



Portsmouth Harbour Inter Club Series 2017 Race Instructions

Bembridge Interclub Race #3 [Version 2.0]

Saturday 15th July 2017. Start 13:30

Reference [1] Portsmouth Harbour Inter Club Rules and Sailing Instructions 2017. April 2017. V 1.0.
Available from the PSC website: <http://portchestersc.org/race-instructions>

1. Rules

- 1.1. Portchester Sailing Club is the Organising Authority for the Portsmouth Interclub series 2017.
- 1.2. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 – 2020, modified as per Ref [1].
- 1.3. Scoring will be in accordance with ref [1] para 1.5 using the National Handicap for Cruisers (NHC) system. A boats NHC base number will be adjusted by the results software after each race. An adjustment in handicap number is not the grounds for redress, this changes RRS 62.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. Racing is open to all registered Interclub cruisers who must display their interclub race number during the race.
- 2.2. All competitors must sign on to the race by calling up “**Interclub Race Control**” on **VHF CH 37 (M1)** no later than 5 minutes prior to the warning signal. Boats failing to sign on by 5 minutes prior to the warning signal will be scored DNS.
- 2.3. As per Ref [1] anchors shall be secured on or below deck and not protrude beyond the toe rail.

3. The Start

- 3.1. Racing will start using rule 26 and the warning signal Code Flag C will be displayed at 13:25.
- 3.2. The Start will be in the area of Vail Williams Buoy [5P]. The exact position of the start will be communicated by “Portsmouth Interclub Committee” on VHF CH37 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
- 3.3. The start line will be between The Bow of the Committee boat and Vail Williams Buoy [5P].
N.B An inner distance mark (IDM) may be laid and in such circumstances all boats must pass between the IDM and the ODM. The IDM may not be on the start line.

4. The Finish

- 4.1. The finishing line will be between No Mans Land Fort and the red pile to the West of the Fort, leaving the pile to Starboard.
- 4.2. Competitors are to record their own **elapsed times** in Hrs:Mins:Sec. If possible Competitors should also record names and times of boats finishing ahead and astern.
- 4.3. Finish information should be passed via SMS (in the form: Boat name, interclub race number, elapsed time Hrs:Mins:Secs) to Chris Parnell on 07515883428 or via email to: chrisjarnell@gmail.com .
- 4.4. Failure to provide finish information by 21:00 on 15th July 2017 will lead to a DNF being recorded.

5. Courses

Course A

Start		
Kemps Quay	5D	PORT
North Sturbridge	5F	PORT
Mary Rose	5N	PORT
Gleeds	5M	PORT
North Sturbridge	5F	PORT
Finish (leaving No Mans Land Fort to Port)		

Course B

Start		
Mary Rose	5N	STBD
Kemps Quay	5D	PORT
Outer Spit	5Q	STBD
Finish (leaving No Mans Land Fort to Port)		

Course C

Start		
Gleeds	5M	PORT
Outer Spit	5Q	STBD
Finish (leaving No Mans Land Fort to Port)		

- 5.1. The course designator will be broadcast by the committee Vessel no later than 5 minutes prior to the warning signal
- 5.2. The time limit for the race will be **4 hrs.**

6. Safety

7. Radio Communication

- 7.1. All boats taking part must carry a working VHF radio capable of transmitting/receiving on VHF channels 16, 37/M1 and 77 as a minimum.
- 7.2. As stated in section 2.2 above the race sign on and start will be conducted using **VHF CH 37**. Should CH37 suffer interference or talkover then VHF CH 77 may be used instead.
- 7.3. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats in the fleet. This restriction also applies to mobile phone communications.

8. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 8.1. Protest forms are available for download from <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/racing-rules/Pages/rya-protest-form.aspx> and competitors are advised to print off a copy and retain onboard their boat prior to racing in case needed. Protests and request for redress or reopening shall be delivered by email to the PSC cruiser captain within the time limit.
- 8.2. The protest time limit is 180 minutes after the last boat has finished.
- 8.3. Notices will be posted as soon as possible after the protest time to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named witnesses. Hearings will be convened as soon as is practicable after the race.

Risk Statement

- 8.4. Competitors are to acknowledge by email (chrisjparnell@gmail.com) or hardcopy sent to PSC Cruiser Captain at least 24 hrs before the start of the race that they have read and accept the risk statement placed on the cruiser race instructions area of the Portchester Sailing Club website <http://portchestersc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Risk-Statement.pdf> . This risk statement is copied at Annex A of these race instructions.

Annex A

Risk Statement

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

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:

- (a) 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;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats (if any) and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover (if any) is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (g) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, 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;
- (h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2 million against third party claims;
- (i) The fact that the race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in any Notice of Race or Series, or Sailing Instructions.