



Portchester Sailing Club

Notice of Race



Cruiser Evening Series 2017

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1. RULES

1.1 The races will be governed by RRS prescriptions of the RYA, PSC 2017 Cruiser Racing Sailing Instructions

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

2.1 The 2017 Flew Sails Cruiser Evening racing will be 1 Series consisting of 10 planned races which will commence on Thursday May 4th 2017.

2.2 The series is open to all PSC registered monohull Keelboats and will be scored using the Portchester Sailing Club Cruiser Handicap (PSCCH).

2.3 The series will be split in to a Long Course and Short Course fleet. Boats will be allocated to a fleet by the Portchester Sailing Club Cruiser Race Officer and full details of the fleets may be downloaded from www.portchestersc.org or viewed on the Cruiser Noticeboard. Both fleets will start together on the same line at the same time and then sail a separate course as detailed within the 2017 Cruiser Evening Series courses which can be downloaded from www.portchestersc.org.

2.4 Over the course of the Evening Series boats will be allocated (by the sailing committee) to arrange/undertake OOD duties. Duty boat skippers will be responsible for ensuring that a suitably manned committee boat is available along with flags, signalling equipment and working communications with the start hut. Duty boat skippers should check with the Cruiser Captain 24hrs prior to the race regarding this requirement.

2.4.1 Where a boat is not able to race due to fulfilling an OOD duty then they will receive a score for the race they miss of average points for the series on which they perform their OOD duty.

2.4.2 Where a boat fails to fulfil their OOD duty and does not make alternative arrangements for their duty to be fulfilled they will be scored as DSQ from the race in which they were scheduled to do their OOD duty. N.B DSQ scores may not be discarded when calculating overall series results.

3. SCHEDULE

3.1 All Racing will be scheduled to start at 19:00 for the Long and Short course fleets.

3.2 All entrants must sign on to race by calling Portchester Race Control on **VHF CH 37/M1** no later than 5 minutes before the warning signal for each race. Should this channel suffer interference or crowding then VHF CH77 will be used instead. Boat skippers are advised to monitor both channels.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 The 2017 sailing instructions will be available from in advance of the start of the series Online from the downloads section of the Portchester Sailing Club Website URL: www.portchestersc.org

4.2 Courses: Racing will be run selecting courses from the 2017 Flew Sails Evening series courses. These Courses may be found within the download section of the Portchester Sailing Club Website URL: www.portchestersc.org and may also be displayed on the Cruiser notice board (located in the entrance hall to Portchester SC).

4.3 Each course will include details of the marks to be rounded for the Long and Short course Fleets as defined within point 2.3 of these race instructions.

4.4 The letter for the course for each race will be broadcast by Portchester Race Control on **VHF CH 37/M1** (or CH 77 – see 3.2 above) at the following times:

- An indication of the course letter will be provided to each competitor when signing on for each race.
- A further announcement will be made confirming the course **10 minutes before the Warning Signal for the race**. Where an X course is to be sailed then full details of the course to be sailed will be read out twice, **approximately 10 minutes before the warning signal for the race**.

All competitors are advised to ensure they have someone monitoring VHF CH 37/M1 (or CH77) at the specified time to ensure they capture full course details.

4.5 Starting: Racing will be started in one of two Zones

Sierra: This Zone will be an area to the north of Pile 80 and Pile 68A

Tango: This Zone will be to the South of Pile 85 and to the North of Pile 65.

- An indication of the starting zone will be provided to each competitor when signing on for each race.
- A further announcement will be made confirming the starting zone **approximately 10 minutes before the warning signal for the race**.

The start line will be a line between the mast flying an orange flag of a committee boat and an outer distance mark which will be an orange/yellow inflatable bouy.

4.6 Finishing

The Finish line will be between the yellow and black post on the front of the Portchester Sailing Club Race box and Pile 76 (Green) and onwards.

4.7 The position of all race marks will be as defined within the 2017 Portsmouth Harbour race course chart which may be downloaded from www.portchestersc.org.

4.8 The 2017 Cruiser Sailing instruction are amended for the 2017 Flew Sails evening series so that the time limit is 1hr 30 minutes for each fleet. Where the first boat in a fleet finishes within this time limit then the limit will be extended for the rest of the boats in her fleet by a further 45 minutes to 2hrs 15 minutes.

E.g. if the race starts at 19:00 and the first Long course fleet boat finishes at 20:28 then the time limit for the Long course fleet will be extended to 21:15, but the short course fleets time limit will remain at 1hr 30 minutes unless the first boat in the short course fleet finishes before 20:30.

4.9 If finishing under the cover of darkness then finishers are to identify themselves to the race organisers in the start hut by shining a bright light on their race number, dodger name or sail number.

4.10 **Shortening Course.** The course may be shortened for either fleet at any time by the committee boat stationing itself in the area of the first mark of the course which has not yet been rounded by the first boat on the water in the fleet for whom the course is to be shortened. The Committee boat will signal to the fleet that the course is to be shortened by displaying International Code Flag S. All boats shall subsequently complete the course by sailing between the mark of the course and the committee boat in the direction of the next mark of the course. **N.B** The shortening of course may not be broadcast on **VHF CH37/M1** (or CH77) and sound signals may not necessarily be made. The overriding signal will be the display of Code Flag S.