



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 Regatta Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-24 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), appropriate Class Rules and/or the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme (except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions).

1.2 RRS 40 (Personal Flotation Devices) is deleted in its entirety, and replaced by: All competitors must wear adequate personal buoyancy to at least EN 50 standard whilst racing (a wet- or dry-suit does not constitute adequate personal buoyancy)

1.3 Insurance. No yacht may take part in HCSC racing unless it is covered by Third Party Insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident

2. CLASSES TO BE RACED and CLASS RULES

2.1 Races are open to sailing dinghies as listed hereafter. Starts 2, 4 & 6 are open to Lymington, West Wight, West Solent, Keyhaven, Avon and Chichester Scows. Any of these sailed single-handed should be raced rigged with mainsail only. Scows raced two-handed may be rigged with main and jib, at the discretion of the skipper. Starts 1, 3 & 5 are open to all other dinghies.

2.2 All craft taking part shall comply with their Class Rules, except as varied by these Sailing Instructions.

2.3. Results for Races 1 to 3 will be calculated using Portsmouth Yardstick handicaps as modified and supplemented by Local Handicaps posted in HCSC in advance of the Regatta. Where no Number is published, competitors will be allocated Trial Numbers by the Race Committee. The Race Committee may adjust Numbers during the event.

3. SAFETY

3.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

3.2 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the Race Committee, the Race Officer, patrol boats and slipway marshals. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities. The fact that the Race Committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in these Sailing Instructions.

3.3 The helmsman or crew of each boat must sign on prior to racing, and must sign off within 15 minutes of coming ashore or 60 minutes after the end of the last race of the day, whichever is the earlier. Failure to sign on may be scored DNS and failure to sign off within the designated time may be scored DNF.

3.4 It is a pre-requisite for Junior members to take part in racing that a Parental Disclaimer Form is completed by a responsible adult. Such forms are valid only for the year in which they are completed.

3.5 Any boat racing in the Keyhaven River shall not cause Hurst ferries to take avoiding action

3.6 All boats shall comply with instructions given by any HCSC official Committee Boat or Patrol boat. Failure to do so may lead to disqualification from a race or the series.

3.7 All boats shall comply with their class rules and prescriptions as appropriate with regard to safety.

3.8 All boats shall comply with RRS 77 (Identification on Sails) and the RYA prescription thereto.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Sailing Events notice board located in the Clubhouse.

4.2 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the blackboard adjacent to the front door of the Club at least one hour before the scheduled start time.

5. RACING AREA and COURSE

5.1 The racing area will be the Western Solent immediately outside Keyhaven River or (if Flag X is displayed at the HCSC Clubhouse prior to racing) the Pool inside the entrance to Keyhaven River,.

5.2 The course will be triangular, set using Crewsaver orange inflatable race marks. Marks shall be passed or rounded to PORT if a RED signal board is displayed on the Committee Boat or to STARBOARD if a GREEN signal board is displayed on the Committee Boat. The marks will carry International Code flags 1, 2 & 3 to signify the order in which they are to be rounded.

5.3 All marks shall be rounding marks unless the alteration of course is clearly less than 45° when they shall be passing marks.

5.4 The Committee Boat will be identified by a blue flag and a HCSC burgee flown in its rigging

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES, CLASS FLAGS AND SERIES SCORING

6.1 Races will be scheduled as shown in the Notice of Race (poster):

Race No.	Start No.	Class	Class Flag	Warning Signal	Preparatory Signal	Start
1	1	General Handicap	Y	14:55	14:56	15:00
	2	Various Scows (as listed in SI 2.1 above)	H	15:00	15:01	15:05

Starts 3 & 5 (General Handicap fleet) and Starts 4 & 6 (Scow fleet) will be made as soon as possible after the finish of the preceding races. In all cases the start signal for the Handicap fleet will be the 5 minute warning signal for the Scow fleet.

6.2 Series results for a Class will be calculated using all the races sailed by that Class if two or fewer races are sailed, otherwise one discard will be allowed.

6.3 In the event of one or more General Recalls in a Race, all the Recalled classes will be started together, 6 minutes after the scheduled time for the last start in the Race. This changes RRS 29.2

7. STARTING AND FINISHING

7.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26. Times shall be taken from the flag signals. The absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded

The warning signal (Class flag as shown in Instruction 6.1 above) will be 5 minutes before the starting signal

The preparatory signal (Flag "P" with Class Flag) will be 4 minutes before its starting signal.

At one minute before the start, Flag "P" will be removed

7.2 A start may be postponed at any time before the start signal. Postponement will be indicated by the display of flag "AP" accompanied by two sound signals. When "AP" is taken down, accompanied by one further sound signal, the next Warning signal will be made one minute later. In the event of a Postponement, all races subsequent to the postponement will be postponed by the same amount of time.

7.3 The Start and Finish Line will be between the Committee Boat main mast and an adjacent mark (which will normally be an orange inflatable Crewsaver buoy carrying the "Skandia" logo).

7.4 Recalls: RRS 29 will apply, except as modified by SI 6.3 above (Flag X for Individual Recall, First Substitute for General Recall).

7.5 Boats **shall** cross the start / finish line at the end of each lap. After starting, they **shall only** cross the line at the beginning / end of a lap of the course

7.6 Races will last approximately thirty minutes and will use the RYA Average Lap Racing scheme.

7.7 The end of a race will be signalled (Flag "S" accompanied by two sound signals) at the end of the allotted time for the race. Thereafter, each boat will be finished on her next crossing of the Start and Finish line. Any competitor not crossing the line within ten minutes of the signalled end of the race may be given a finishing time based on her last crossing of the line prior to the signalled end of the race.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM AND PROTESTS

9.1 Rules RRS 44.1 (Taking a Penalty) is changed so that only **one** turn including one tack and one gybe, is required for infringements of Part 2 or Rule 31 (Touching a Mark)

9.2 Protests shall be written on forms available from the Club and delivered there within thirty minutes of the protesting boat coming ashore. RYA Rules Dispute Advisory and Mediation Hearings are available.

10. TIDES

10.1 In the Western Solent, the tidal stream will turn to run westward at approximately 16:30 BST on 31st July

10.2 The stand of High Water in Keyhaven River will be from approximately 15:30 till 19:30 on Saturday.