

2025



Notice of Race Beaulieu Series

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Southampton Yacht Club (RSYC)

2. RULES

- 2.1. Racing is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS).
2.2. Changes to RRS are notified in this Notice of Race (NoR) and in the Sailing Instructions (SI).
2.3. World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (WSOSR) apply - available from www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/offshore-special-regulations/
2.3.1. Boats shall comply with WSOSR Appendix B (Inshore Racing) and have due regard to both the temperature and conditions.
2.4. In the event of conflict between this NoR and the SIs, the SIs shall apply.
2.5. **No Anchor shall be carried before the Stem.**

3. RYA CHARTER

RSYC organises its races in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter and competitors are expected to conform to it. The RYA Racing Charter and its application can be found on the RYA Racing Charter web page and at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SIs will normally be published and available for download from the Official Notice Board (ONB) at least 7 days before the first race of the Series. A copy may also be emailed to boats that are entered at the time of publication.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.1. The ONB is the RSYC Website (16.1).
5.2. Official notices may also be emailed to entrants. Failure to receive such emails will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
5.3. Flag L will not be displayed ashore. This changes RRS Race Signals. However, notification of such notices may be sent SMS and/or WhatsApp to mobile telephones.
5.4. Official notices will be advised by VHF before racing.
5.5. All boats shall carry a marine band VHF transceiver capable of receiving normal international channels and channel 37A(M1) and shall maintain a listening watch throughout on the channel nominated by the Race Committee (RC).
5.6. Signals will be by VHF only, sound signals may be used, and no flags displayed. However, an Orange Flag may be displayed on the Committee Boat on the Start Line and a Blue Flag may be displayed on the Committee Boat on the Finishing Line. This changes RRS 26, 27, 29 and 30 and Race Signals. Failure to receive VHF transmissions will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
5.7. The RC call sign is 'Royal Southampton Race Control'. All communications between the RC and competitors afloat will be made by VHF.
5.8. A time check will normally be given around 15 minutes before the first scheduled Warning Signal.

6. ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 6.1 Entries are welcome from Fully Crewed Boats, Fully Crewed Boats White Sails, Double-Handed Boats and Double-Handed Boats White Sails.
- 6.2 Double-Handed competitors are allowed to use self-steering gear, in variance to RRS 52.
- 6.3 Entries are welcome from RSYC Members and Non-members and accepted until Noon on the Wednesday before each Race. If the OA agrees to accept an entry after that deadline, a late fee of £20 is payable by both Members and non-members.
- 6.4 Online entry and payment is accessible from the ONB on the RSYC Website www.rsyc.org.uk/onb and must be completed before racing.
- 6.5 Boats over 2.5 metres draught are not eligible. The OA may waive this requirement; requests must be made and determined in writing.

7. ENTRY FEES - All fees are in UK pounds sterling

EVENT	Races	Member	Non-member
Beaulieu Series	5	-	60
Double Race Days	2	-	25
The Solent Triangle Race	1	-	25

Entry is not complete until payment is received.

If all or part of the event is cancelled, fees are not refundable except at the discretion of the OA and if the cancellation is due to circumstances under the OA's direct control.

8. ADVERTISING

- 8.1. Boats may be required to display advertising if specified by the OA in the SI.
- 8.2. The OA reserves the right to use any photographic material of boats and crews (including videos with sound) connected with any of the events described in this NoR for the purposes of reporting on and publicising these and future events in any of its own or other print or online publications.

9. SCHEDULE

Month	Beaulieu Series	Saturday	Date	First Warning Signal
July	Race 1	Saturday	26	11:30
	Race 2	Saturday	26	Thereafter
September	Race 3	Saturday	27	13:30
	Race 4	Saturday	27	Thereafter
October	The Solent Triangle Race	Saturday	04	09:00

For illustrative purposes, the likely courses for The Solent Triangle Race, Appendix A & Appendix B are attached.

10. RATINGS & IDENTIFICATION

- 10.1. All boats will use the RSYC Handicap rating system. (See 6.4)
- 10.2. Club rated boats need not comply with the requirements of RRS Appendix G, provided a sail number or boat name is prominently displayed on both sides. This changes RRS 77.
- 10.3. A boat may only change its Handicap once during the Series. Such request must be made in writing and received not less than 72 hours before the Race.
- 10.4. On change of ownership during the series, a new Entry Form and Self-measurement Form must be submitted. The previous owner's scores will not count for the new owner and vice versa.

11. COURSES AND STARTING AREA

- 11.1. The starting area for Races 1-4 will usually be in the vicinity of 3E - The Boss.
- 11.2. Courses will be set around fixed marks but may also use laid marks.. The Solent Area Mark Codes 2025 are attached.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. Appendix A 5.3 will apply.
- 12.2. Three races are required to constitute a Series.
- 12.3. A boat's Beaulieu Series score will be the total of her scores excluding her discards as follows:
(Races/Discards) 4-5/1; and 1-3/0.

13. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

14. PRIZES AND TROPHIES

- 14.1 At the discretion of the RC, a Bottle Prize may be awarded to the boat, present after racing at Gins, which has had a notable race.
- 14.2 Depending on the number of boats who participate in the Series, prizes may also be awarded at the RSYC Prize giving Luncheon, at Gins, on Saturday 22nd November, at 1200.

15. INSURANCE

- 15.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of *£3 million pounds sterling* per incident or the equivalent.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1. Further information can be obtained from the RSYC :
Tel: 023 8022 3352. Email: administration@rsyc.org.uk or from the Website: www.rsyc.org.uk

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