



Members Regatta

Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th April 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in "The Racing Rules of Sailing" (RRS).
- 1.2 Classes racing as one design must conform to their class rules.
- 1.3 All entries will be allocated a handicap using the CCYC rating system from the information provided.
- 1.4 If there is conflict between the NOR and SI, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. Notice to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the entrance to Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any changes 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 will be displayed from the main flagstaff at the RORC Clubhouse, The Parade, Cowes.
- 4.2 When flag AP over AP is displayed with two sound signals, racing is postponed, the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after this is replaced by a single AP.

5. Schedule of Races

Date	High Water Portsmouth	First Warning Signal
Saturday 27 th April	17.42 GMT 3.8m	14.00
Sunday 28 th April	05.55 GMT 3.6m	12.00

6. Class Flags

- 6.1 The Class Flag will be Numeral Pennant 5.

7. Racing Area

- 7.1 Racing will be in the Central Solent.

8. The Course

- 8.1 The Course will be announced over the VHF channel 37(M) and will use the 2 digit identifiers and the required side to leave each mark.
- 8.2 The delay or failure of any VHF transmission will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 8.3 If a RED flag is displayed before the starting sequence, this indicates that the start will be to the East.
- 8.4 If a GREEN flag is displayed before the starting sequence, this indicates that the start will be to the West.

9. Marks

- 9.1 Marks will be selected from the fixed navigation buoys and racing marks in Appendix 1.

10. Areas that are obstructions

- 10.1 Boats shall comply with ABP Notice to Mariners No.3 of 2016 The Moving Prohibited Zone in the Precautionary Area which shall rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 19 and 20. Boats shall avoid close quarters with any commercial vessel.

10.2 Boats shall not anchor or kedge in the Cowes Harbour fairway and in the area between Stone Point and Gurnard Bay as indicated on the racing chart in these sailing instructions and on Admiralty Chart 2040.

10.3 Boats shall keep a good lookout for ferries and commercial traffic.

10.4 Boats shall not pass to the south of the Cowes Breakwater when racing.

10.5 The race committee may set courses that do not permit boats to sail rhumb line courses between marks. This shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11. The Start

11.1 The start is the extension of the RORC flagstaff through a vertical orange staff with a triangle. The ODM is Trinity House buoy. The IDM is the North Cardinal Buoy at the western end of the Cowes Breakwater.

11.2 Sail numbers of boats OCS may be broadcast on VHF. Delay or failure to broadcast an OCS sail number shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

12. The Finish

12.1 The Finishing line is between the RORC flagstaff and Trinity House Buoy.

13. Time Limit

13.1 The time limit is 18.00 Saturday, 16.00 Sunday, or 1 hour after the first boat finishes, whichever is the later.

14. Retirements

14.1 Boats that have retired shall notify the race committee, on VHF Channel 37(M) at the earliest opportunity.

15. Protest and Request for Redress

15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

16. Scoring

16.1 Two races are scheduled and one race is required to constitute a series.

16.2 This is a no discard series.

17. Radio communication

17.1 The Race Committee will communicate with competitors on VHF channel 37a (M1).

17.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

18. Risk Assessment

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 along."

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:

18.1 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;

18.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;

18.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own action or omission;

18.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

18.5 The provision of a race management team, and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

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

19. Insurance

19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event.