

2025



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Beaulieu Series

26th July

27th September

4th October

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS).
- 1.2 If there is conflict between the Sailing Instructions (SIs) and the Notice of Race (NoR) the SIs will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.3 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (WSOSR) apply - available from www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/offshore-special-regulations/
- 1.4 Boats shall comply with WSOSR Appendix B (Inshore Racing) and have due regard to both the temperature and conditions.
- 1.5 A boat shall observe the IPCAS (ColRegs) in respect of commercial shipping and vessels not racing.
 - 1.5.1 The Race Committee (RC) shall protest a boat if a ship makes a complaint. This changes RRS 60.2. The Protest Committee may apply a penalty of DNE.
 - 1.5.2 An engine may be used in order to comply with 1.5. Competitors shall report the use of an engine whist racing to the RC who may protest that boat. If a significant advantage was gained the boat shall retire. The Protest Committee may apply a penalty other than DSQ.
- 1.6 Double Handed crewed boats can use self-steering gear, in variance to RRS 52.
- 1.7 **No Anchor shall be carried before the Stem.**
- 1.8 All times in these SIs are in BST.

2 COMMUNICATION

- 2.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) is the Royal Southampton Yacht Club (RSYC) Website www.rsyc.org.uk/onb
- 2.2 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).
- 2.3 Flag L will not be displayed ashore. This changes RRS Race Signals. However, notification of such notices may be sent by SMS and/or WhatsApp to mobile telephones.
- 2.4 Official notices will be advised by VHF before the next race concerned.
- 2.5 Signals may be by VHF only, sound signals may be used, and no flags may be displayed. This changes RRS 26, 27, 29 and 30. Failure to receive VHF transmissions will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 2.6 The RC call sign is 'Royal Southampton Race Control'. All communications between the RC and competitors afloat will be made on VHF CH 08, unless advised that CH 06 or an alternative may be used instead.
- 2.7 A time check will normally be given around 15 minutes before the first scheduled Warning Signal of the day.

3 COURSES and MARKS

- 3.1 Courses for Races 1-4 will use fixed marks in the vicinity of the Beaulieu River/ Western Solent but may also use laid marks. The Solent Area Mark Codes 2025 are attached.
- 3.2 The course may be announced at the time check. It will be announced before the Warning Signal and repeated at the Preparatory Signal.
- 3.3 The Start Line will be the Mast of a RC boat, which may display an Orange Flag at one end of the line and an outer distance mark (ODM), to be identified at or before the Preparatory Signal, at the other end.
- 3.4 The Finish Line will be the Mast of a RC boat, which may display a Blue Flag at one end of the line and a nearby mark at the other end.
- 3.5 Any boat touching an anchored committee boat used as a starting mark or finish mark shall be given a 5 place penalty without a hearing. If damage or injury is caused the boat shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 31, A4 & A5.

4 SCHEDULE

Month	Beaulieu Series	Day	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

5 THE START

- 5.1 The start area will be as advised by VHF but for Races 1-4 is likely to be in the vicinity of 3E – The Boss.
5.2 Boats failing to start within 5 minutes of their starting signal will be scored DNS.

6 CHANGE OF COURSE

- 6.1 There will be no changes in the Course after the first Warning Signal except to make adjustment to the Start Line or Finish Line when appropriate.
6.2 The likely Courses for The Solent Triangle Races are attached as Appendix A and Appendix B.

7 PENALTIES

- 7.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
7.2 An OCS boat will receive an additional 3 points to their finishing score. This Changes RRS A5.

8 TARGET and TIME LIMITS

- 8.1 Boats that retire shall promptly inform the RC by VHF and receive acknowledgement.
8.2 The target time for Races 1-4 is approximately 60 minutes. Failure to meet this time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
8.3 The target time for the Warning Signal for the second race of the day is 20 minutes after the time of the first boat to finish the first race.

9 PROTESTS

- 9.1 Intention to protest or seek redress shall be made known to the RC by VHF, immediately after finishing the race concerned giving the name and Sail Number of the boats involved, and which race.
9.2 Protests shall be submitted to the RC by email.
9.3 The Protest Time Limit is 6 hours after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or after the display of AP/A, N/A or N/H.
9.4 The date and time of protest hearings will be notified to the parties.

10 SCORING, RESULTS AND PRIZES

- 10.1 Appendix A 5.3 will apply.
10.2 One race is required to constitute a Series.
10.3 A boat's Beaulieu Series score will be the total of her scores excluding her discards as follows:

Races/Discards	4-5/1	1-3/0
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- 10.4 Provisional results may be announced at Gins and posted on the Website as soon as possible after the day's racing.
10.5 A Bottle Prize may be awarded to race winners each day, if present, after each race at Gins.
10.6 A Series Winners Prize will, subject to participation, be presented at the Prize Giving Lunch, at 1200, on Saturday 22nd November 2025, at Gins.

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