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Course
The course should be suitable for Junior and inexperienced racers and therefore uncomplicated and relatively short. Suggested courses are in the Race officer manual. Display using course board on committee boat.

Time
Scheduled for 15.15. If the start has to be postponed because of the wind conditions, then do not start a sequence after 16.00.

1st Start	Handicap
2nd Start	Windsurfers

Start & Flag Sequence   All flag signals accompanied by one sound signal

Event	Timing	Flag(s) UP	Start	Flag DOWN
Warning Signal - Handicap (H)	**-6**	(white/red flag)		
Warning Signal – Windsurfer (R) & Preparatory Signal (P)	**-3**	(blue/white flag) (red/yellow cross flag)		
Start – Handicap	**0**		**Handicap**	(white/red flag)
Start – Windsurfer & Preparatory Flag down	**+3**		**Windsurfer**	(blue/white flag) (red/yellow cross flag)

Entries
Entrants are required to sign on legibly for the race using the sheet (see below) posted by the race team on the desk outside the Race Office.
Please record all sail numbers of boats racing on the race results sheet used (see below).
Juniors start with the Handicap fleet and are noted as Juniors in the results. Please ensure Juniors include date of birth on the signing-on sheet.

Individual recall
If those over the line can be identified, X flag up with one extra sound signal. Lower X flag when recalled boats have returned and re-crossed the start line, or after 2 minutes.

General recall
If too many are over the line to identify them, general recall flag up with two sound signals.
If Handicap fleet is recalled it moves to the back of the starting sequence and starts 3 minutes after the Windsurfers. If the Windsurfers are recalled they restart 3 minutes after the last start.

During the race
Record each boat through the gate on each lap

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Duration   Handicap & Juniors   30-40 minutes
                Windsurfers   25-30 minutes

Finish - Shorten Course

If boats have not completed the number of laps displayed on the course board, shorten the course by raising the shorten course flag (S) when the first boat you want to finish is approaching the finish line with two sound signals. If you only wish to finish one fleet, also raise the fleet flag of the fleet you wish to finish. Juniors in the Handicap race may be shortened by hoisting the Numeral 6 Pennant with the S flag.
Every boat which crosses the finish line is a finisher. Give each finishing boat a short hoot on the horn.

Record the number of laps and the finishing time of each boat.

Time Limit

The finish line is open for a maximum of 30 minutes after the first finisher from each start. Boats not finishing within 30 minutes will be scored DNF.

Results

Please add the elapsed times to the race sheets (ie subtract 3 minutes from the Windsurfer recorded finish times). Amendments to entries and result sheets showing recorded and elapsed times against sail numbers should be photographed and sent by email to the series Results Coordinator grahamyoung.3466@gmail.com. Contact details posted on the notice board inside the Race Office. The Results Sec will calculate handicap positions and publish the race results. The Race Officer should store the original sheets in the Results box file in the Race Office.

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Date		Race Officer

Series		Race Number

Please state date of birth if under 19 on 31st December 2025

				Junior Only
Class	Sail Number	Helm	Crew	DoB (if under 19)

Race Sheet - **please photograph & send to** grahamyoung.3466@gmail.com. File original in Box file in Race Office

Date		Series & Race number (ie 1 or 2)		Enter position each lap						Start Time ....:.............
Class	**Sail no.**	**Helm** *(if known)*	**Crew** *(if amended)*	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**Finish time**

Race Officer:.. Date…………………………   Ver 2025_1

Alternative RYA method for recording results in handicap races.

One of the most difficult tasks on the committee boat is to time and record the finishers. Unlike the start, you do not get a second chance if anything goes wrong. Many teams record the boats as they go though the line on their first lap, then tick them off on subsequent laps and then add times against them as they finish. The problem is with this method is that on the final lap boats are not in the same order as they were on the first lap, so the recorder has to find each boat on the recording sheet and then add the time. This works fine for a small fleet or class races but does not work well in large handicap fleets because it takes too long to find the boat on the list.

The suggested method is to record each boat in order as they come though the line on lap 1, then when the leading boat begins their second lap, begin a new column and to write boats down in order. If there are some boats still completing lap 1 when the first boats complete lap 2, they still go in lap 2 column.

Date _____   Race number: _____   Start time: _____

Lap 1 Sail No.	Lap 1 Time *Optional*		Lap 2 Sail No.	Lap Time *Optional*		Lap 3 Sail No.	Lap Time *Optional*
1289			1477			1477	
1477			1289			1663	
1663			2044			1289	
2226			1663			2226	
			2226			2044	

When the finishing sequence starts, begin a new column, or even better a new sheet, and write down the boats in the order they come though the line and their finish time. If they are too close together to get all times, write down the boat numbers and just get as many times as you can, especially the first and last of a bunch. The missing times can be extracted later from the 'Log' on the Race Timer, or interpolated.

Date: _____   Race number: _____   Start time: _____

Finish Sail No.	Finish Time	No. Laps		Finish Sail No.	Finish Time	No. Laps
2044	48.15					
1477	50.51					
1663	50.57					
2226						
1289	50.59					

You can check the number of laps by referring back to the lap recording chart. In this example 2044 did one less lap than the other four boats.

The time for 2226 was missed but can be estimated and inserted as 50.58. Or, if less straightforward, each push of the Finish button on the timer stores the time, and these can be seen after the race by pushing the Log button. The last race appears first, and subsequent pushes bring up previous races. Use the '+' '-' buttons to scroll through the times recorded, and as long as the boat finishing order is known and each boat is given a horn, then the times can be correlated to the boats.

This lap recording method is much easier for handicap races and when there are a lot of boats. It also works well when there are class races too. The boats can be sorted into fleets after the race has finished.

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Date: _____   Race number: _____   Start time: _____

Lap 1 Sail No.	Lap 1 Time *Optional*		Lap 2 Sail No.	Lap Time *Optional*		Lap 3 Sail No.	Lap Time *Optional*

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Lap 4 Sail No.	Lap Time *Optional*		Lap 5 Sail No.	Lap Time *Optional*		Finish Sail number	Finish Time	No. Laps sailed

Retired: _____ OCS: _____

_____   _____

BFD:_____

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FINISH FORM

Use separate forms for each start to show correct start time

Date

Class/fleet

Time of start

Race area

Time of first boat

Time of last boat

Order	Boat No.	Finish time	No. Laps		Order	Boat No.	Finish time	No. Laps
1					26			
2					27			
3					28			
4					29			
5					30			
6					31			
7					32			
8					33			
9					34			
10					35			
11					36			
12					37			
13					38			
14					39			
15					40			
16					41			
17					42			
18					43			
19					44			
20					45			
21					46			
22					47			
23					48			
24					49			
25					50			