



ROYAL SOUTHERN SUMMER SERIES 2018

4 Regatta Weekends

12th – 13th May, 23rd – 24th June,
14th – 15th July and 8th – 9th September

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The Summer Series Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the Notice of Series and these Sailing Instructions (SIs). In the case of conflict these SIs will prevail; this changes Rule 63.7.
- 1.2 Boats shall comply with Southampton Harbour Bye-Laws. In particular, attention is drawn to Notice to Mariners No 3 of 2016.

2.0 SAFETY

- 2.1 No anchor shall be carried forward of the stem or with any part of it outboard, except when anchoring.
- 2.2 Retirement. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC by VHF radio before leaving the race area, or by notifying the Race Office no later than immediately after arriving ashore.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO NOTICE OF SERIES OR SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Notices will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) located in the main entrance area of the Club.
- 3.2 Any change to the SIs will be posted by 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it takes effect.
- 3.3 Race information and changes to SIs may be broadcast by VHF on the water before the warning signal in accordance with RRS 90.2(c).
- 3.4 Paragraph 3.1 of the Notice of Series is amended so that the J/80s will sail in the Mixed Sportsboat class; and the Mixed Sportsboat class will race using Royal Southern Club Handicaps derived from Race Committee (RC) observation and experience in past years and in other events.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be flown at the RSrNYC flagstaff. Should the RC decide to postpone or cancel a race, the appropriate signal will be flown at the RSrNYC flagstaff. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in RRS Race Signals AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

5. RADIO CHANNELS

- 5.1 Black Group will use VHF channel 72.
- 5.2 White Group will use VHF channel M1 (37A).
- 5.3 If transmissions on these channels fail or are blocked, IC flag "R" will be displayed on the committee boat. For Black Group, channel 77 will be used instead. For White Group channel M2 will be used instead.

6.0 CLASSES, CLASS FLAGS and SCHEDULE

BLACK GROUP – IRC BOATS and CLUB CLASS			
Class	Rating	Class Flag	Warning Signal(see 6.1)
IRC 1	IRC TCC 1.070 to 1.360	Numeral pennant 1	1025
IRC 2	IRC Rating band to be advised by Amendment on 9 or 10 May 2018	Numeral pennant 2	To be advised on VHF
IRC 3	Ditto	Numeral pennant 3	To be advised on VHF
Club Class	R Srn Club handicap	Numeral pennant 8	To be advised on VHF

WHITE GROUP – SPORTSBOATS and DAYBOATS			
Class	Rating	Class Flag	Warning Signal (see 6.1)
J/70	One design	International Code J	1025
Mixed Sportsboat	R Srn Club handicap	Naval Numeral 3	To be advised on VHF
XOD	One design	International Code W	1055

If additional classes are entered for one or more Regattas (see Notice of Series paragraph 3.3) details will be included in an Amendment issued shortly before the relevant Regatta.

- 6.1 Warning Signal: this is the intended time for the first race each day. Subsequent races will start soon after the end of the previous race, and the order and timing of starts may vary to minimise delays. The RC will advise competitors of its intentions via the respective VHF channels.
- 6.2 BLACK GROUP:
- (a) All except Club Class have three races scheduled for each day
 - (b) Club Class: two races are scheduled for Saturdays and one race on Sundays.
 - (c) In the May and September Regattas, the Performance 40 Class will race within IRC 1 and in addition will be given extracted results.
- 6.3 WHITE GROUP
- (a) J/70 and Mixed Sportsboat classes: three races are scheduled each day.
 - (b) XOD class: three races are scheduled for Saturdays and two races on Sundays.
- 6.4 No warning signal will be made after 1415 on Sundays.
- 6.5 Each boat shall display its class flag, and any sponsor flags provided by the organising authority, prominently at the stern at least 1.5 metres above deck level.

7. RACING AREA and COMMITTEE BOAT IDENTIFICATION

- 7.1 Racing will be in the Central Solent and Southampton Water. The start location will be announced regularly by VHF radio from at least one hour before the first scheduled class warning signal.
- 7.2 The Black Group main committee boat will display a Red flag with "RSrncYC Committee" in yellow lettering.
- 7.3 The White Group main committee boat will display a Green flag with "RSrncYC Committee" in yellow lettering.

8. COURSES AND MARKS

- 8.1 It is intended that courses for Black Group will mostly be "around the cans"; and that courses for White Group will mostly be windward-leeward.
- 8.2 Courses will be advised on the designated VHF radio channel using either the Course Diagrams in the Appendix 3 or Royal Southern YC Solent Mark Codes 2018 list.
- 8.3 The description and colour of any laid inflatable mark being used will be advised.
- 8.4 For windward-leeward courses when using laid inflatable marks, the approximate compass bearing of the course axis and the distance of the first windward mark for each class or start group will be advised.

9. THE START

- 9.1 (a) To alert boats that a race start sequence will begin soon, the orange flag will be displayed with one sound five minutes before the first class warning signal.
- (b) The "5-4-1-go" sequence of RRS 26 will be used. For Black group only, there will usually be a gap of five minutes between the start of one class and the warning signal for the next, so that classes start 10 minutes apart. For White Group, the start for one class will usually be at the same time as the warning signal for the next class.
- 9.2 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the main committee boat and an outer distance mark (ODM).
- 9.3 An inner distance mark (IDM) may be laid near the main committee boat. Boats shall not cross the line between the IDM and the main committee boat after the one-minute signal for each race and before starting and clearing the line. A boat infringing this rule may exonerate herself by rounding the end of the starting line to the pre-start side before starting.
- 9.4 Boats whose class warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

- 9.5 A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
- 10.1 If a windward-leeward course is in use using laid inflatable marks, a change in the course may be made to shorten or lengthen a leg by no more than 0.25 mile, or to alter its direction by no more than 20°, without making any signals. The change may be advised by VHF. This adds to RRS 33.
- 11. THE FINISH**
- 11.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the nearby finishing mark or as indicated by the course diagram Appendix 1.
- 11.2 Club Class: if a finish boat is not on station, boats shall sail close to the finishing mark and shall record their own finishing times; and if possible also identify the name and sail number of the boats immediately in front and behind. After finishing boats shall provide these details to the RC via VHF radio or by telephone to the race office at RSrNYC.
- 12. TIME LIMIT**
- 12.1 A time limit for the first boat to sail the course may be announced with the course. This changes RRS 35.
- 12.2 Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat of her class sails the course and finishes will be scored OTL (Over Time Limit) with points one greater than the last placed boat to finish before the time limit expired. If more than one boat in the class is to be scored OTL, points will be awarded as described in RRS A7. This changes RRS A4.2, A5 and A11.
- 13. PENALTIES**
- 13.1 For Black Group, the One-Turn and Two-Turns penalties of RRS 44.1 will not apply. Instead, Scoring Penalties will apply as described in RRS 44.3 except RRS 44.3(c) is changed so that the penalty will be 1% of the boat's elapsed time.
- 13.2 For White Group, the Turns Penalties of RRS 44.1 will apply. RRS 44.1 is changed such that the penalty shall be a One -Turn Penalty (1 tack and 1 gybe), except that if a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 while any part of any boat involved in the incident was in the zone (three hull lengths from the mark) the penalty shall be a Two -Turns Penalty (2 tacks and 2 gybes).
- 13.3 A boat (in Black Group or White Group) that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, but which does not take a penalty in accordance with SI 13.1 or 13.2 above, may take a time penalty as follows:
- (a) if she informs the RC before the expiry of the protest time limit, her penalty will be 3% of her elapsed time.
 - (b) If she informs the RC later than that but before the start of any hearing concerning the incident, her penalty shall be 5% of her elapsed time.
- 13.4 If a boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gains a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.
- 13.5 A boat shall not be scored as having finished out of time under SI 12 solely by application of a time penalty.
- 14. PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS**
- 14.1 Boats intending to protest or acknowledging an infringement shall report this to the main committee boat as soon as possible after the end of the race in question. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 14.2 Protest forms are available from the Sailing Office at the RSrNYC. Protests must be lodged in writing at the sailing office within 30 minutes of the return of the finishing committee boat to the Prince Philip Yacht Haven. The protest time limit will be posted on the ONB.
- 14.3 Notice of protests by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee (PC) will be posted on the ONB. This changes RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.4 A list of protests will be displayed on the ONB within 15 minutes after the protest time limit along with time and place of the protest hearing. This changes RRS 63.2.
- 14.5 Protests may be heard at the RSrNYC as soon as possible after racing on the day of the incident.

- 14.6 Changing RRS 66: on the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing, or a request arising from a PC decision, shall be delivered:
- (a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - (b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- 13.6 Penalties arising from hearings are at the PC's discretion and may be less than DSQ, may affect any number of races, or may be non-discardable. If the PC considers that points for retiring from a race make an insufficient penalty in the circumstances, it may impose a higher penalty. This changes RRS 64.1.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 RRS Appendix A will apply with the following changes.
- 15.2 1 race constitutes a series.
- 15.3 Each individual weekend regatta is a "series" on its own. When 4 or more races are completed, 1 score shall be excluded.
- 15.4 The overall Royal Southern Summer Series comprises the 4 weekend regattas and the following will apply:
- (a) A boat entering any of the regattas will receive a Summer Series score.
 - (b) RRS Appendix 4.2 is changed so that any boat not competing (DNC) will be scored 36 points or one point more than the number of boats competing in her class, whichever is greater.
 - (c) When 8 or fewer races are completed, no score shall be excluded.
 - (d) When 9 – 12 are completed, 2 scores shall be excluded.
 - (e) When 13 – 15 are completed, 3 scores shall be excluded.
 - (f) When 16 – 18 are completed, 4 scores shall be excluded.
 - (g) When 19 – 22 are completed, 5 scores shall be excluded.
 - (h) When 23 or more are completed, 6 scores shall be excluded
 - (i) For the Club Class, the best 8 scores will be counted.
 - (j) For XOD Class, the best 14 scores will be counted.
- 15.5 The Overall Winner of the Royal Southern Summer Series will be the boat with the highest score calculated in accordance with Appendix 2. This system takes account of different numbers of races sailed by various classes and the added difficulty of achieving a particular position in a larger fleet.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1 Prizes will be awarded to each class for each Weekend Regatta. The prize giving will take place on Sunday, as soon as convenient after racing and any relevant protests. The target time is 1600.
- 16.2 Other prizes or trophies will be presented at the prize giving dinner on Saturday 10th November 2018, attendance at which is by invitation.
- 16.3 The Overall Winner of the Royal Southern Summer Series will be awarded a prize or trophy, presented at the November prize giving dinner.

17. RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1 **Attention is drawn to the Risk Statement and Insurance requirements** set out in the Notice of Series paragraphs 15 & 16 and the undertaking by the competitors in the Entry Form to accept the Notice of Series and comply with its provisions.

APPENDIX 1

Royal Southern Solent Mark Codes 2018 – attached Mark Codes file

APPENDIX 2

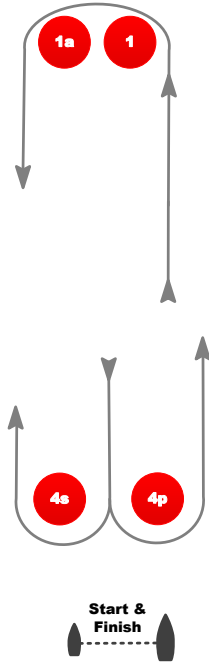
Calculation of the Overall Winner of Royal Southern Summer Series – attached High Points Scoring file

APPENDIX 3

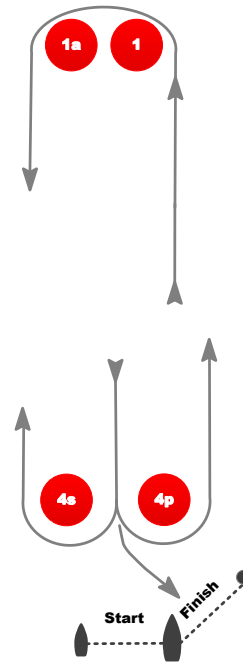
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APPENDIX 3 - Possible White Group Courses

LA	COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with spreader mark
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - Finish
LA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - Finish
LA4	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - Finish



LRA	COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with spreader mark and reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LRA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4p - Finish
LRA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4p - Finish
LRA4	Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4p - Finish



LR	COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with reaching finish
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LR2	Start - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2p - Finish
LR3	Start - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2p - Finish
LR4	Start - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2p - Finish

