



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Annual Regatta Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st May 2026

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 IRPCAS (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 whilst 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 <https://www.rsyc.org.uk/racing/>
- 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. 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).
- 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 may use fixed and movable marks in the vicinity of the Beaulieu River/ Western Solent. The Solent Area Mark Codes 2026 are attached to these SIs.
- 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 the RC boat which may displaying 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 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 Regatta	Day	Date	First Warning Signal
May	Race 1	Saturday	30	10:30
	Race 2	Saturday	30	Thereafter
May	Race 3	Sunday	31	11:00

In order to signal to other vessels that boats are racing, boats shall display a Signal Flag (Alphabetic or Numeral) prominently on the Backstay.

5 CLASS LIST, SAIL/CREW COMBINATIONS AND HANDICAPS

- 5.1 If the Regatta is separated in to Classes, a Class List will be posted to the ONB by Noon on Friday 29th May.
- 5.2 A boat's sail/crew combination and accompanying handicap shall not change during the Regatta.

6 THE START

- 6.1 The start area will be as advised by VHF.
- 6.2 Boats failing to start within 5 minutes of their starting signal will be scored DNS.

7 CHANGE OF COURSE

- 7.1 There will be no changes in the Course after the first Warning Signal except to make adjustment to Start or Finish Line when appropriate.

8 PENALTIES

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

9 TARGET and TIME LIMITS

- 9.1 Boats that retire shall promptly inform the RC by VHF and receive acknowledgement.
- 9.2 The target time for each Windward/Leeward race is approximately 60 minutes. The target time for the 'Round-the-Cans' race is approximately 150 minutes. Failure to meet this time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 9.3 a) The Time Limit for a Windward/Leeward Race is 30 minutes after the first boat has finished.
b) The Time Limit for the 'Round-the-Cans' Race is 45 minutes after the first boat has finished.

10 PROTESTS

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 Protests shall be submitted to the RC by email.
- 10.3 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.
- 10.4 The date and time of protest hearings will be notified to the parties.

11 SCORING & RESULTS

- 11.1 Appendix A 5.3 will apply.
- 11.2 One race is required to constitute a Regatta.
- 11.3 There will be no discards.
- 11.4 Provisional results may be announced at Gins and posted on the Website as soon as possible after the day's racing.

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 A Bottle Prize may be awarded to the race winners each day, if present, after racing at the Gins Clubhouse.
- 12.2 A Bottle Prize may be awarded by the RC to the boat that has had a notable race each day, if present, after racing at the Gins Clubhouse.
- 12.2 Depending on the number of boats who participate in the Regatta, prizes may also be awarded by the RSYC.

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