



Racing (Nightcap) – COVID-19 Update

The 2020 Wednesday evening race series will start on Wednesday 29 July and end on Wednesday 26 August.

The format is for two pursuit races per evening, with the first starting at **7:00pm**. Any changes to the start time will be communicated through TGIF and Facebook. The series result will be taken from a sailor's best 60% of races sailed (rounded up). The second race will start as soon as possible after the finish of the first race.

Race entry will be through the Club's Closed Facebook Group or, if this is not possible, by email to sailing@chelmarshsailing.org.uk. There will not be a 'signing on' sheet and therefore sailors are not required to 'sign-off'. Any sailor who did not finish or has not completed the appropriate penalty should notify the RO at the end of the race.

Members will be required to make a COVID19 declaration before they go on the water. The RO (Race Officer) should check that the declarations have been completed and confirm this in their report. Entry to each race will be limited to **20 boats**.

The RO will man the safety boat. If a safety related incident occurs then it will take precedence over race management. The RO will communicate the course using either the normal course board or verbally. All sailors are responsible for ensuring they understand the course. If the course board is used then it will be taken down before the start sequence starts.

The race length will be 28 minutes for Laser 4.7, although the Race Officer (RO) may change this to either 43 minutes or 58 minutes if the conditions require. Any change will be communicated verbally to sailors.

The start times for each class are on the Club Website, Club Closed Facebook Page and the Club Noticeboard. Sailors are reminded not to gather in groups around the noticeboard. The Laser 4.7 will have a 2/1/Go sequence. Laser Radials will start with Solos because of the very small difference in their start times.

There will not be any visual starting signals. The RO will sound the start signals by whistle/megaphone/siren or by shouting.

Starting will use the "Rabbit" format. There will not be a fixed start line. A Rabbit start requires:

- Each fleet to appoint a Rabbit for the first race of the day. The Rabbit for the second race will be the boat that finished 3rd in that fleet in the first race.
- Where there is only one boat in the fleet that boat will be the Rabbit.
- The Rabbit should round the start mark on port at the appropriate time in the start sequence. It should then sail close hauled on port. The other members of that fleet should pass behind the Rabbit to start. The Rabbit may tack away when the last boat in the fleet has passed behind it or when then it reaches the layline for the first mark, which-ever is sooner. Where there is only one boat in the fleet, it may tack away at will.

The RO will call the end of the race from the Safety Boat. Sailors should hold their positions at the end of the race until the Race Officer has logged them. Sailors that do not hold position may be scored DNF if the RO has not been able to record their position.

Race Officers should email the results to sailing@chelmarshsailing.org.uk. Results will then be communicated through the Club Website, Facebook Group and TGIF.