



2018 Cruiser Sailing Instructions

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1 Rules

1.1 These Instructions supersede all previous Rules and Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Racing will take place under the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, these Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race. Competitors shall also comply with Local Notices to Mariners issued by relevant Port Authorities which are in force.

1.3 The Portchester Sailing Club Cruiser Handicap System (PSCCH) will be used to calculate results for the award of all Portchester SC trophies. Base handicaps based on the Portsmouth Yardstick system will be adjusted for each race using the formulas defined by the PSCCH

2 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2.1 The safety of the boat and her entire management including insurance with racing cover shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge, who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. These Sailing Instructions do not limit or reduce the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge of the crew, the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the owner/person in charge or crew as a result of taking part in a race or races. Moreover every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of the boat for a race or races.

2.2 Anchors shall be secured on or below deck and not protrude beyond the toe rail.

3 IDENTIFICATION

3.1 A Club burgee shall be flown from the backstay of each competing yacht and racing numbers shall be displayed clearly on both sides. To aid identification, race numbers are required to be a dark colour on a light background, with a minimum text height of 200mm.

3.2 Ensigns shall not be flown while racing. Any vessel flying an ensign will be assumed to have retired and scored accordingly.

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4 CRUISER DEFINITION

4.1 A cruiser is defined as a Sailing vessel, with fixed internal sleeping accommodation.

4.2 A day boat is defined as a ballasted Monohull sailing vessel, with a minimum displacement without crew of 500kg.

4.3 Multihulls are not eligible for races held within Portsmouth Harbour.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

5.1 Competitors shall call the race officer/start boat and receive acknowledgement on VHF radio prior to the warning signal and in accordance with the timescales detailed in individual race instructions to confirm their participation in each race. N.B where specific race instructions vary to this instruction then the individual race instructions will be binding.

5.2 Notices to competitors may be posted on the official notice board which can be found in the Entrance hall of Portchester SC Club House. A committee boat may display an official notice board.

5.3 All VHF communications regarding a race will be on Channel 37/M1 unless otherwise specified in the individual race instructions. Should interference or crowding be an issue then VHF CH 77 will be used instead at the discretion of the race officer.

5.4 Any shortened course or race abandonment instructions will be transmitted on Channel 37/M1 (or CH77 – see 5.3 above) unless specified otherwise within individual race instructions. All boats should therefore monitor the appropriate VHF Channel throughout the race.

5.5 Information given over the Club Forum or Face Book page is not an official method of race communication and the contents of the forum and Face Book page should be treated accordingly. Where a conflict may arise between information on the club forum or Face Book page and official race instructions, then the official race instructions will be binding. Incorrect information received via the club forum or Face Book page, whosoever transmits the information, shall not be grounds for redress.

STARTS

6.1 Starting Procedure

(a) Unless specifically detailed otherwise within individual race instructions, races will be started in accordance with Rule 26 as follows:

5 minutes before the start	Warning Signal	Class flag displayed
4 minutes before the start	Preparatory Signal	P Flag displayed
1 minute before the start	One minute gun	P Flag removed
0 minutes before start	Start Signal	Class flag removed

(b) The class flag will be Int. Code Flag "C" unless specifically altered by the race instructions.

6.2 Unless specifically detailed otherwise within individual race instructions, the start line is defined as an imaginary line between the main mast of the committee boat, or other mast raised for the purpose of starting the race, and an outer start line mark. An Inner limit mark may be laid adjacent to the committee boat. A boat passing between the Inner limit mark and any part of the vessel it guards after the preparatory signal will be disqualified without a hearing. For the purposes of the RRS Rules 18, 28 and 31, the Outer and Inner distance marks, together with the committee boat are marks of the course.

6.3 The committee boat may herself commence racing as soon as possible after the start signal. Her elapsed time will count in the results.

7 FINISHING

7.1 Committee Boat - the finishing line is an imaginary line between the main mast of the committee boat and a mark of the course, or otherwise as described in the course instructions.

7.2 Club Line - the finish line is defined as a line through the Black and Yellow post mounted on the Portchester SC start hut and green pile no 76 and beyond.

7.3 In the event of the Committee Boat not being present at the finish line the following procedure will be adopted.

(a) Each yacht finishing should take her own Elapsed time i.e amount of time for completing the course not the time on their watch, to the nearest second.

(b) Each yacht should inform the race officer at the earliest opportunity and no later than any time that may be specifically defined within the individual race instructions of her Elapsed time for completing the race, NOT her Finishing time. Failure to comply with this Instruction or any specific instruction regarding declarations of elapsed time that may be included in the individual race instructions will result in a score for the race in question of DNF.

8 TIME LIMIT

8.1 Unless altered by a race instruction, the time limit for each race shall normally be 4 hours. However, where the first boat finishes within this time limit then the limit will be extended to 5 hours 30 minutes

9 PROTESTS

9.1 Any protest shall be made to the Race Officer in writing. The time limit for lodging a protest is four hours after the last boat completes the race unless varied by individual race instructions.

For races finishing outside of Portsmouth Harbour, the protest committee will normally extend the time limit to incorporate the reasonable time taken for a boat to return to her berth, pack up and return to the club. Where a boat wishes these factors to be taken into account, she shall make reasonable endeavours to contact the Race Officer or Fleet Captain or other club official by VHF radio or mobile phone to advise them of the situation.

10 DECLARATIONS

10.1 A boat retiring from a race shall inform the Race Officer at the earliest opportunity.

11 SCORING

11.1 A race shall only be deemed to have taken place and scored as such if more than one boat starts the race (this changes RRS Rule 90.3(a)).

11.2 The following series shall be scored as series longer than a regatta (RR A9 shall apply):

- a. The Smiths Challenge Cup series.
- b. The Smiths Trophy Evening Series. (Long Course Evening Series)
- c. The Twilight Trophy Evening Series. (Short Course Evening Series)
- d. The Castle Shield and Fleetlands Cup Series. This series shall be scored as a separate series from the Smiths Challenge Cup series
- e. The Cruiser SuperCup. This series shall be scored as a separate series from the Smiths Challenge Cup series

11.3 The scores for boats that finish in each of Interclub races, The Nab Tower race, The Combined Harbour race, and the Cruiser Open Race shall, for the purpose of scoring for PSC prizes and series results, exclude all non-PSC boats.

11.4 The number of discards in a series will be half of the number of races that have been completed (without being abandoned) in the series rounded down less one. For example if 11 races have been completed in the series then competitors would have 5.5 discards rounded down to 5 less one to give 4 discards.

12 PRIZES

12.1 The Smiths Challenge Cup and The Spithead Cup Series will be awarded to the winner and runner up in the season's races with the winner being declared as the Club Cruiser Champion. The races to count in the series will be:

- The Cruiser Open Race for the Cruiser Open Trophy.
- In harbour evening Interclub Race for the Churchill Cup.
- The Back of Wight Race for the Jean Barr-Taylor trophy
- The Nab Tower Race for the Chiriya Cup.
- Solent Interclub Race for the Solent Cup.
- The Vectis Race for the Vectis Cup/Seaview trophy.
- The first race of the Combined Harbour Regatta for the Cams Shield.
- The Evening Series Long Course for the Smiths Trophy (Overall score to count).
- The Evening Series Short Course for the Twilight Trophy (Overall score to count).
- The Rum Run for the Carpenter/Prowting Cup.
- The first Portchester boat (using PSCCH and base numbers calculated as defined in 1.3 of these instructions) in the RTI race for the Trafalgar Plate Trophy.

To qualify for the Smiths Challenge Cup and the Spithead Cup Series a minimum of one in harbour and one out of harbour event must be started.

12.2 The Smiths Trophy will be presented to the winner of the Long Course Fleet in the Evening Series and The Twilight Cup will be presented to the winner of the Short Course Fleet in the Evening Series. The split between Long & Short Course Fleets will be as defined within the 2018 Cruiser Evening Series race instructions.

12.3 The Castle Shield and Fleetlands Cup Series will consist of: -

- The Solent Interclub Race 1 (Cowes).
 - The Nab Tower Race
- The first race of the Combined Harbour Regatta
- The Interclub Evening race

12.4 The Cruiser SuperCup will consist of

- The Nab Tower Race and
- The Cruiser SuperCup in harbour race

12.5 The Cruiser Open Race Trophy is awarded to the first boat in the Cruiser Open Race.

12.6 The Grouse Trophy is awarded to the first PSC boat in the Cruiser Open Race where a PSC boat is not the overall winner.