



**Notice of Race**  
**Beaulieu Spring Series ~ Central Solent**  
**April – June 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/](http://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/offshore-special-regulations/)
- 2.4. Boats shall comply with WSOSR Appendix B (Inshore Racing) and have due regard to both the temperature and conditions.
- 2.5. In the event of conflict between this NoR and the SIs, the SIs shall apply.
- 2.6. 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 **Beaulieu Spring Series** 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 **12 noon on Tuesday 21 April 2026**.
- 5.4. Online entry is available via the ONB <https://www.rsyc.org.uk/rsyc-racing/> 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**

6.1. All fees are in UK pounds sterling.

Event	No. of Races	RSYC member fee	non-member fee
Beaulieu Spring Series	4	Free	Free

- 6.2. Electronic invoices will be raised for fees upon receipt of completed entry forms.
- 6.3. Entry is not complete until payment is received.

- 6.4. 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).
- 6.5. 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

Race	Date	First Warning Signal
1	Thursday 23 April	17:00
2	Thursday 7 May	17:00
3	Thursday 28 May	17:00
4	Thursday 11 June	17:00

## 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 first event/race.

## 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. Scoring will be assigned as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> - 1 point  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - 2 points  
 3<sup>rd</sup> - 3 points  
 Etc.

- 11.2. Results shall be posted on the ONB, through the racing WhatsApp group and/or on the RSYC noticeboard in the clubhouse.

## 12. COMMUNICATIONS

- 12.1. The Official Notice Board (ONB) is the Racing tab of the RSYC Website: <https://www.rsync.org.uk/rsyc-racing/>.
- 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 flags may be displayed. However, 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 '**Beaulieu 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**

- 13.1. A Prize (TBC) will be made for the boat with the lowest points score at the end the series and a bottle prize will be made to the winning crew of each event, at the RSYC bar, following each event.

### **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:
- 14.3. 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;
- 14.4. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- 14.5. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 14.6. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event(s) and they are fit to participate;
- 14.7. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the OA does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 14.8. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 14.9. They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to face extremes of weather; that persons on board are of sufficient experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew;
- 14.10. Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000.00 (three million pounds sterling) per event against third party claims.
- 14.11. It is the responsibility of the competitor who enters this racing to ensure that all crew are fully aware of the provisions of this NoR.
- 14.12. In this NoR the term 'crew' refers to all persons on board in any capacity.

### **15. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 15.1. Further information can be obtained from the RSYC Captain of Sailing;  
Tel: 023 8022 3352 / [RCSailing@rsyc.org.uk](mailto:RCSailing@rsyc.org.uk) or from the RSYC website: [www.rsyc.org.uk](http://www.rsyc.org.uk)