placed 1<sup>st</sup> helm in any series, or
- Be regularly competing and beating helms in the fleet above

### 4.3.4 Fleet Adjustment

Fleet adjustments will be made once a year, prior to the Spring Series.

If, in the two years prior to the Spring Series, a helm has not qualified for a Fleet Racing Series, then that helm may be relegated by one fleet level, e.g. - from Gold to Silver Fleet.

Mid-year promotions will be considered upon request. Such requests are subject to the qualification criteria having been met and may be granted at the discretion of the Rear Commodore.

All promotions and demotions are at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

## 4.4 **Pursuit Racing**

The Pursuit Race will be based on the time a Mirror or other specified boat should take to complete the race time. The duration will be between 60 and 240 minutes. Corrected start times for each class will be calculated using the published Haversham Sailing Club Handicaps to the nearest 30 seconds, rounded up or down to match the Mirror / other boat corrected time as closely as possible.

## 4.5 **Match / Team Racing**

This will always use boats of the same Class / Rig.

## 4.6 **Personal Handicaps**

Personal Handicaps can be expressed as a percentage and are calculated from actual performance in handicap races.

Personal Handicaps can be applied to any boat sailed by that helm.

The mechanism for calculating Personal Handicaps will be published if required.

## 4.7 **Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded as follows:-

A 1<sup>st</sup> Position will be awarded if one boat qualifies for a series.

A 2<sup>nd</sup> Position will be awarded if two boats qualify for a series.



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A 3<sup>rd</sup> Position will be awarded if three boats qualify for a series (Bronze fleet only) or if there are 5 or more qualifiers for Handicap, Gold or Silver fleet.

Additionally, a prize will be awarded to the first-placed qualifying Junior helm (and crew, if applicable) in each of the 10.00 handicap series. A junior is considered to be a person under the age of 19 on 31st August of the current year.

### 5. Outline of Series

Note that exact series dates are published in the calendar on the Club website ([www.havershamsc.org](http://www.havershamsc.org)). All times are actual start times and target race durations are 60 minutes unless stated otherwise.

<b>Winter Series</b>	2026 Races on Sundays 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2026 – 27 <sup>th</sup> December 2026 except 8 <sup>th</sup> November 1000 – General Handicap Race approx. 1 hour long 1130 – General Handicap Race approx. 1 hour long 1330 – Fleet Race approx. 1 hour long. Separate start for Bronze fleet and juniors.
<b>Midwinter Series</b>	2027 Races on Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2027 – 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2027 1000 – General Handicap Race approx. 1 hour long 1130 – General Handicap Race approx. 1 hour long 1330 – Fleet Race approx. 1 hour long. Separate start for Bronze fleet and juniors.
<b>Winter Willie Series</b>	Aggregate Score of the second morning start in the Winter and Midwinter Series The Series is open only to male helms.
<b>Ice Maiden Series</b>	Aggregate Score of the second morning start in the Winter and Midwinter Series The Series is open only to female helms.
<b>Weatherhead Series</b>	Aggregate Score of the second morning start in the Winter and Midwinter Series The Series is open only to two-handed boats.
<b>Icicle Series</b>	Aggregate Score of the first afternoon start in the Winter and Midwinter Series for the Gold Fleet.
<b>Frostbite Series</b>	Aggregate Score of the first afternoon start in the Winter and Midwinter Series for the Silver Fleet



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<b>Eric Hine Trophy</b>	Aggregate Score of the first afternoon start in the Winter and Midwinter Series for the Bronze Fleet
<b>Spring Series</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 – 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2026 Races on Sundays 1000 – General Handicap Race approx. 1 hour long 1130 – General Handicap Race approx. 1 hour long 1330 – Fleet Race approx. 1 hour long. Separate start for Bronze fleet and juniors. 1500 – Fleet Race approx. 1 hour long. Separate start for Bronze fleet and juniors.
<b>Summer Series</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 – 9 <sup>th</sup> August 2026 Races on Sundays 1000 – General Handicap Race approx. 1 hour long 1130 – General Handicap Race approx. 1 hour long 1330 – Fleet Race approx. 1 hour long. Separate start for Bronze fleet and juniors. 1500 – Fleet Race approx. 1 hour long. Separate start for Bronze fleet and juniors.
<b>Autumn Series</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> August 2026 – 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2026 except 11 <sup>th</sup> October Races on Sundays 1000 – General Handicap Race approx. 1 hour long 1130 – General Handicap Race approx. 1 hour long 1330 – Fleet Race approx. 1 hour long. Separate start for Bronze fleet and juniors. 1500 – Fleet Race approx. 1 hour long. Separate start for Bronze fleet and juniors.
<b>Note</b> that 1000 Series Class Racing will also be held on the date of the ARC Bowl	
<b>Ladies' Hot Series</b>	Aggregate Score of the first afternoon start in the Spring, Summer and Autumn Series The Series is open only to female helms. The winner will be awarded the Ladies' Hot Series Trophy, donated by Alakazam Ltd
<b>Early Summer Evening Series</b>	Races on Wednesday evenings. 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026 – 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 1900 - One Fleet Race with a separate start for Bronze and Junior sailors.
<b>Late Summer Evening Series</b>	Races on Wednesday evenings. 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 – 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2026 1900 - One Fleet Race with a separate start for Bronze and Junior sailors. Incorporating Junior Series 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026 to 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2026 with start at 1905. Two discards.



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<b>Civil Service Cup</b>	The Civil Service Cup is awarded to the helm placed first in the Silver Fleet on the aggregate score of the Early and Late Summer Evening Series.
<b>Dennis Cooke Trophy</b>	The Dennis Cooke Trophy is awarded to the helm placed first in the Bronze Fleet on the aggregate score of the Early and Late Summer Evening Series.
<b>Ladies Helm</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 Three Handicap races approx. 1 hour long – one discard 1130, 1330 and 1500 starts. Races also count towards the Summer Series Ladies Helm is open only to female helms.
<b>Juniors' Racing</b>	Will be combined with Bronze Fleet racing. Racing is open only to helms aged under-19 on the 31 <sup>st</sup> August of the current year.

### 6. Outline of Special Events

<b>In Memoriam Trophy</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 90-minute Pursuit race starting at 1130 followed by casual sailing
<b>Anniversary Trophy</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 90-minute Pursuit race starting at 1130 followed by casual sailing
<b>Jubilee Jug</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 90-minute Pursuit race starting at 1130 followed by casual sailing
<b>Match Race</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> June 2026, Summer Solstice weekend Match Racing for single class boats over a short course. 1400 start
<b>Solstice Race</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> June 2026, Summer Solstice weekend Handicap race 2100 start to 2300 Open only to two-crew boats with teams of four or more people. Crews must sail four rounds and then hand over to other team members. The Race Officer may change the number of rounds. Each boat is to have port and starboard stay lights and a white light shining on its mainsail.
<b>ARC Bowl</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 Three Handicap races approx. 1 hour long – one discard



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	1130, 1330 and 1500 starts. Races also count towards the Summer Series <b>Note</b> that 1000 General Handicap series racing will also be held
<b>August Trophy incorporating ILCA Cup</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2026 90-minute Pursuit race starting at 1130 followed by casual sailing
<b>Trafalgar Trophy</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> October 2026 6 x 20 minute races, 3 back-to-back @ 1000, further 3 back-to-back after lunch break, best 4 to count.
<b>Lottery Pot</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> November 2026 120-minute Pursuit Race starting at 1030
<b>Barclays Bucket</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> November 2026 General Handicap race starting at 1330
<b>Commodores' Whiskey Race/ Rum Do</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> December 2026 Three Handicap races approx. 1 hour long – one discard 1000, 1130 and 1300 starts. Races also count towards the Winter Series
<b>Ice Breaker Trophy</b>	New Year's Day 2027 90-minute Pursuit race starting at 1130

### 7. Other Events and Awards

<b>Chile Plate</b>	A charity event for Junior sponsorship fundraising or similar to be run in conjunction with any of the Spring, Summer or Autumn series. 1130, 1330 and 1500 races. This event may be sailed more than once per year.
<b>ILCA Cup</b>	Awarded to the first ILCA in the August Trophy event.
<b>Denbigh Cup</b>	Awarded to the first helm in the Junior Open Day race This race is open only to helms aged under-19 on the 31 <sup>st</sup> August of the current year.
<b>Supernova Champion</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 Three Handicap races approx. 1 hour long – one discard 1130, 1330 and 1500 starts. Races also count towards the Summer Series



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<b>Chaton Trophy</b>	A discretionary trophy awarded to the member who has given rise to the "Most Schadenfreude". A speech is mandatory.
<b>William Lyman Trophy</b>	A discretionary trophy awarded by the Sailing Committee to the most improved senior helm.
<b>Phil Lyon Trophy</b>	A discretionary trophy awarded by the Sailing Committee to the most improved junior helm.
<b>Rear Commodore's Cup</b>	A discretionary trophy awarded for outstanding contribution to the Club