

Portchester Sailing Club 400 Open Meeting

Sunday 14th May 2017
Organised by Portchester Sailing Club (PSC)
To Be Sailed within Portsmouth Harbour

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, and in accordance with the prescriptions of the RYA & The rules of the 400 Class Association.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Competitors official notice board is at the PSC Start Box.

2.2 A briefing will take place at the PSC Start Box at approximately 11:45.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the PSC Start Box signal mast.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Racing is scheduled to start at 12:30 on Sunday 14th May.

5.2 Number of races: 3 races sailed back to back.

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Class flags will be: RS400 Class Flag - Violet with black RS400

7 THE COURSES

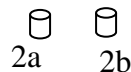
7.1 First and subsequent laps 1 Port, 2a Stbd or 2b Port, pass through Start/Finish gate.

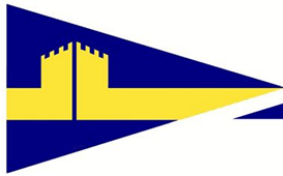
NOTE: *In accordance with 7.1 above the start/finish gate pillar buoy and committee boat are only marks of the course on legs beginning from marks 2a/2b.*

(c) Races will be approximately 45 minutes, finishing will be signalled in accordance with Shortening rule 32.1 as the lead boat approaches marks 2a/2b.



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8 MARKS

8.1 All course Marks will be Orange Inflatable buoys.

8.2 The starting and finishing mark will be a Yellow Pillar buoy.

8.3 Boats may touch a mark other than the starting or finishing marks. A boat shall not manhandle a mark when it results in an advantage. This changes RRS Rule 31.

9 THE START

9.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

9.2 The starting line will be between the main mast of the committee boat and the starting mark.

9.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

10 THE FINISH

10.1 The finishing line will be between the main mast of the committee boat and the finish mark.

11 TIME LIMITS

11.1 Time limits are as follows: RS400 Class - 75 Minutes

If no boat has finished within the time limit the race will be abandoned and will not be re-sailed.

11.2 When the leading boat has finished all following boats will finish when they next complete the lap they are sailing, finishing positions will be corrected based on the number of laps completed.

11.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the PSC Start Box within 60 minutes of the finish of the last race.

13 SCORING

13.1 (a) If 3 races are complete there shall be 1 discard.

(b) If 1 or 2 races are completed all will count.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

14.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee, a patrol boat or the PSC Start Box as soon as possible.

14.2 Personal flotation devices shall be worn at all times whilst afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment without flag Y having been displayed. This changes RRS 40.

15 RISK STATEMENT

All competitors take part at their own risk as detailed in the Notice of Race.

16 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows: 1st Boat Overall, 2nd Boat Overall, 3rd Boat Overall.