



Portsmouth Harbour Inter-Club Rules and Sailing Instructions 2018

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1 General Rules.

- 1.1 These Instructions supersede all previous Rules and Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 An Inter-Club Committee shall be formed each year and shall have at least one nominated representative from Fareham Motor Boat and Sailing Club, Hardway Sailing Club and Portchester Sailing Club. At any meeting, each club shall have equal voting rights. Each club shall take responsibility for the organisation of the Inter-Club Committee meetings, the Inter-Club series of races and the Combined Harbour Regatta for one year in every three years on a rotational basis. The dates of the races shall be agreed by the Inter-Club Committee.
- 1.3 Hardway Sailing Club will be the host club and Organising Authority for 2018
- 1.4 Racing will take place under the current World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRs), the prescriptions of the R.Y.A., these Interclub Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race and individual Race Instructions for the event.
- 1.5 Races will be scored using the National Handicap for Cruisers (NHC) system, using base numbers or numbers derived from the previous season's interclub events where possible. Any vessel for which there is no handicap in the NHC system will be allocated a base number, which must be mutually agreed by all 3 clubs, using the RYA rating calculator. A minimum of 7 days' notice prior to a race start time is required to issue a base number for a boat not previously handicapped. The Inter-Club Committee may adjust any boats NHC handicap at any time without reservation.

A boats NHC base number may be adjusted by the results software after each race. An adjustment in handicap number is not the grounds for redress, this changes RRS 62.

- 1.6 Spinnaker declarations do not have any impact on a boats NHC base number

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. Neither the race organisers nor the Inter-Club Committee shall 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.
 - 2.1.1 Anchors shall be secured on or below deck and not protrude beyond the toe rail.
- 2.2 Racing is open to all bona fide sailing clubs based in Portsmouth Harbour. Vessels competing for the trophy must be cruisers or dayboats, and members of the competing clubs and will be racing as representatives of their clubs. Should an owner belong to more than one club, he/she must declare which they will be representing throughout the series before the first race in which he/she competes in any year.
- 2.3 Competitors are required to submit a completed entry form to their club prior to competing in any race or series where this is required by their own club rules or club sailing instructions.

2.4

3 Identification.

- 3.1 A club burgee is to be flown from the backstay and racing numbers shall be displayed clearly on both sides of the vessel. To aid race officials identify boats, race numbers are required to be a dark colour on a light coloured 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.

4 Vessel 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 500 kgs.
- 4.3 Multihulls are not eligible for races held within Portsmouth Harbour.

5 Communications with Competitors.

- 5.1 Competitors shall confirm participation in each race by calling the Race Officer / start boat and receiving acknowledgement on VHF channel M1 (or CH77- see 5.2.1 below) **prior to the warning signal**; OR shall inform the committee boat of their intention to race **whilst the committee boat is on station at the start line**.
- 5.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards in the clubs. A committee boat may also display an official notice board.
- 5.2.1 All VHF communications regarding a race will be on VHF channel M1(37). Should CH M1(37) suffer interference or crowding, then VHF CH 77 may be used instead, and signalled by displaying code flag K from the Committee vessel, at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 5.2.2 Any shortened course or race abandonment instructions will be transmitted on channel M1(37) (or CH77- see 5.2.1)
- 5.3 Failure to receive any VHF communications is not grounds for redress.

6 Notices to Competitors, specific Race Instructions and Course Instructions.

- 6.1 Specific race instructions shall show the course to be sailed together with alternative courses to take account of weather conditions and contact details for the organising authority in order that declarations may be made. The notice to competitors and specific race instructions will be provided by the organising authority at least one week before the event, and will be displayed on the official notice boards of the clubs and on their web sites or by email. Course instructions and any alterations to the specific race instructions may be displayed on a committee boat.
- 6.2 In the event of any discrepancy between these Sailing Instructions and specific Race Instructions, these Instructions will take precedence.

7 Starts.

- 7.1 Starting Procedure.

(a) Unless specifically detailed otherwise within individual race instructions, races will be started in accordance with Rule 26 – See appendix 'Interclub Race Signals 2018'.

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

- 7.2 Unless specifically stated otherwise in 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 as defined in the sailing instructions for that race. 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. For the purposes of the RRs 18, 28 and 31, the Outer and Inner distance marks, together with the committee boat are marks of the course.
- 7.3 The starting line and any limit marks will be defined in the Notices to Competitors and/or the specific race instructions.
- 7.4 The committee boat may herself commence racing as soon as all competitors have started correctly. Her elapsed time will count in the results, and an allowance will be made for her delayed start.

7.5 Any competitor starting more than 5 minutes after the start signal will be scored DNS.

7.6 A minimum of 2 boats properly crossing the start line is required for a valid race.

8 Finishing.

8.1 The Finishing line will be defined in the Notices to Competitors and/or the specific race instructions.

8.2 Committee boat. The finishing line will be an imaginary line between the main mast of the committee boat and a course mark, or otherwise as described in race instructions.

8.3 The time limit will be stated in the specific race instructions for a particular race. Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored DNF, unless no boat finishes, in which case the race will be abandoned.

8.4 In the event of the committee boat not being present at the finish line the following procedure will be adopted.

- (a) Each vessel finishing should take her own Elapsed time for completing the course to the nearest second, finishing as near as possible to the finishing mark or as may otherwise be stated in the notice of Race or specific race instructions.
- (b) Each vessel finishing should attempt to take the name of the vessel in front and astern.
- (c) Each vessel should inform the organizing authority by the deadline specified in individual race instructions of her Elapsed time and if possible the Elapsed time of the following vessel.

9 Protests.

9.1 In addition to the requirements of World Sailing Racing Rules, the intention to protest shall be communicated by the protesting boat to the organising authority at the earliest opportunity. The deadline for protests is as described in the individual Race Instructions.

10 Declarations.

10.1 Any boat that retires from a race shall inform the organising authority as detailed in individual Race Instructions at the earliest opportunity.

11 Scoring.

11.1 The following paragraphs in Appendix A of the RRs shall not apply to the Inter-Club series of races nor to the Combined Harbour Regatta: Paragraph A2; Paragraph A4.1; Paragraph A4.2; and Paragraph A9.

11.2 In each race in the Inter-Club series of races the position of all vessels finishing for each club shall be averaged and the club with the lowest average shall be the winner. Any vessel starting but not finishing a race (disqualified, retired or out of time) shall be given the position of the number of boats starting in that race plus one position.

11.3 If any club enters less than three vessels in any race in the Inter-Club series the missing vessels shall be given the position of the number of finishers in that race plus two positions.

11.4 Any club entering more than three vessels in any race in the Inter-Club series shall be entitled to discard the slowest position according to the following :

- 4 to 5 starters 1 discard
- 6 to 8 starters 2 discards
- 9 to 12 starters 3 discards
- 13 to 15 starters 4 discards
- Over 15 starters 5 discards

11.5 The result of each annual series shall be calculated by adding the average positions for each race, the club with the lowest total being the winner.

11.6 The result of each race must be notified to the other members of the Inter-Club Committee by the organising club within 4 days of the race but where possible within 48 hours of the deadline for competitors declaring their elapsed times.

12 The Inter-Club Trophy

12.1 The Inter-Club Trophy will be awarded to the winner of a series of up to 5 races between any clubs situated within Portsmouth Harbour. The trophy will be competed for annually.

12.2 For the 2018 season the Inter-Club series will be made up of the following races:

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| Race 1 | In Harbour | Wednesday 23 rd May |
| Race 2 | Combined Harbour Regatta | Saturday 2 nd June |
| Race 3 | Nab Tower | Saturday 23 rd June |
| Race 4 | Half Wight | Sunday 22 nd July |
| Race 5 | Round the Cans, Solent | Saturday 1 st September |

INTER-CLUB CRUISER RACE SIGNALS 2018

Signals form part of the Sailing Instructions.

Times shall be taken from Visual Signals.

POSTPONEMENT



AP

Up

2 SOUNDS

May be signalled for any reason before the START signal.

POSTPONEMENT ENDED



AP

Down

1 SOUND

The WARNING signal will be made 1 MINUTE after lowering.

STARTING SEQUENCE:

WARNING SIGNAL



C

Up 5 min before start

1 SOUND

PREPARATORY SIGNAL



P

Up 4 min before start

1 SOUND

1 MINUTE SIGNAL



P

Down 1 min before start

1 LONG SOUND

START SIGNAL



C

Down

1 SOUND

INDIVIDUAL RECALL



C

Re-hoisted

1 SOUND

Signalled for identified boats on the course side at the START SIGNAL.

Lowered 4 min after the START SIGNAL, or when all identified boats have returned completely to the pre-start side of the line.

GENERAL RECALL



1st SUBSTITUTE

Up

2 SOUNDS

May be signalled for unidentified boats on the course side at the START SIGNAL, or a timing error of the START SIGNAL.

END OF GEN. RECALL



1st SUBSTITUTE

Down

1 SOUND

The new PREPARATORY SIGNAL will be made 1 min after lowering.

COURSE

Indicated by display of lettered board

RACING ABANDONED



N over

Up

3 SOUNDS

No more racing today.



A

USE CHANNEL 77



K

Up

4 SOUNDS

TIME LIMIT

If there are no finishers within a time limit the race will be ABANDONED. When an abandoned race is re-scheduled, all boats that entered must be notified & are entitled to start. New entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.