



## Notice of Race

# Waldringfield Regatta Weekend

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Programme of Races for monohull Club class dinghies and keelboats

<b>FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b> HW 15:16	<b>SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> July</b> HW 15:51	<b>SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> July</b> HW 16:27
BIRKETTS TROPHIES A 70 minute Pursuit race First start: 1830	DINGHIES, SQUIBS Race 1: 14.00 Race 2: back-to-back	DINGHIES, SQUIBS Race 3: 14.00 Race 4: back-to-back

Depending on entry numbers, the race officer may combine class starts for the race series, or make any other alterations as seen fit. Please look for your class code flag at the start.

As guidance, these are the flags for each likely racing class:

<b>Birketts Trophies</b>	First start 18.30 – other class start time to follow shortly after (will be posted on notice board). Trophies for first in fast and slow handicaps.
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<b>Class</b>	<b>Class start flag</b>
RS200	Pink with "200"
Cadet	Code flag Y
Topper	Code flag T
Dragonfly	Code flag W
Lark	Code flag L
OK	Code flag H
Wayfarer	"W" Insignia
ILCA/ Laser	ILCA insignia
Squib	Naval Numeral 9

**Online entry** via <https://waldringfieldsc.com/>.

**Entry fees:** Junior boats and adult single-handers £5 for the whole weekend. Adult two-handers £10 for the whole weekend. No fee for the crew/novice helm race.

**Entries close** 23.45hrs on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026.

## General instructions

### Waldringfield Sailing Club is the organising authority.

#### 1. Rules

All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the RYA Racing Charter principles and objectives, and class rules, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions alter RRS 26 Warning/Preparatory signals, 29.2 General Recalls, 35 Time Limits, 40 Personal Buoyancy, 41 and 42 Outside Help, 44.3 Scoring Penalties, 46 Person in charge. The Sailing Instructions and Notice of race detail the changes and will be available online and from race reception.

#### 2. Scoring System

The series will be scored as provided in RRS Appendix A, A4.1 Low Points System. If 4 or more races are completed, a boat's worst score shall be excluded. If 3 or fewer races are completed, all scores shall be included. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

3. The Birketts Trophy races will be run as a pursuit race, open to classes with Portsmouth yardstick handicaps below 1460 (i.e. Cadets and boats with lower handicap numbers than Cadets). Provisional start times as follows:

Cadet	1830
Topper 4.2	1831
Topper	1833+30 secs
Mirror	1834
ILCA 4	1841+30 secs
Dragonfly	1842+30 secs
Squib	1844
ILCA 6	1844+30 secs
OK	1846+30secs
ILCA 7	1846+30 secs
Wayfarer Classic	1846+30 secs
Wayfarer Hartley	1847+30 secs
Lark	1848+30secs
RS200	1849+30secs
Rooster 8.1	1851
Fireball	1854

Cadets will get three minute, one minute, and start signals, and other classes will get a start signal at their start time. The finish line may be formed by one support boat at a turning mark, or by two support boats forming a finish line between them on and perpendicular to a leg of the course, when 70 minutes have elapsed. Finishing boats will be flying blue flags and may be static or moving.

#### 4. Trophies

On receipt of a trophy, the trophy winner must sign an acknowledgement of receipt and an agreement to return the trophy to Waldringfield Sailing Club within 1 year and before the start of the next Regatta Open Meeting, whichever is sooner. The trophy must be returned in good condition and engraved with the winner's details. Failure to return the trophy by that date, or return of a damaged trophy, will incur a penalty of *the insured value of the trophy plus £20*, payable by the same date.

#### 5. Safety

Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn by all competitors when afloat. Wet suits and non-inflated inflation type buoyancy aids are not sufficient. Keelboats shall carry and listen out on VHF radios. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of junior members to ensure compliance with this rule. Failure to comply with any safety rule will result in immediate disqualification from the associated race.

For the purposes of this regatta only, RRS 41 is interpreted as follows: A boat or competitor is allowed to receive outside help to remove them from danger e.g. in the water, separated from the boat, or aground. This may be extended to assisting the righting of a capsized boat if the danger persists but, if continuing to race thereafter, a boat or competitor must not have gained an advantage from the help received.

## **6. Membership of Waldringfield Sailing Club**

Entrants will become temporary members of Waldringfield Sailing Club for the duration of the event.

Attention of members is drawn to club General Rule A3 as follows.

Neither the Club nor its Officers, General Committee ("the committee"), servants, agents or members will accept any liability for:

- (i) damage direct or consequential to or loss of property belonging to members, competitors, their guests or visitors or other persons
- (ii) personal injury direct or consequential arising out of the use of Club premises and any other facilities of or used by the Club, whether sustained by members, competitors, guests or visitors, whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to or was occasioned by the act, neglect, default or negligence of the Officers, Committee, servants, agents or members of the Club.

Before inviting any guest or visitors onto Club premises or to use Club facilities or to participate in events organised or authorised by the Club, members and competitors will draw their attention to this rule.

## **7. 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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) Their boat is adequately insured with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.