



2017 Portsmouth Combined Harbour Regatta and Bart's Bash Sailing Instructions

Saturday 9th September 2017 (v1 30/3/2017)

HW Portsmouth 14:17 BST

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1. Rules

- 1.1. Portchester Sailing Club is the Organising Authority for the 2017 Portsmouth Combined Harbour Regatta & the 2017 Portsmouth Harbour Bart's Bash.
- 1.2. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 – 2020. The prescriptions of the RYA, the 2017 Bart's Bash instructions, the Victory class rules, the Squib Class rules and for the Cruiser class 2017 Interclub Sailing Instructions.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. Racing is open to cruisers, Dinghies, Victory Class Day Boats, Squibs and Toppers.
- 2.2. All Cruisers, Victory Class and Squib competitors must sign on to the race by calling **"Portchester Race Control** on VHF CH 37 (M) no later than 5 minutes prior to the warning signal of the first start of the day.
- 2.3. All dinghies and Toppers must sign on at the Portchester SC race box prior to starting the race.
- 2.4. Boats failing to meet the requirements of SI 2.2 & 2.3 will be scored DNS
- 2.5. There is no entry fee for the event, but each competing boat is encouraged to make a voluntary donation to the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation after racing at Portchester SC of a minimum of £2 per dinghy and £5 for all other boats. Donations may also be made via the event Just giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bartsbash2017-portsmouth-harbour-combined>

3. Scoring

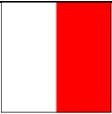
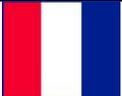
- 3.1. The scoring system for all classes shall be as in RRS Appendix A4.1 Low points scoring
- 3.2. Dinghies shall be scored using the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick system.
- 3.3. Cruiser Class shall be scored using The Portsmouth Combined Harbour Regatta Handicap system.
- 3.4. For the purpose of the 2017 Cruiser Interclub series the current Interclub NHC ratings for each boat will be applied to a boats elapsed time for this race to calculate their interclub result.
- 3.5. The Bart's Bash will be scored using an average boat speed handicapping system using each boats BART number as defined by Bart's Bash. Results for the Bart's Bash will be published at www.BartsBash.com. Given the variety of conditions the event may be run in around the world, results may not be that accurate and no responsibility is accepted in respect of thereof.

4. Schedule

- 4.1. The warning signal for the first start will be no earlier than 11:55.
- 4.2. 1 race will be sailed for the Cruiser Class & Topper Class and up to 2 races with No Discards may be sailed for the Victory Class, Squibs and Dinghies.

5. Classes and Class Flags

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Class	Flag	
Dinghies	International Code Flag H	
Topper	International Code Flag T	
Cruisers	International Code Flag C	
Victory Class	International Code Flag Z	
Squib Class	Naval Numeral 9	

6. The Start

- 6.1. Racing will be started using rule 26.
- 6.2. Fleets will start in the order as defined by the table in SI 5.1. The order of starts may be changed at the sole discretion of the race officer.
- 6.3. The Start will be in the area within a 1 mile radius of Portchester Castle and the position of the committee boat will be broadcast on VHF CH37 (M) no later than 30 minutes before the warning signal of the first start.
- 6.4. The start line will be between The Mast of the Committee Vessel flying a large Portchester SC Flag and the Outer Distance Mark (ODM) which will be an Orange inflatable Buoy. N.B An inner distance mark (IDM) may be laid which will be an Orange inflatable Buoy and in such circumstances all boats must pass between the IDM and the ODM. The IDM may not be on the start line.

The Finish

- 6.5. The finishing line will be between the Mast of the committee boat and 8A which will be an inflatable yellow pillar buoy

7. Courses

Course A	Course B	Course C	Course D	Course E	Course Z
B4 (S)	FGN(S)	Z2(S)	91 (S)	91(S)	Marks to be defined by the race committee
Z2(S)	Pile 85 (P)	Pile 21(S)	85(P)	85(P)	
B1(P)	91(P)	B1(P)	80(P)	P(P)	
P (P)	Pile 85 (P)	Pile 98(P)	P(P)	8A(P)	
Z1(P)	87(S)	B4(S)	8A(P)		
85(P)	8A(P)	Z1(S)			
P (P)		8A (P)			
8A(P)					

IMPORTANT After the Start competitors must stay on the Channel side of all channel markers except those in Portchester Lake north of Pile 80 and except where the course instructions specify otherwise.

All marks of the course will be as defined by the Portchester SC In Harbour race chart which forms Appendix A of these instructions. In addition a yellow inflatable pillar buoy with the description 8A may be used.

- 7.1. The course designator will be broadcast by the committee Vessel prior to the warning signal of each class, failure to receive this broadcast may not be grounds for redress.
- 7.2. The time limit for the Cruiser Class will be **2 hrs** extended by **1 hr** if the first boat in the class finishes within the time limit.
- 7.3. For the Victory Class & Squib Class the time limit will be **75 minutes** and any boat not finishing within **15 minutes** of the first boat in their class will be scored as the number of boats that finished within the time limit plus 1.
- 7.4. For the Dinghy Class & Topper Class the time limit will be **75 minutes**, any boat not finishing within the time limit will be scored DNF.

8. Radio Communication

- 8.1. All boats excluding dinghies & Toppers taking part must carry a working VHF radio capable of transmitting/receiving on VHF channels 16, 37/M1 and 77 as a minimum.
- 8.2. As stated in section 2.2 above the race sign on and start will be conducted using VHF CH 37(M).
- 8.3. 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.

9. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 9.1. Protest forms are available for download from <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/racing-rules/Pages/rya-protest-form.aspx> Protests and request for redress or reopening shall be delivered by email to Russell@Thepeaces.co.uk or by hand within the time limit detailed within S19.2.
- 9.2. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race officer returns ashore after the final race of the day.
- 9.3. 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

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.