

WSC TROPHY RACE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND OTHER DETAILS

This document has been approved by the Sailing Committee to assist with the management of trophy races and relevant sentences are incorporated as Sailing Instructions as appropriate for the individual race. Any queries should be directed to the Club Captain.

Trophy Races are not open events. The Club Sailing Instructions apply. Please note the starting procedure is the same as for club series races i.e. 3 minute warning/preparatory, 1 minute and Start signals for 'all-in' starts and the first (Cadet) start of pursuit races. Subsequent class starts for pursuit races will be given start signals only.

If you intend to take part in a class other than one of the Club's recognized classes please enter early to give the Race Committee time to allocate a handicap. Boats must have a handicap number compatible with the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick system to be eligible. Classes with Portsmouth Numbers higher (slower) than the Cadets are not eligible.

All Trophy Race trophies shall be returned cleaned, polished and engraved in time for the following year's race.

The traditional course will be used if conditions are good for it; otherwise the Race Officer should amend it on the day. A separate, shorter course for slower boats only (typically less experienced Cadets and Mirrors) may be laid on at the discretion of the Race Officer. More experienced Cadets should be capable of completing the full courses.

Only boats competing on the full course set will qualify for the Club Championship (the series made up of most of the races below). ILCA Classes may use replica sails and equipment, and boats may swap rigs for Trophy Races but the results for each rig will be scored separately and cannot be combined for a boat's overall position for the Club Championship.

The current Trophy Races are listed below with details of the traditional courses where they exist.

Coronation Cup

This is a handicap race for all classes with an all-in start from Waldringfield to Kyson Point and back (originally to a buoy off DYC in Woodbridge). The race winner receives the Coronation Challenge Cup, a silver cup presented to the club by the Mossman family in 1953 to commemorate the Coronation year.

Victory Plate incorporating the **Jubilee Cup** for local keelboats.

This is a handicap race for all classes with an all-in-start and racing originally to the Felixstowe Ferry Horse Buoy, but now Kingsfleet is acceptable. The race winner receives the Victory Plate, a silver salver presented in 1946 by the then Flag Officers for an all-comers race on Whit Monday to Bawdsey Upper Horse Buoy and back. The race awards the Jubilee Cup to the first keelboat; this silver cup was presented to the club by Mrs Stollery in 1971 in memory of her husband Cyril who had won the cup with Dr K Nicholls Palmer in the 1936 National 12 Championships at Poole.

Upriver Navigation Race

This is a handicap race for all classes from Waldringfield to Martlesham Creek, Wilford Bridge and back. Competitors may choose their start time within a starting window. The overall race winner receives The Deben Dragon trophy, presented to the club by Mr & Mrs Raymond Page in 1957 for Dragon racing. The first Dragonfly receives the **Bill Earle Memorial Trophy** presented to the club in 1969 by Mrs M Earle in memory of her husband Dr W E Earle for offshore yacht racing. The first Squib receives the **Ryder Cup** presented to the club in 1981 by Mr & Mrs Ryder in memory of their son Michael.

RNLI Pennant

This is a handicap race for all classes with an all-in-start and racing to the Kingsfleet Buoy. This race was first raced to raise awareness and money for the RNLI where the first prize was a Pennant. This was started in 1992. Unfortunately the classes were not recorded in the Trophy Record Book but a number of names, Andrew Nunn, Matt White, Alan Krailing, Harry Pynn, Jonathan Fish all feature in the Trophy Book. In 2015, thanks to Roger Challis and Anthony Mason, a brand new trophy has been made so that the names can be recorded on it.

Cork Plate

This is a single handicap race for keelboats with an all-in start to the Cutler Buoy (outside the River Deben) and back. Originally, the Cork Plate was for all classes except Cadets. The race winner receives the Cork Plate, a silver salver presented to the club in 1955 by the Revd. T Waller for a yacht race to the Cork Light Vessel and back.

Dinghy Round the Island, Metcalf Cup, Turner & Bryett Trophies

This is a pursuit race for all classes sailed around island directly opposite the clubhouse. The race winner receives the **Challenge Cherub Trophy**, a silver cup presented to the club by ARG Curjel in 1936. Additionally, Dragonflies award the Turner and Bryett cups. The **Turner Trophy** is a silver cup presented by George Turner in 1962 for Dragonflies. The **Bryett Trophy** is a tankard presented in 1971 by Dr Sheila Bryett for Dragonflies. The **Metcalf Cup** was presented to the club in 1974 by Dr P Metcalf for Squibs.

EIIR Jubilee Trophy

This is usually a handicap race for all classes with an all-in-start and no special course. There is no direction to mandate this as handicap so it can be a pursuit race if required. The race winner receives the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Trophy, a silver cup presented to the club by the Nunn Family in 1977 in memory of Mr Harry Nunn.

Trafalgar Trophy

This is a pursuit race for all classes with no special course. The race winner receives the Trafalgar Plate, presented to the club by Mike & Rani Pert in 2005 to mark the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar; hence the race is sailed on or around the 21st October and also on the same day as the Quantrill Trophy.

Quantrill Trophy

This is a handicap race for all classes. The traditional course is to a buoy in Ramsholt Reach, round a mark off Waldringfield Quay, round a mark off Galleons Hard and back to the starting line. Traditionally this was the last race of the season but is now usually raced before the start of the Freezer series. The race winner receives the Jimmy Quantrill Bowl presented in 1953 by the club in memory of Jimmy Quantrill.

Starling Trophy (Downriver Navigation Race)

This is a handicap race for all classes including Shrimpers and yachts up to 25ft LOA downriver to a mark at Felixstowe Ferry and back. Competitors choose their own start time within a starting window. The overall winner receives the Starling Trophy, presented in memory of Peter Starling and first competed for in 2024.