



Scammonden Water Sailing Club 2026

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Scammonden Water Sailing Club

Founded 1970

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Live octagonal weddings

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**Enjoy your sailing at S.W.S.C.
But remember.
SAIL SAFE**

**Always wear a buoyancy aid
Wear protective clothing suitable for the conditions
Keep a close eye on young children near the water
If you do capsized - stay with your boat**

IF IN DOUBT - DON'T GO OUT!!

Commodore's Bit

Dear Friends, I'm sure I'm not the only one to sense tangible, positive change within the club, and I'm super excited for the new year - and here's why: -

The Club is back in black. Yes in 2025 the Club returned to profit. This is a fantastic achievement after operating for years with a deficit of around £2000. The Club then, only surviving through annual, but unsustainable, dips into the savings. We expect to build on 2025's numbers and for profits to rise in 2026. Great news from Club Treasurer, Paul.

The res is brimming. Last winter it never really filled, so when combined with the dry spring and summer, there was very little water left come the Autumn. This year things couldn't be better prepped for a much healthier, hopefully unrestricted, year of sailing.

This time last year the Club didn't have a Training Centre Principal. We had to return monies for booked courses that we couldn't run and the prospects of delivering any courses in 2025 looked bleak. Then Sally Ratcliffe happened. Joining us as TCP in the spring, she set about reinvigorating the Training centre. It is difficult to overplay just how important her contribution has been to the Club. Had it not been for last year's drought I've no doubt we'd be looking at many more new faces at the Club, all coming via the Training centre. I know Sally has a full programme of training and development set out for 2026 already. The fun and enthusiasm being had on these courses and on a Saturday is infectious. If you'd like to get involved, please see Sal.

Membership numbers. 2025 has seen a further drop in paddleboard numbers, however a brilliant 20% increase in sailing members. We ran an Open day for the second year, and some amazing new members signed up and learnt to sail with Sal. These guys, Mick & Sue, Di & Cody, Gareth & Chris, have been such a strong class coming on leaps and bounds despite weather and drought. I have been particularly struck by their enthusiasm to put effort back into the Club, be it working on temporary slipways, Saturday Club or help at our recent Freezer Open event. We shall be running another Open Day on the 16th May. Similarly, if you'd like to help and get involved, please see Ben who's kindly offered to get us organised again this year.

Chris has taken over as 2026 Sailing Captain and set about the job with great enthusiasm. He's already organised a brilliant Freezer event, and it all bodes well for a great sailing year. We must of course take time to thank Olly who can now take a well-earned break after organising sailing over the last two years.

Our strategy for taking SWSC into the future is underway. Key to this is a lease renewal to use the reservoir. After being set an essentially impossible set of pre-conditions by the Land Agent and following years of behind-the-scenes work, I'm delighted to report a breakthrough. We are now working directly and collaboratively with Yorkshire Water on a redevelopment scheme for the Club and the wider Scammonden site. The vision is to reinvigorate the location and stimulate demand for our Club, providing the community with new facilities. This is major and promises a very exciting future for the Club in the years to come. So, lots to be excited about. And as always, I'd like to thank all members and committee for their selfless help and unwavering support in making our happy little Club work that bit better.

Have a super sailing year

Neville Senior

Fresh from the Captains Table

Hello fellow sailors and I would like to in particular welcome all the new members that joined us during 2025 in our drought year. It is great to see new members taking up the sport-hobby- pastime. I hope that you have enjoyed your time so far at Scammonden and will get so much more enjoyment out of your time at the club in future seasons and hopefully make some lifelong friends. For members that don't know me I am Christopher Smith, the guy that sails a white Laser and a turquoise Enterprise. I am not an expert but if I can be any help to you at all with anything sailing related please just ask and I will try to help.

Thankfully the wet winter is finally over and the lake has been full and overflowing for months now, which it never managed to do last winter. Hopefully this will lead to us having a better experience in the late summer. If the water does recede again and you find yourself struggling with recovering your boat please just ask for assistance. Thankfully years like last year are rare, it's only been that low for 3-4 times since we began.

The 2026 sailing calendar is similar to recent years. Hopefully there is something for everyone, individual trophy days, some Sunday series and the ever popular Wednesday Series all included. The Captains V Commodore day is back and I hope this turns out to be a memorable day and my team wins. Any changes to this sailing calendar will be advertised to members through the Whats app messaging so I encourage you to be on that platform for the latest updates and results.

Saturday Club will be running from April to October and this is a great place to practice, learn and improve your sailing skills in a relaxed environment and introduce new members to the joys of sailing. If you can help out on Saturdays and assist please do so as aside from activities on the water there are always boats to be rigged - de rigged - launched and recovered and many hands make light work. In addition to running the Saturday sailing my highly experienced committee colleague Sally Ratcliffe will be running many courses throughout the season and I encourage you to watch out for her information about the courses as they are published and sign up the ones that are suited to you.

There will be a Laser Open in September and the Enterprise Event makes a return in April. It is hoped that this event will be well attended and it could be the biggest thing to happen at Scammonden in a while, which will include Saturday night live entertainment. Food will need to be served over both days and a sizable race team will be required. Fortunately I know from personal recent experience that we are blessed to have members that are willing to help at these larger events and help make them run smoothly on and off the water. If you have the opportunity I encourage you to take part in these events on and off the water or just turn up and enjoy the entertainment and the event.

In addition to the sailing events planned at Scammonden many of our members will likely be representing our club at many events nationwide ranging from Largo Bay Regatta to Poole Week and lots of Fleet Open days and events in between inc' Holiday Week at Ullswater. The ones likely to see the most amount of members taking part are The Enterprise Nationals in South Shields in May, The Birkett Trophy at Ullswater in July and the 24 Hour Race at Southport in Sept. All of these events should be memorable and I hope you all enjoy yourself if you end up representing our club at any event away from our club.

Back in the day a few decades ago we used to have a Scammonden newsletter called Tell-tales that used to be printed and posted out to members by actual mail. In this digital age it is my intention to re-introduce this newsletter where our sailing experiences can be written about without the restrictions of clogging up the other messaging that we use. In addition to results and news from Scammonden I would love to include your experiences and your write ups and images of sailing related experiences and memories that you have had at all levels from maybe winning the Ent fleets at Birkitt or the Laser Radials at Abersoch to childhood memories of catching mackerel from the back of a Mirror Dinghy or having an close encounter with a basking shark while sailing to recent open events you have taken part in. Please send you write ups- reports to me about anything that you want to write about that's sailing related, past and present.

I am very fortunate to be ably assisted in my role this year by Luke Hartshorn. I am grateful for his assistance and going forward and I am also grateful to all the other people that have assisted me so far including looking after the marks and helping with catering.

I hope you all have a great time at Scammonden in the 2026 season weather you choose to potter around the lake learning how to do it, compete in some of the races planned or just generally help out around the club including the galley , OD box and rescue. It's just about having fun and enjoying yourself really amongst friends at the end of the day and I hope you get the chance to do just that.

Christopher Smith - Sailing Captain

Notes



About SWSC

Scammonden Water Sailing Club (SWSC) is a volunteer-run, family-friendly club dedicated to making sailing accessible, enjoyable and affordable for our community. We welcome sailors of all ages, abilities and backgrounds, whether completely new to the sport or returning after time away. Set in a beautiful upland reservoir, the club offers a relaxed atmosphere, an active social scene and a strong focus on developing confidence on the water. Our members regularly take their sailing further afield too, travelling to events and regattas across the UK. We offer a flexible range of membership categories to suit individuals, families and juniors. Whether you're interested in leisure sailing, structured training, powerboating or racing, there's an option for everyone. We're particularly proud of our growing youth section and our commitment to encouraging more women and families into sailing.

Club Racing

Racing takes place on Wednesdays during the lighter evenings, Saturdays and Sundays throughout spring, summer and autumn, and Sundays only during the winter months. The full programme is published annually and reminders or updates are shared through the club's communication channels. If you're unsure whether you're receiving updates, any committee member can help you get connected.

Guests

Members are welcome to bring guests to enjoy the club's facilities. Guests must sign in using the visitors' book in the galley and be made aware of club rules. There is no charge for guests using their own boat, although donations are appreciated.

Non-members sailing their own boat must pay a £15 day fee (left with the OOD). A maximum of six guest visits per year applies.

Open Events

Helms and crews entering SWSC Open Events become day members for the duration of the event and must follow all club rules and safety procedures.

Our Open Events are designed to be friendly, inclusive and welcoming to visiting sailors, offering competitive racing in a supportive environment.

SWSC Website

The club website (www.scammondensailing.com) is the best source of up-to-date information. Here you'll find:

- Membership options and joining information
- Training centre details and online booking
- Racing programme, news updates and results
- Club documents and policies
- A 'For Sale' page for boats and equipment

You can also sign up for email notifications directly on the website. Once subscribed, you'll receive updates whenever new information is published, so you never miss out on what's happening at the club.

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Sailing Times (All craft)

The SWSC sailing season runs throughout the year from January to December. Anyone wishing to sail (racing or cruising) must make their intentions known to the OOD before going out on the water.

Race Start Times

Saturday Club intends to operate in 2026 from 18th April until 24th October @ 14.00 hrs. each week (see the Sailing Programme for actual dates). During this time members are welcome to social sail but must report to the senior instructor who is running the Saturday Club.

Sunday	1st Race	13:00 hrs	
	2nd Race	14:30 hrs	
	3rd Race	15:30 hrs	(No 3rd race for Warm-up or Frostbite Series)
Wednesday	One Race	19:00 hrs	(19:30 hrs in May, June and July)

Major Trophy Days 13:00 hrs

Mondays on Bank Holiday weekends 13:00 hrs

On Sunday mornings and Thursday evenings [from May to September only] these times may be used for boat tuning, family sailing etc., provided the safety boat is always manned by two Powerboat Level 2 accredited members.

OOD and Safety Boat Attendance Times

Time	Action
1 hour before race starts	OOD and safety team to be at the club to prepare for race.
30 mins before race starts place,	Safety boats to be ready for action, any loose marks put in OOD hut open
20 mins before race starts	Course posted on the OOD box
Finish: Saturday/Sunday	18.00 hrs Dusk on Wednesday

OOD and Safety Boat duties are managed by the DutyMan system.

2026 Trophy Allocation

Series

Warm-up Series	1st overall	Longhaul Trophy
Spring Fleet Series	1st Laser 1st Mixed 1st Junior	Lone & Lively Log Scammonden Pot Warren Trophy
1st Wednesday Series	1st overall	Balmforth Barrel
Easter Series	1st overall	Easter Egg Trophy
Summer Saturday Series	1st overall	Huccup Trophy
2nd Wednesday Series	1st overall	Scammonden Cup
Spring Bank Series	1st SWSC dinghy	Hornblower Trophy
Summer Sunday Series	1st overall	Marauder Trophy
3rd Wednesday Series	1st overall	Thornton Trophy
Autumn Fleet Series	1st overall	Single-handed Class Cup
Frostbite	1st Laser	Laser Frostbite Trophy

Major Trophies

Morgan Giles Trophy

Awarded to the best performance from a dinghy helm in 3 out of 5 major trophy days.

Warren Bottle

Awarded to the best performance for a laser helm in 3 out of 5 major trophy days.

Roaring Fourties

Trophy – Awarded to the best performance by a helm aged 40plus.

Flying Fifties Trophy

Awarded to the best performance by a helm aged 50 plus.

Golden Oldies

Awarded to the best performance by a helm aged 60 plus.

Pro-Am Trophy

Most improved sailor in 3 out of 5 major trophies.

Traveller Trophy

Awarded to the best performance away from SWSC

Craven Shackle

Awarded to the best crew

Flowerpot Trophy

Awarded for the most spectacular capsizes

Enterprise Rock

Awarded to the fastest Enterprise at Scammonden

2026 Trophy Allocation

Major Trophy Days

Caretaker's Cup *	1st overall	Caretaker's Cup
Captain's Day *	1st overall	Barry Haigh Memorial Trophy
Midsummer Trophy *	1st overall	Oxley Salver
Junior/Novice *	1st junior 1st novice junior 1st novice	Junior Helm Trophy Novice Junior Helm Trophy Novice Helm Trophy
Ladies' Day *	1st lady	Pocket Bottom Trophy
Captain v Commodore	Winning Team	Dam Pot
Seamanship Trophy	1st overall	Sherry Endeavour Trophy
Challenge Pursuit Day	1st overall	Carter Trophy
President's Cup * Trophy		1st overall Kenneth Brooke
Fleet Challenge Day	1st overall	Toppers/Lasers/Mixed
RNLI Trophy Day * Trophy		1st SWSC dinghy Harry Hutchinson
Ladies' Coffee Pot *	1st overall 1st dinghy home	Ladies' Coffee Pot Captain's Scratch Salver
Scammonden Freezer	1st overall	SWSC Freezer Trophy
Father's Day*	1st overall	Father's Day Trophy
Commodore's Cup*		1st overall Commodore's Cup
Personal Handicap Final*	1st overall	

* Trophy contributes to the Rolling Trophies

Major Trophy Days 2026

The Scammonden Cup * Sunday 26th April 13:00 Start

A 2 hour pursuit race based on a PYS. Slowest boat to start at 13:00.

Challenge Pursuit Day Monday 4th May, 13:00 start.

A 2 hour pursuit race.

Captain's Day * Sunday 10th May, 13:00 start.

3 races. 2 races to count. All boats race together off PYS.

Fleet Challenge Pursuit Day Sunday 14th June, 13:00 start.

A 2 hour pursuit race.

Father's Day * Sunday 21st June, 13:00 Start.

3 races. 2 races to count. Any man who is supporting or has supported a child under 16 is eligible to qualify.

Mid-Summer Pursuit Trophy * Wednesday 24th June, 19:00 start.

A 90 minute pursuit race based on personal handicaps (at least 3 Wednesday results required to obtain accurate PH). Slowest boat to start at 19:30.

Junior/Novice Day * Saturday 11th July, 14:30 Start.

3 races. 2 races to count. All boats race off PYS. Junior and Novice Juniors must be aged under 16 on 1st January 2026 and Novices must have been sailing for less than 3 complete seasons to be eligible

Ladies Day * Sunday 12th July, 13:00 Start.

3 races. 2 races to count. All boats race off PYS

President's Cup * Sunday 23rd August, 13:00 Start.

3 races. 2 races to count. All boats race together off PYS.

Caretaker's Cup * Sunday 2nd August, 13:00 start.

Race duration 2 hours minimum. Race will finish when the lead boat crosses the line after 2 hours. All boats complete the same number of laps, except those off PYS greater than 1250 which will do one less.

Captain v Commodore Sunday 23rd August, 13:00 Start.

Team event picked on the day. 3 races, 2 races to count.

Seamanship Trophy Sunday 30th August, 13:00 Start.

2 races, 1 race to count and a quiz held in the bar after the race. Quiz teams must only be the helm plus crew from any boat to be eligible for a quiz position finish.

Late Summer Pursuit Monday 31st August, 13:00 Start.

A 90 minute pursuit race based on personal handicaps.

Personal Handicap Final Wednesday 2nd September, 19:00 Start.

Handicap based on previous Wednesday evening

RNLI Trophy Day * Sunday 20 September, 13:00 Start.

3 races, 2 races to count. Boats races off PYS.

Commodore's Cup * Sunday 18th October, 13:00 Start

3 races. 2 races to count. Boats race together off PYS.

Ladies Coffee Pot * Sunday 1st November, 13:00 Start.

Race finishes when leading and Scratch Salver boat crosses the line after 2 hours. All other boats finish next time they cross the finish line. Results based on average lap times. All boats race off PYS. Scratch Salver for the first finisher.

Saturday Club

returns for 2026 at SWSC

Dedicated training days
for juniors and novices alike,
starting Saturday 18th April
Shore and water based activities

**If you are interested in joining or
helping out please see
Sally Ratcliffe (Principle)**



SWSC Sailing Programme 2026

Warm Up & Holiday Series

	Date		Races
Warm Up Series	8-Mar	- 22- mar	3 from 6
Easter Series	5-Apr	- 6-Apr	3 from 6
Spring Bank Series	24-May	- 25-May	3 from 6

Sunday Series

Spring Fleet	19-Apr	- 07-Jun	8 from 15
Summer Sunday Series	28-Jun	- 16-Aug	8 from 15
Autumn Series	13-Sep	- 25-Oct	8 from 15
Frostbite	08-Nov	- 06-Dec	6 from 10

Wednesday Series

1st Wednesday Series	01-Apr	- 13-May	4 from 7
2nd Wednesday Series	20-May	- 08-Jul	4 from 7
3rd Wednesday Series	15-Jul	- 26-Aug	4 from 7

Trophy Days

Caretaker's Cup	Sunday	02-Aug	1 from 1
Challenge Pursuit Day	Monday	04-May	1 from 1
Captain's Day	Sunday	10-May	2 from 3
The Scammonden Cup	Sunday	26-Apr	1 from 1
Father's Day	Sunday	21-Jun	2 from 3
Mid-Summer Pursuit	Wednesday	24-Jun	1 from 1
Team Racing	Sunday	22-Jun	2 from 3
Ladies Day	Sunday	12-Jul	2 from 3
President's Cup	Sunday	26-Jul	2 from 3
Seamanship Trophy	Sunday	30-Aug	1 from 2
Junior/Novice Day	Saturday	11-Jul	2 from 3
Fleet Challenge	Sunday	14-Jun	1 from 1
Late Summer Pursuit	Monday	31-Aug	1 from 1
Personal Handicap Final	Wednesday	02-Sep	1 from 1
Commodore's Cup	Sunday	18-Oct	2 from 3
Captain v Commodore	Sunday	23-Aug	2 from 3
Ladies Coffeepot	Sunday	01-Nov	1 from 1
RNLI Trophy	Sunday	20-Sep	2 from 3

Open Meetings

Enterprise Open	Sat Sun	11-12-Apr	2 from 3
Laser Open	Sun	06-Sep	2 from 3
RNLI Trophy Day (Open)	Sun	20-Sep	2 from 3
Freezer Open	Sun	27-Dec	1 from 1

SWSC Sailing Programme 2026

March

01-Mar	TBA	Sunday	Working Party
08-Mar	13:00	Sunday	Warm Up Series
15-Mar	13:00	Sunday	Warm Up Series
22-Mar	13:00	Sunday	Warm Up Series

29-Mar TBA Sunday RYA Training Day Clocks Forward

April

01-Apr	19:00	Wednesday	1st Wednesday Series
05-Apr	13:00	Sunday	Easter Series
06-Apr	13:00	Monday	Easter Series
08-Apr	19:00	Wednesday	1st Wednesday Series
11-Apr TBA Saturday Enterprise Open			
12-Apr TBA Sunday Enterprise Open			
15-Apr	19:00	Wednesday	1st Wednesday Series
18-Apr	14:00	Saturday	Saturday Club
19-Apr	13:00	Sunday	Spring Fleet
22-Apr	19:00	Wednesday	1st Wednesday Series
25-Apr	14:00	Saturday	Saturday Club
26-Apr 13:00 Sunday Scammonden Cup			
29-Apr	19:00	Wednesday	1st Wednesday Series

Closed Water

Closed Water

May

02-May	14:00	Saturday	Saturday Club
03-May	13:00	Sunday	Spring Fleet
04-May 13:00 Monday Challenge Pursuit			
06-May	19:30	Wednesday	1st Wednesday Series
09-May	14:00	Saturday	Saturday Club
10-May 13:00 Sunday Captains Day			
13-May	19:30	Wednesday	1st Wednesday Series
16-May 14:00 Saturday Open Day			
17-May	13:00	Sunday	Spring Fleet
20-May	19:30	Wednesday	2 nd Wednesday Series
23-May	14:00	Saturday	Saturday Club
24-May 13:00 Sunday Sping Bank Regatta			
25-May 13:00 Monday Sping Bank Regatta			
27-May	19:30	Wednesday	2 nd Wednesday Series
30-May	14:00	Saturday	Saturday Club
31-May	13:00	Sunday	Spring Fleet

Bank Holiday

Bank Holiday

June

03-Jun	19:30	Wednesday	2 nd Wednesday Series
06-Jun	14:00	Saturday	Saturday Club
07-Jun	13:00	Sunday	Spring Fleet
10-Jun	19:30	Wednesday	2 nd Wednesday Series
13-Jun	14:00	Saturday	Saturday Club
14-Jun 13:00 Sunday Fleet Challenge			
17-Jun	19:30	Wednesday	2 nd Wednesday Series
20-Jun	14:00	Saturday	Saturday Club
21-Jun 13:00 Sunday Fathers Day Trophy			
24-Jun 19.3 Wednesday Midsummer Pursuit			
27-Jun	14:00	Saturday	Saturday Club
28-Jun	13:00	Sunday	Summer Series

Fathers Day

July

01-Jul	19:30	Wednesday	2 nd Wednesday Series
04-Jul	14:00	Saturday	Saturday Club
05-Jul	13:00	Sunday	Summer Series
08-Jul	19:30	Wednesday	2 nd Wednesday Series
11-Jul 14:00 Saturday Junior and Novice Helm			

Birkett Weekend

Birkett Weekend

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July

12-Jul	13:00	Sunday	Ladies Day
15-Jul	19:30	Wednesday	3 rd Wednesday Series
18-Jul	14:00	Saturday	Saturday Club
19-Jul	13:00	Sunday	Summer Series
22-Jul	19:30	Wednesday	3 rd Wednesday Series
25-Jul	14:00	Saturday	Saturday Club
26-Jul	13:00	Sunday	Presidents Cup
29-Jul	19:30	Wednesday	3 rd Wednesday Series

August

01-Aug	14:00	Saturday	Saturday Club
02-Aug	13:00	Sunday	Summer Series
05-Aug	19:00	Wednesday	3 rd Wednesday Series
08-Aug	14:00	Saturday	Saturday Club
09-Aug	13:00	Sunday	Caretakers Cup
12-Aug	19:00	Wednesday	3 rd Wednesday Series
15-Aug	14:00	Saturday	Saturday Club
16-Aug	13:00	Sunday	Summer Series
19-Aug	19:00	Wednesday	3 rd Wednesday Series
22-Aug	14:00	Saturday	Saturday Club
23-Aug	13:00	Sunday	Captain V Commodore Team Race
26-Aug	19:00	Wednesday	3 rd Wednesday Series
29-Aug	14:00	Saturday	Saturday Club
30-Aug	13:00	Sunday	Seamanship Trophy
31-Aug	13:00	Monday	Late Summer Pursuit

Bank Holiday

September

02-Sep	19	Wednesday	Personal Handicap Final
05-Sep	14:00	Saturday	Saturday Club
06-Sep	11.2	Sunday	Laser Open
09-Sep	19:00	Wednesday	Ad Hoc - Training
12-Sep	14:00	Saturday	Saturday Club
13-Sep	13:00	Sunday	Autumn Series
19-Sep	14:00	Saturday	Saturday Club
20-Sep	13:00	Sunday	RNLI Trophy
26-Sep	14:00	Saturday	Saturday Club
27-Sep	13:00	Sunday	Autumn Series

Closed Water

Volunteer will be req

Southport 24 Hr Race

Southport 24 Hr Race

Open Event

October

03-Oct	14:00	Saturday	Saturday Club
04-Oct	13:00	Sunday	Autumn Series
10-Oct	14:00	Saturday	Saturday Club
11-Oct	13:00	Sunday	Autumn Series
17-Oct	14:00	Saturday	Saturday Club
18-Oct	13:00	Sunday	Commodores Cup
24-Oct	14:00	Saturday	Saturday Club
25-Oct	13:00	Sunday	Autumn Series

Pirate Party

Clocks back

November

01-Nov	13:00	Sunday	Ladies Coffee Pot
08-Nov	13:00	Sunday	Frostbite
15-Nov	13:00	Sunday	Frostbite
22-Nov	13:00	Sunday	Frostbite
29-Nov	13:00	Sunday	Frostbite

December

06-Dec	13:00	Sunday	Frostbite
28-Dec	13:00	Sunday	Freezer Trophy

The Festive Race

Open Event

SWSC Outline of Duties – Updated & Aligned (2026)

1. Purpose

- To clearly define the duties, expectations, and responsibilities of volunteer duty officers.
- Aligned with the SWSC SOP, Emergency Action Plan, Fuel Policy, and Risk Assessment.

2. General Expectations for All Duty Officers

- Arrive at least 1 hour before scheduled sailing,
- Confirm or arrange swaps on DutyMan promptly.
- Wear appropriate clothing and a buoyancy aid when afloat.
- Support safe, enjoyable operation of club activities in line with SOP & EAP.

3. Officer of the Day (OOD)

- Acts as Incident Commander (per EAP).
- Leads the day's activity, including racing setup and safety coordination.
- Conducts pre-session briefing covering forecast, risk assessment, fleet, safety boat cover, communication and operating area.
- May halt or adjust activity based on weather, experience, or safety capability.

4. Assistant Race Officer (ARO)

- Supports OOD at events and Opens.
- Manages registration, fees, and distribution of Sailing Instructions.
- Assists in launching/rigging committee boat and race equipment.
- Helps with race timing, flags, and course changes.

5. Safety Officer (SO)

- Primary responsibility for safety boat operations and on-water response.
- Ensures safety boat is prepared (fuel, kill cord, knife, first aid, towline).
- Maintains visual contact with training/racing areas per Operating Area guidance.
- Works with OOD to dynamically assess risk and adjust cover.
- Must have a second person onboard during rescues.

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6. Assistant Safety Officer (ASO)

- Assists SO with safety cover during racing/training.
- Supports communication, lookout, and casualty recovery.
- May come from sailing participants if required by conditions.

7. Safety Boat Procedures

- Engines OFF when near people; kill cord worn at all times.
- Operate with minimal high-speed travel unless responding to an emergency.
- Follow tow procedures and entrapment protocols per SOP & Risk Assessment.
- Prioritise people before boats during capsize or multiple incidents.

8. Emergency Procedures

- Follow Emergency Action Plan steps immediately.
- Alert OOD of any incident; OOD coordinates the response.
- Call 999 for unconscious, non-breathing, or suspected spinal injuries.
- Record all incidents in the Incident Book and complete numbered forms.

9. End-of-Duty Requirements

- Return safety boats clean, fuelled appropriately, and secured.
- Replace kill cords, report damage, and leave keys in designated location.
- Confirm a qualified person is taking over if others continue sailing.
- Lock up boathouse and fuel store as required.

Scammonden Water RYA Training Centre

RYA Training Centre

Training is a core part of our club culture here at Scammonden Water Sailing Club (SWSC). As the only centre locally accredited by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) in Huddersfield, we are proud to offer beginners, intermediates and advanced sailors of all ages inclusive, high-quality coaching and certification.

Our training sessions run from mid-April to mid-October and are designed for both adults and juniors. Whether you're completely new to sailing, building confidence, or looking to sharpen your skills ahead of racing or cruising, you'll find a friendly and capable instructor team ready to support you.

At SWSC we're committed to opening sailing up — to more women, more children, and families. Our courses incorporate both built-in RYA syllabus and club-tailored content to match your needs—whether that's a weekend introduction, a progression through dinghy levels, or a transition to coaching or safety-boat roles.

Why choose SWSC?

- Access to a variety of club dinghies: Tera boats, 8 Toppers, a Laser 2000 and 2 Wayfarers.
- Courses led by experienced volunteers: senior instructors and a dedicated squad of Dinghy Instructors.
- Non-members welcome: you don't need to be a member to join training, just bring a willingness to learn.
- Flexible progression: from RYA Level 1 & 2 right through to adult training, powerboat and coaching pathways.

How it works

- Course details, scheduled dates, availability and costs are listed on our website: scammondensailing.com/training-centre
- Booking is simple — either online via the website or by contacting our Training Principal.
- Buoyancy aids are provided free of charge if needed; wetsuits or waterproof clothing must be supplied by participants.
- At the end of each course, sign-off in your logbook and receive your RYA certificate upon reaching the required standard.

Interactive Duty Roster (DutyMan) and completing your duty

Like all sailing clubs, members are required to volunteer to help run the club.

At SWSC you will be required to complete a number of duties during the sailing year, this will be either as Officer of the Day (OOD) or as part of the safety boat crew. If you are rostered for a duty then you are expected to attend for your duty one hour before the start of the race to prepare.

If you are rostered for a duty but unable to attend, it is your responsibility to ensure that you swap the duty. You can swap via the DutyMan website – there's a direct link on the scammondensailing.com homepage - or by contacting other club members. All contact details are available on DutyMan and in the yearbook.

It is the responsibility of the OOD to ensure that all those rostered are able to attend. The Race Officer is also in charge on the day of the duty for racing and the safety of all those on the water.

For those who have never done a duty before, or who are inexperienced, we will try to ensure that you are placed with more experienced club members. We will also aim to ensure that at least one member on duty has Powerboat Level 2.

DutyMan, the club's duty roster, was successfully introduced during 2012. This is a live and interactive duty roster which helps members to manage their duties more effectively. This includes confirming availability, swapping duties online, volunteering and recording dates when you are unavailable.

DutyMan is simple to navigate but if you need a little help there is a 'How do I' link at the right of the upper navigation bar on the home page. This explains how to use the system and will answer most of your technical questions.

If you haven't received a welcome email containing a user name and an initial password then please contact Paul Cornish. You can change your initial password when you log into DutyMan.

For those worried about their contact details being made available online there are privacy settings when you log in. Contact details are not shown until a member logs into the roster. This means that your phone number cannot be seen by anyone who is not a SWSC member.

If you have any questions about DutyMan or have not received log-in details, please contact the sailing captain.

Dinghy Park Rules and Map

- Your boat park number will be issued/confirmed on cleared payment in full of your membership fees.
- Ensure your craft and equipment remains within your plot and that it is kept neat, trimmed and tidy.
- Before any new or replacement craft /equipment is placed in the dinghy park, please obtain consent from the Membership Secretary.
- Consent for placing a boat in the park applies to both new and existing members.
- You should place your current year boat-sticker on your transom (with your name or member number written on it in permanent marker) so that it is visible with the boat cover on.
- Craft not displaying the current year's sticker may be removed without warning.
- Please check your craft regularly, particularly when high winds are forecast..
- All trailers must be marked with owner details.
- Ensure your craft is securely fastened to the anchorages provided when left unattended.
- Always try to keep your trailer in your allocated berth.
- Road trailers left on site should be locked or otherwise immobilised.

SWSC Sailing Instructions 2025 Issue 28 - Christopher Smith

STATUS

- (i) These Sailing Instructions replace and supersede all previous issues of Sailing Instructions and are operative for all club races. Where a conflict exists between the club sailing instructions and the IYRU Rules, the sailing instructions will prevail.
- (ii) Separate instructions may be issued for Open Meetings, Regatta and Interclub races.
- (iii) Where reference is made to Boats, this also covers Sail Boards unless specifically referred to as a board or a dinghy.

SECTION A. Standing Orders (Sailing rules which always apply)

1. To be eligible to sail and race persons should be fully paid-up members of Scammonden Water Sailing Club, and dinghies must be 18 ft or less in length.
2. Adequate Personal Buoyancy (inflated if of that type) shall be worn at ALL times when on the water. There is no exception to this order which includes safety boat crews. Just a wet suit or dry suit is not sufficient.
3. Any person on the water is subject to the direction and control of the O.O.D. and safety crews at all times. The safety boat coxswain has authority to order a person to abandon his boat and be taken aboard the safety boat.
4. No sailing is allowed unless a safety boat manned by a capable person is in attendance. (confirmed by the club Burgee flying over the O.O.D. box).
5. All boats must pass the club's annual buoyancy test before sailing at Scammonden.
6. Boats must be disinfected at each arrival at the club.
7. Boats must have third party insurance cover of at least £5 million.
8. Non-members may sail providing a day's sailing fee has been paid and declaration of third-party insurance cover to a minimum value of £5million made and signed. They are not eligible to qualify for any series or trophy.

9. All boats sailing shall be subject to direction and control of the Sailing Committee and the O.O.D., but it shall be the sole responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to sail or to continue to sail.
10. All boats racing have right of way over all boats under training and all boats cruising.

SECTION B. Racing Rules

1. Except where modified here in races will be sailed under the rules of the I.Y.R.U., the prescriptions of the RYA, the Sailing Instructions and the rules of each class concerned.

2. ELIGIBILITY TO RACE

- (i) Before the first race of the day in which a competitor wishes to compete he must extract his buoyancy test card from the file in the O.O.D. box and present it to the O.O.D. in the receptacle provided. This is the only means an O.O.D. has of identifying starters.
- (ii) Each boat must produce a measurement certificate on request after racing at Scammonden for the first time and all prize winners must on request produce valid measurement certificates before being eligible for their awards.
- (iii) Any dinghy of the centreboard type up to 18' overall length with a recognized Portsmouth Yardstick Rating will be eligible to race at Scammonden.
- (iv) Any Sailboard conforming to UKBSA racing divisions will be eligible to race at Scammonden.

3. BOATS QUALIFYING AS STARTERS

- (i) Only those boats will be counted as starters that have conformed with 2 (i) above and are off the shore and afloat before their starting signal.
- (ii) Unless three or more boats in any one fleet qualify as starters as above, boats in this fleet shall start with the mixed fleet for this race. However, to keep the lights/flags sequence for other fleets, the normal starting signals will be made and a dummy start introduced. For special scoring rules that apply when a fleet races with the mixed fleet see Rule 8.ii.

4. COURSES

- (i) Courses shall be displayed at the O.O.D. box at least 15 minutes before the starting signal of a race. Courses set shall be a standard course unless an alternative is approved by members of the Sailing Committee present. Courses for major trophy days must be approved by members of the Sailing Committee.
- (ii) The course for boats with a PY greater than 1200 must be set at the same number laps as the course for the Main Fleet, but maybe shortened at the Race Officers discretion if significantly behind the main fleet.

5. THE CLASSES TO RACE AND CLASS SIGNALS

- (i) These tend to change from year to year and may be different on Trophy days, but an uptodate list of the order of starts of classes and their Warning, Preparatory and Start signals is always available in the O.O.D.'s box. The warning signal is the Class Flag signal for any particular Class. For order of starts see the Appendix attached.
- (ii) In exceptional circumstances a fleet may start late at the discretion of the O.O.D.

6. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

(i) STARTING

The starting line will be either:

- a) the extension of a line through two stationary posts with mark at or near its outer limit called the ODM and a mark at or near the inner end of the line called IDM and boats shall pass between these marks when starting. Either or both of these marks may be omitted at the O.O.D.'s discretion.

or

- b) a line between a mark and a staff on the committee boat or shore station.
- c) or a line between two marks.

(ii) **FINISHING**

The finishing line is formed by a straight line joining the Red/White transit pole and the orange pole with the wind vane on the top. When required the finishing line may be between a staff on the committee boat or shore station and adjacent buoy, and such a line shall be set at right angles to the direction of the course from the last mark.

(iii) **STARTING AND FINISHING**

In all cases the starter or finisher shall sight along the line formed by the outside of the two posts, or marks, on the opposite side from which the boats are starting or finishing.

7. SIGNALS

Normally, all signals are accompanied by a sound signal but timings should be taken from the visual signals. (A sound signal is a single tone noise such as a horn, klaxon or gun fire). All sound signals for recalls will be made with the same sound source as the starting signals.

(a) **The Starting Signal**

The starting signals will be a series of different coloured lights and sound signals as follows:

- 5 minute warning signal (1 light on)
- 4 minute warning signal (2 lights on)
- 1 minute warning signal (3 lights on)
- 0 minute warning signal (reverts back to 1 light)

Alternatively, flag signals may be substituted for lights. The Preparatory Signal for the first class to start shall be left flying or displayed until the last class has started. The Warning Signal for each succeeding class shall be broken out or displayed at the Preparatory sound Signal of the preceding class.

An order of signals would be:

- (i) Break out the Warning flag (Class flag) for Class A. After the time interval (e.g. 5 minutes)...
- (ii) Break out the Preparatory flag 'P' (Blue with a white centre) for Class A and the Warning flag for Class B. After the time interval...
- (iii) Lower the Warning flag for Class A (their start) break out the Warning flag for Class C. After the time interval...
- (iv) Lower the Warning flag for Class B (their start) and break out the Warning flag for Class D.
- (v) ...and so on. For the last class to start lower both the Warning and Preparatory flags at the start.

All the above signals shall be accompanied by a single sound signal.

(b) Individual Recalls

Individual recalls shall be signalled by a single sound signal and in the case of a flag start the class warning signal may be flown at half-mast. The responsibility for starting correctly shall rest wholly with the helmsman of the boat concerned, irrespective of whether or not sail numbers are called.

(c) General Recalls

General Recalls shall be signalled by the breaking out of the I.C. flag 1st substitute (triangular yellow with blue border) or by all lights showing simultaneously. Either signal shall be accompanied by two sound signals. The full start sequence will be re-started as soon as possible.

(d) Shortening Course

- (i) Shorten course signals shall be made before the leading boat commences her last leg.
- (ii) At the end of a round: I.C. flag 'S' (White with Blue centre) above the Class flag flown at the O.O.D. box will indicate that the race will finish at the end of the round being sailed.
- (iii) At any mark of the course: I.C. flag 'S' displayed above the Class flag from the committee boat. The race will finish on the line between the committee boat and the mark.

At the discretion of the OOD the limits of the finish line may be between the red and white pole (outside OOD box) and any mark of the course, passing through the mark if required. The finish mark will be passed on the same side as indicated in the course.

- (iv) When either of the above signals is made without a Class flag the signal applies to all classes racing.
- (v) The course for boats with a PY greater than 1200 may be shortened during the race at the discretion of the OOD by flying IC flag 'E' (Red and Blue halved). This procedure may not be used for committee boat starts unless the start and finish are at the same location.

All the above signals shall be accompanied by two sound signals.

(e) Postponement Signals

When any of the following signals is made without a Class flag the signal applies to all classes. The change of course flag 'Q' (yellow square) may also be included. The postponement signal is the I.C. flag Answering Pendant (Red and White vertical stripes).

- (i) When the Answering Pendant (AP) is flown over a Class signal the scheduled time of the start is postponed. The Warning signal will be made one minute after this signal is lowered. (One sound signal shall be made with the lowering of the AP).
- (ii) When the AP is flown over the letter 'A' over the Class signal the scheduled race is postponed to a later date. The future time and date of postponed races will be given by notice from the Captain on the clubhouse board at least 7 days before the new date.

All the above signals shall be accompanied by two sound signals.

(f) Cancellation and Abandonment Signal

When the I.C. flag N (Blue and White chequers) is flown over a class signal the designated race is cancelled or if in progress abandoned. When flown without a class flag the signal applies to all classes. Three sound signals to be made.

(g) Change of Course Signal (When a course already set for a race is to be changed).

- (i) The change of course signal is the I.C. flag 'Q' (Yellow square) and when flown alone means that the change of course affects all classes not yet started. When flown over a class signal means that the course for the designated class only has been changed.
- (ii) The course can be changed from the one previously set for the race at any time up to 15 minutes before the fleets affected Starting Signal without need for postponement. After 15 minutes before the Starting Signal the starts of the fleets affected must be postponed so the new course is displayed for at least 15 minutes before the first affected start.

The above signals shall be accompanied by two sound signals.

8.

SCORING SYSTEM

(i) In each points race scoring will be as follows:

First Place	1 point
Second Place	2 points
Third Place	3 points
Fourth Place	4 points and so on

- (ii) In the events of boats who could not make a fleet starting with the mixed fleet as provided for in Rule 3.ii, their overall result from that race shall count to their own fleet series. These boats' positions shall then be removed from the Mixed Fleet results and the Mixed Fleet boat positions scored as if these boats had not taken part.
- (iii) A boat retiring will be awarded points equal to the number of starters in the race plus 1.
- (iv) A boat that is a nonstarter but has conformed with 2(i) & 3(i) will be entered on the result sheet as D.N.S. and will NOT be awarded points for that race.
- (v) A boat disqualified will be awarded points equal to the number of starters in the race plus 3.
- (vi) **Points Series**
The number of races to qualify for all series will be as published in the Sailing Programme section of the club's annual yearbook. Any change to this qualification will be clearly written on the Series' results sheet displayed on the results notice board in the club house.
- (vii) **Ties**
When there is a tie on total points between two or more boats the tie shall be resolved in accordance with IYRU Rule A 2.3 (most firsts, seconds etc.)
- (viii) **Results**
Results should be calculated and posted by the OOD on the relevant notice board as soon as practical after the end of the day's racing.

- (ix) If more than one rig is used during a series then the lowest PY rig will count towards all results for that series.
- (x) Average points for doing duty during a series will only count if the series lasts for more than 2 weeks. In a series 3 races to be sailed for 1 average OD points.
- (xi) If 1 lap is completed on a trophy day, then it will be classed as being competed, and the results will stand.

9. TIME LIMITS

All finishers will receive a sound signal. Boats not finishing within 30 minutes of the leading boat finishing (on corrected time) will be deemed to have retired.

10. RETIRING FROM A RACE

Competitors must report their retirement to the O.O.D. within 15 minutes of the last boat finishing in that race. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

11. OBSTRUCTING STARTER'S VIEW

If any boat, having completed the course, returns over the finishing line and obstructs the starters view so that he cannot determine the order in which two or more boats cross the line, the other boats shall be deemed to have tied, and the offending boat may be disqualified.

12. PROTESTS

- (i) Supplies of protest forms are available in the O.O.D.'s box. The completed form should be given to the O.O.D. who will convene a hearing. If the O.O.D. is not available, any member of the Sailing Committee will accept the protest form.
- (ii) The O.O.D. shall be notified as soon as practical of a boat's intention to protest.

- (iii) The protest shall be made in writing and handed to the appropriate official within 45 minutes of the protesting boat finishing her last race of the day. No fee is required.
- (iv) Every effort will be made to hear protests on the same day. Parties and witnesses are requested to attend at the committee room at 1800 hours (unless notified otherwise) on the day the protest is lodged, when the protest will be heard (if possible) or a date for later hearing arranged.
- (v) Any notification which the Sailing Committee may be required to give to boats involved shall be deemed to be given if posted on the club notice board 6 days beforehand.
- (vi) The responsibilities of the Sailing Committee for hearing and deciding protests shall be delegated, pursuant to IYRU rule 89 to a subcommittee of selected protest committee chairmen. If the incident under protest involved serious damage to any involved craft or persons then the protest committee must be chaired by either the Sailing Captain or in his absence by the Vice Sailing Captain, another member of the Sailing Committee must also sit on the committee. At a hearing, two shall be a quorum and any member of the club shall be eligible to be a member of a protest committee. The meeting shall be chaired by one of the selected Chairmen.
- (vii) After a protest the completed form should be filed in the black folder in the clubhouse.

13. 720 degree TURNS, ALTERNATIVE PENALTY

- (i) The 720 degree turns rule, as provided in Rule 44.2 of the RYA rules, shall apply instead of disqualification for infringement of a rule in Part 2 (the right of way section) of the RYA rules.
- (ii) Any boat who gains an advantage by committing an infringement and then performing a 720 may be protested by the infringed boat and subsequently disqualified.

- (iii) Any boat who gains an advantage by committing an infringement of Rule 31 (touching a mark) may exonerate herself under Rule 31.2 by completing a 360 degree turn.

14. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Committee may change the Sailing Instructions by written notice not later than half an hour before the start of a race. Verbal instructions shall not be given.

When a change to the Sailing Instructions has not previously been published to competitors the I.C. flag Pendant 5 (Yellow and Blue vertical) shall be flown for at least 30 minutes before the start of the race affected. Two sound signals shall be made.

15. OWNER CHANGING BOAT

For the purpose of scoring it is the boat/helm combination that counts. Members changing class of boat during a series must notify the Sailing Committee in writing giving the date of the change and the old and new sail numbers. Points scored for the current series will then be awarded to the helmsman.

A helm must however qualify in the same class for Major Trophies to be eligible for the Rolling Trophies.

Key Dates For Your Diary 2026

The following dates are intended but may change

28th Feb 1st March - New season working party
2 family working days to prepare for the new sailing season

8th March - Start of the new season Sunday racing
The Warm-up Series and start-up party

1st April - Start of Wednesday racing
Competitive mid-week sailing through to end of September

18th April Saturday club start
Training sessions

11th 13th April - Enterprise Open
Fast, close fleet racing

16th May - SWSC Open Day
An opportunity to showcase the activities of the club

12th - 13th September - WLYC 24hr
Scammonden's favourite away event

14th October - End of season Pirate Party
Final Race Academy

14th November - Dinner Dance and Annual Prize-giving
Venue TBA - a night not to be missed!

18th November - AGM
The club's most important meeting
Have your say about how the club is run

27th December - Freezer Open
Final race of the year



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