

2026



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### The Solent Triangle Race

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June

(The Solent Triangle Race devised by Guy Darby)

#### 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/](http://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.
- 2.8 When the Y Flag is communicated via VHF, all competitors shall wear a personal flotation device.

#### 1 COURSES and MARKS

- 1.1 The Course will either be per the attached APPENDIX A or APPENDIX B.
- 1.2 The Solent Area Mark Codes 2026 are attached to these SIs.
- 1.3 The course may be announced at the time check. It will be announced before the Warning Signal and repeated at the Preparatory Signal.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 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.

