

Babbacombe Corinthian Sailing Club

Notice of Race

BCSC CLUB RACING 2024

Babbacombe Corinthian Sailing Club will conduct the following Racing Series, during the calendar year 2024.

Early Summer Series
Summer Series
Autumn Series
Winter Series

Dates are published in the BCSC Sailing Calendar, 2024 – available on the BCSC website. The following regulations should be read in conjunction with the BCSC Sailing Instructions, 2024, which are also available on the club website.

Each series will comprise eight races, held over a period of eight weeks. Normally, one race in each session will be counted towards the series. However, where possible, a second race will be completed, if time and conditions permit. At the discretion of the designated Race Officer for that session, the second race may be designated as part of the series, in order if required to achieve the required number of eight contributing races, needed to complete the series. (This may be necessary if weather or other factors lead to cancellation of sailing sessions during the specified calendar period) In this case, competitors will be notified during the pre-launch briefing.

The course will be laid before the start, using anchored buoys, based on best assessment of wind speed and direction, as well as any other conditions relevant to the conduct of the race. Competitors will be provided with details of the course, during the pre-launch briefing.

Races will be conducted as Mixed Fleet races, with all boats starting at the same time. Individual times will be adjusted, using the Portsmouth Yardstick handicapping scheme, with PY numbers, as published by RYA at start of calendar year 2024. Scoring shall be calculated in the manner, set out in Appendix A of the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing, 2021-2024 ("The Low Point System") The worst two results for each competitor will be discarded, when computing the Series Results. A Mixed Fleet winner and second place award will be made for each series. In event that sufficient numbers of competitors have sailed a specific dinghy class, an additional award may be made, at the discretion of the Sailing Committee, for best performance in that class. Where boats are sailed with additional crew members, the results will be awarded to the helms-person.

Racing will be governed by World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing, 2021-2024, except where changes and exclusions are specified in the BCSC Sailing Instructions, 2024.

The BCSC Standard Operating Procedures, 2024, contains general requirements for racing in Babbacombe Bay. These general requirements apply to all club racing during the season.

Racing is open to all full club members eligible to sail. Full club members do not need to enter for a race or series in advance, but shall sign on before participating in each race.

Competitors must ensure that their boats are rigged and ready to launch at the designated launching time. Helms and crews must be ready to launch at this time. (Launch time will normally be set approximately 30 minutes before the scheduled race start) Boats that arrive late at the start line will be deemed not to have entered.

Please note that users of club dinghies are required to carry a masthead float (provided by the club) attached to the top of the mast. This is optional for privately owned dinghies, but is recommended as good practice.

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 its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 1.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;
- 2.They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 3.They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 4.Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 5.The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 6.The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 7.It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

Privacy Statement

The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the events. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.