

Watling Streetworks Winter Series 2025-2026

Hosted by

Manx Sailing & Cruising Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

1. Rules

The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), these Sailing Instructions, any Government recommended Covid mitigations and Manx Utilities Conditions. See Appendix 1.

2. Notices to competitors

Notices to competitors will be displayed on the boat park gate.

3. Signals made ashore

Signal flags ashore will be flown from the mast by the Race Officer's hut.

If flag AP is displayed, racing will start not less than 15 minutes after the AP is lowered.

4. Schedule of races

Sunday Morning – Race 1	Start 10am
Race 2	Start as soon as possible after Race 1 has finished

5. Racing area

The racing area will be West Baldwin Reservoir. See map Appendix 2, note areas of exclusion.

6. Courses

The course will be displayed on the side of the Race Officer's hut. The number refers to the mark, the colour on which side the mark is to be left. Boats should pass through the start/finish line at the beginning of each lap.

7. Classes

All boats shall sail within the same mixed handicap fleet unless otherwise advised.

8. Marks

The start mark is an inflatable buoy, all the others are numbered cans. Approximate position as map Appendix 2.

9. The Start

Races will be started under rule 26 with the warning signal (ICF Numeral 1) made 5 minutes before the start. The starting line will be between the mast by the Race Officer's hut and large round start

mark. A shallow water mark may be placed near to the bank, this forms no part of the start line. Boats not starting within 4 minutes after the start signal will be scored DNC

10. Change of position of the next mark

Substitute marks will not be used.

11. The Finish

The finishing line will normally be between the mast by the Race Officer's hut displaying an orange flag and the nearby round start/finishing mark.

12. Penalties

RRS Rules 44.1 and 44.2 will apply (Two turns).

13. Handicap System

The intended duration of each race will be approximately 40 minutes, at the discretion of the Race Officer.

The Average Lap/Portsmouth Number system will apply.

14. Protests

Boats wishing to protest shall inform the Race Officer immediately after finishing.

Protests shall be delivered to the Race Officer within 30 minutes of the finish of the last boat in the last race of the day.

15. Scoring

The low point scoring system will apply. DNF equals competitors in race + 1, DNC equals competitors in series +1.

All races to count unless advised otherwise.

16. Safety

Boats retiring from a race shall notify the Race Officer immediately.

17. 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 inherently 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
- (h) Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with the minimum of cover £2 million.

18. Prizes

To be announced.