

WILSONIAN SAILING CLUB

JUNIOR WEEK REGATTA 2026

Saturday 29th August 2026

Single-handed dinghies

Name of event: Junior Week Regatta 2026

Date: Saturday 29th August 2026

Format: 3 back-to-back races, 2 to count

Eligibility: Single-handed dinghies only. Junior Wilsonian Sailing Club members who have completed Junior Sailing Week 2026 or at least three Skimmers sessions

Organising authority: The Junior Week Organising Group of Wilsonian Sailing Club (WSC), Main Road, Hoo, Kent, ME3 9HF

Venue: Wilsonian Sailing Club, Hoo, Rochester, Kent, ME3 9HF

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in the current **Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)**, and the prescriptions of the RYA will apply. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply, and RRS 40.1 (wearing of personal buoyancy) will apply **at all times while afloat**.
- 1.2 This is a single-handed regatta. Each boat shall be sailed single-handed.
- 1.3 A boat shall take a **One-Turn Penalty** when racing. **This changes RRS 44.1.**
- 1.4 The notation “(NP)” in these Sailing Instructions means a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that instruction. **This changes RRS 60.1.**
- 1.5 This event is held on a navigable river. Ships and other large vessels have right of way at all times. Competitors shall keep clear of the main channel when a large vessel is passing.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 To be eligible to race, a competitor shall be a Junior member of the Wilsonian Sailing Club and shall have either taken part in Junior Sailing Week 2026 or attended at least three Skimmers sessions.
- 2.2 Entry is made by completing the Junior Week entry form and confirming with the organisers that the entry is for the regatta only. Entries must be made by the Junior Week entry cut-off date. Late regatta-only entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organisers, depending on circumstances.
- 2.3 A parent, guardian, or person acting in loco parentis must be on site to supervise each Junior at all times.

3. FLEETS

- 3.1 Boats will race in two handicap fleets:
 - Fast Handicap
 - Slow Handicap
- 3.2 Boats will be allocated to a fleet by the instructors and coaches, based on ability. Allocations will be notified during the briefing.
- 3.3 The current RYA Portsmouth Yardstick handicap system will be used to calculate results.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, located on the landward side of the WSC race box.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Any change to these instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board, or announced at the briefing, **before the warning signal** for the race it affects.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the WSC race box.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 A briefing for all competitors will be held at the race box before racing. The time will be announced during Junior Sailing Week and posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 7.2 Three races will be sailed **back to back**. The first warning signal will be made **no earlier than 10:00 and no later than 14:00**, with the intended time announced at the briefing. Later races will follow as soon as practicable after the previous race finishes.
- 7.3 The Race Committee may change the number of races or the schedule depending on conditions.

8. THE START

- 8.1 Races will be started using RRS 26, with the warning signal given **5 minutes** before the starting signal.
- 8.2 A committee boat start will be used. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the nearby pin-end mark. The pin-end mark will be described at the briefing and on the Official Notice Board.
- 8.3 **Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.** (NP)
- 8.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. **This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.**

9. THE COURSE

- 9.1 The course for each race will be described at the briefing and displayed on the Official Notice Board before racing. Different courses may be set for the Fast and Slow fleets.
- 9.2 The marks of the course will be identified at the briefing.

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the nearby pin-end mark, unless a different finish is described at the briefing.

11. TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 Results will be calculated from each boat's corrected time using the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick.
- 12.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3 When 2 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- 12.4 When 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores **excluding her worst score** (2 to count).

13. SAFETY

- 13.1 Personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times while afloat.
- 13.2 **Any boat that retires from a race shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible.**

14. PROTESTS

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office and shall be delivered there within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race, unless the Protest Committee extends this time.
- 14.2 Protests will be heard as soon as practicable in an order decided by the Protest Committee.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded at the prizegiving following the regatta. There will be prizes for the first three places in each fleet.
- 15.2 A trophy will be awarded to the first boat in each of the Fast Handicap and Slow Handicap fleets. The trophies will be presented at the annual Wilsonian Sailing Club prize giving.

16. RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1 **RRS 3** 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 involves an element of risk. By taking part, each competitor and their parent/guardian accepts that they are responsible for the safety of the competitor, the boat and their property, whether afloat or ashore, and that the provision of a race management team and safety boats does not relieve them of this responsibility.

17. INSURANCE

- 17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.