



## 2018 Class Racing Programme

A full and varied programme of fully-crewed and double-handed events has been included this season, including the full Spring and Winter Series, which have been very popular with the class.

### Fully crewed Class Championship

9 events, to be sailed under J/88 class rules, for the magnificent Class Championship cup. In all but Cowes Week we will have our own class and where numbers permit, our own start. Each event will be scored by organisers using the normal low points system, with discards and DNCs scored in accordance with their Sailing Instructions. However, to encourage participation and avoid disadvantaging boats that cannot make all events, the series will be scored using the High-Points Percentage Scoring System as described below. The Notice of Series for this Class Championship will be published before the first event but no separate entry will be required.

18 Mar - 29 Apr	Warsash Spring Series (18, 25 Mar, 8, 15, 22, 29 Apr)
12-13 May	Royal Southern Yacht Club May Regatta
25-27 May	<b>National Championships</b> in conjunction with the J Cup, at the ISC
23-24 Jun	Royal Southern Yacht Club June Regatta
7 Jul	ISC Round the Island Race
14 - 15 Jul	Royal Southern Yacht Club July Regatta
4 - 11 Aug	Cowes Week - class tbc (Class event to run Sat - Tues)
8 - 9 Sep	Royal Southern Yacht Club September Regatta
7 Oct - 25 Nov	Hamble Winter Series (7, 14, 21, 28 Oct, 4, 11, 18, 25 Nov) (NB Dates TBC at time of going to press)
18 Nov	AGM. To be held at the Royal Southern YC after racing

### Double-handed Class Championship

8 races. With the smaller numbers participating this will be sailed in IRC and J/88 class rules will not apply. Normal low points scoring will be used with class results extracted from official race results using a TCC of 1.000 i.e from elapsed times. The Notice of Series will be published before the first event but no separate entry will be required.

5 May	Spring Solent Double
19 May	West Princessa Double
14 - 16 September	Double-handed Nationals and Nab Double (5 races total)
6 October	Autumn Solent Double

## THE HIGH-POINT PERCENTAGE SCORING SYSTEM

Wording to be included in the Notice of Series:

### 1. EVENTS TO COUNT AND MINIMUM REQUIRED

The series will consist of the 9 events above. To qualify for inclusion in the final series results a boat shall compete in (i.e., come to the starting area for) at least 5 of the events completed.

### 2. EVENT SCORES

Define 'N' to be the number of boats that compete in a particular event (for this purpose, a boat shall compete in at least 50% of the races completed in an event to count as having competed in the event). Each boat finishing that event will be scored as follows:

Finishing place	Score
First	N
Second	N-1
Third	N-2
Fourth	N-3
Each place thereafter	Subtract 1 point

All other boats that compete in that event, including any that finish and thereafter retire or are disqualified, will score 0 points. Boats that do not compete in that event (DNC) will not be scored.

### 3. SERIES SCORES

The series score for each boat will be a percentage calculated as follows: divide the sum of her event scores by the sum of the points she would have scored if she had placed first in every event in which she competed; multiply the result by 100. The qualified boat with the highest series score is the winner, and others are ranked accordingly.

2 When a boat has completed more than 5 events, her one worst score will be excluded. An excluded race counts as a race to qualify a boat for a series score, but not as one of her scored races.

### 4. TIES

Event ties will be handled using rule A7. Series ties will be broken using rule A8.

**Advantages:** The High-Point Percentage Scoring System has two substantial advantages over the Low Point System in RRS Appendix A. Over the course of a long series, many entrants in a series will, for any of a variety of reasons, find that they must miss one or even several races in the series. Under the High-Point Percentage System, a boat 'qualifies' for a series if she sails [5 out of 9] of the races in the series. Her series score is based only on the races in which she competes, and therefore, provided she sails in sufficient races to qualify for the series, she is not placed at a disadvantage if she misses some races. Also, the High-Point Percentage System has the advantage that a boat that wins a race in which a large number of boats compete is rewarded more handsomely than a boat that wins a race against a smaller number of competitors.

This system is sanctioned by the US National Authority (US Sailing) as an alternative scoring system for long series and the wording above is extracted from their National Prescriptions.