



XOD Central Solent Championships
July 8th – 9th 2017
The Royal Southern Yacht Club



Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 RRS 63.7 is changed in that in the event of a conflict between the NOR and the SI's, the SI's shall prevail.
- 1.3 Competitors shall comply with the Bye-Laws of Associated British Ports, Southampton. (These can be found here: www.southamptonvts.co.uk)

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NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the reception area of the Royal Southern Yacht Club.
- 2.2 Notices to competitors on the water shall be made over VHF on channel 37A. The call sign for the committee boat will be Royal Southern Race Control.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagstaff of the Royal Southern Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Date Class XOD Number of races

08/07/17 racing 3

09/07/17 racing 3

5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 10:25.

5.4 Subsequent Races will start as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. The RC will advise competitors of timings by VHF.

5.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:30.

6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be “Whiskey”.

7 RACING AREA

The Racing area will be the Central Solent.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The intention is to use 'round the cans' courses using a combination of fixed and laid inflatable marks. Details to be announced by VHF.

9 MARKS

The race committee will use the laid marks found in the Royal Southern Mark Codes 2017 list that can be found here:

<http://royal-southern.co.uk/Afloat/Racing#511524-generic-files>

The Race Committee may also lay inflatable marks.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26, 5,4,1,go.

10.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on a staff, on the committee vessel and the starting mark.

- 10.3** A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.4** To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2** Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing Line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and a finishing mark.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1** The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply. The penalty will be 20% of the total number of entries.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1** Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.2** The Time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 80 minutes.
- 14.3** The target time for the first finisher of each race will be 60 minutes.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1** Protest forms are available in the Sailing Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within

the appropriate time limit.

- 15.2** The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.3** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 15.4** Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.6** Breaches of SIs 10.3, 17, 21, 22 and 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 15.7** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

16 SCORING

- 16.1** The scoring system is as described in appendix A.
- 16.2** Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3** (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1** All boats shall carry a functional VHF radio.
- 17.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. [DP]

18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

19 OFFICIAL BOATS

The Committee boat will fly a Royal Southern Committee flag

20 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official boats.

21 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. [DP]

22 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta. [DP]

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

24 PRIZES

24.1 The “Lass Trophy” will be awarded to the winner of the regatta.

24.2 Prizes will also be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the regatta.

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Rule 4 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 if any and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f. The provision of patrol boat cover if any is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;

It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;

26 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of three million pounds per incident or the equivalent.