



2026

Notice of Race
Racing Practice Day ~ Central Solent
Saturday 25 April 2026

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1. The Organising Authority (OA) is The Royal Southampton Yacht Club Limited (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 (SIs).
- 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

3.1. 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 RRS.

4. ADVERTISING

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

5. ENTRIES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 The Racing Practice Day is suitable for Racers and Cruiser Racer boats. All entries are at the discretion of the RSYC.
- 5.2 Entries are welcome from Double-Handed and/or White Sail competitors and from Fully Crewed boats. Double handed competitors are allowed to use self-steering gear. This changes RRS 52.
- 5.3 Online entries are welcome from RSYC Members and Non-members and accepted until Noon on Wednesday 22nd April.
- 5.4 Online entry and payment is accessible from the Official Notice Board (ONB) on the RSYC Website www.rsyk.org.uk/onb and must be completed before racing.
- 5.5 Boats over 2.5 metres draught are not eligible. The OA may waive this requirement; such requests must be made and determined in writing.

6. ENTRY FEES

All fees are in UK pounds sterling

EVENT	'Races'	Member	Non-member
Racing Practice Day	6	20	40

- 6.1 Entry is not complete until payment is received.
- 6.2. A late entry administration fee of £20 shall apply, in addition to the above entry fees, to all entries (including from Members), when made after the entry deadline (5.3).
- 6.3 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.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1

Event	Description	First Warning Signal
1	Practice Start 1 } Duration about 10 minutes	1200
2	Practice Start 2 } including	Thereafter
3	Practice Start 3 } 2 Tacks	Thereafter
4	Windward/Leeward 1 } 1 Windward Leg and	Thereafter
5	Windward/Leeward 2 } 1 Downwind Leg, to Finish	Thereafter
6	Round-the-Cans Race	Thereafter

8. IDENTIFICATION

8.1. 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.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1. SIs will normally be published and available for download from the ONB at least 7 days before the Racing Practice Day.

10. COURSES AND THE STARTING AREA

10.1. The start area is likely to be in the vicinity of 3S - TeamO.

10.2. Courses will be described in the SIs and may use laid and/or fixed marks, the latter by reference to the Solent Area Mark Codes 2026, a copy of which can be found on the ONB.

11. SCORING & RESULTS

11.1 There will be no scoring and thus no results.

12. COMMUNICATIONS

12.1. The Official Notice Board is the RSYC Website: www.rsyc.org.uk/onb

12.2. 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).

12.3. 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.

12.4. Official Notices will be advised by VHF before racing.

12.5. 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).

12.6. 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).

12.7. The RC call sign is 'Royal Southampton Race Control'. All communications between the RC and competitors afloat will be made by VHF.

12.8. A time check will normally be given around 15 minutes before the first scheduled Warning Signal.

13. PRIZE

At the discretion of the RC, a Bottle Prize will be awarded to the boat which has had a notable Racing Practice Day.

14. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

14.1. All competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3 Decision to race.

14.2. 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:

14.2.1. 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;

