



HAMBLE VALLEY REGATTA

HAMBLE, BURSLEDON, SWANWICK & WARSASH

NOTICE OF RACE

Hamble Valley Regatta Dinghy Race, Saturday 29th August 2026

Organising authority:

Hamble Valley Regatta Committee in conjunction with Warsash Sailing Club (WSC)

1 RULES

The regatta dinghy race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. This Notice of Race may be varied by amendments or the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall take preference.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to non-foiling sailing dinghies (see 4 schedule of races, below).
- 2.2 Boats may enter by completing the on-line entry form on the Regatta website along with the accompanying fee.
- 2.3 Parent/Guardian declarations. All helms and crew under 18 years of age on the day of the race shall submit the parent/guardian declaration on their entry form with contact details of the parent/guardian acting on behalf of the child.
- 2.4 Entries must be submitted before 1800 on Friday 28th August 2026. No late entries after that time will be accepted.
- 2.5 Any sail numbers unknown at the time of entry must be advised to the Regatta Sailing Secretary (sailing@bursledonregatta.org) before entries close. Boats that sailed with sail numbers that do not match their entry will not be scored.

3 FEES

The entry fee is payable on-line.

Early Bird Entries received on or before Sunday 16th August:- Dinghies race 1-6: £6.00, Optimists £4.00.

Entries received from Monday 17th August:- Dinghies race 1-6: £7.50, Optimists £5.00.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race (Race 1) is 10.55

Race Class

- 1 Handicap dinghies PY 700 – 1079
- 2 ILCA 7 Lasers
- 3 Handicap dinghies PY 1080 – 1156
- 4 Handicap dinghies PY 1157 – 1259
- 5 Foxers
- 6 Handicap dinghies PY 1260 – 1460
- 7 Optimist dinghies

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available to download from the Regatta website at least one week before the race.

6 THE COURSES

The courses will be sailed on the River Hamble and into Southampton Water in the vicinity of 'Warsash Sailing Club' buoy. The course card will be available to download from the Regatta website with the SIs.

7 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third placed boats in each race, provided sufficient boats enter. First placed boats will receive a trophy.

An additional prize will be awarded for the first placed Buzz dinghy providing there are at least 3 Buzz dinghies entered.

The dinghy race prize giving ceremony will be held at Warsash Sailing Club on Saturday 29th August at 16.30 and race winners will be informed by text /email.

8 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta dinghy race entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, 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 regatta.

9 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

10 RACING IN THE RIVER HAMBLE

(a) The Racing Rules of Sailing only apply between competing vessels. At all other times the International Rules for the Prevention of Collision at Sea (COLREGS) shall apply. Specific reference is drawn to COLREGS rule 9b - competitors shall not impede the passage of other vessels (power or sail) which can only safely navigate in the main channel;

(b) Competitors must notify the Harbour Master of any contact with moored vessels.

11 RISK STATEMENT

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor (together with their parent/guardian in the case of those under 18) 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;

(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

(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;

(e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, if any, and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

(f) The provision of patrol boat cover if any is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;

(g) The nature of the river and its moorings means it is not possible for all competitors to be in constant view of either the Committee Boat (at Crableck Beacon), or the accompanying patrol boats;

(h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

(i) Personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors whilst afloat.