



Portchester Sailing Club



## 2020 Flew Sails Cruiser Evening Series (V-1-0)

With Covid 19 restrictions still in place please ensure you and your crew are able to adhere to all current Government and RYA guidelines whilst participating in club activities. The notes below are the clubs interpretation of the current guidelines, however it is your responsibility to ensure these are current and correct at the time of racing:

Social Distancing is still to be adhered to in the compound and on the slip way. Please allow plenty of time to launch maintaining slipway discipline and consider staggering coming ashore. Groups of more than six from different family groups or more than two household must not gather ashore.

As per Government and RYA Guidelines boats must maintain social distancing for non household groups/ bubbles. Up to six from different households can sail on the same vessel, however if 2m social distancing cannot be maintained then 1m plus with controls measures must be met as a minimum i.e the use of facemasks.

Considerate: be mindful of the potential impact that you could have on other water users and do not place unnecessary extra strain on the RNLI or emergency services.

Conservative: help to minimise risk by taking an extra conservative approach to your sailing.

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The race will be governed by RRS prescriptions of the RYA, The ISAF racing rules of sailing and the PSC 2020 cruiser sailing instructions, which can be downloaded from [www.portchestersc.org](http://www.portchestersc.org).

### 2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1. The series is open to all mono hull Keelboats and will be sailed using The Portchester Sailing Club Cruiser Handicap (PSCCH).

### 3. SCHEDULE

- 3.1. There shall be one start for all boats.
- 3.2. The scheduled start time will be 19:00 unless otherwise noted.
- 3.3. All Cruisers must sign on to race by calling Portchester Race Control on VHF Channel 37/M1 no later than 5 minutes prior to the warning signal of a race they wish to take part in. **Boats failing to sign on 5 minutes before the warning signal will be scored DNS.**

#### 4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. The course letter as defined within the 2020 Flew Sails Cruiser Evening courses will be communicated to Cruisers at the time of signing on to race and again on VHF Channel 37/M1 no later than 5 minutes before the warning signal. Full details of 2020 Cruiser Evening courses can be downloaded from [www.portchestersc.org](http://www.portchestersc.org)
- 4.2. Racing will be started in 1 of 2 zones defined as follows:
  - November which will be in the area north of Pile 80 and south of Pile 72A.
  - Sierra which will be in an area south of pile 85 and North of Pile 64
- 4.3. The start zone will be communicated to competitors at the time of signing on to race and again at the time of communicating the course letter for each course.
- 4.4. The position of all marks is as defined in Portsmouth Harbour Racing Chart available for download from the PSC club website [www.portchestersc.org](http://www.portchestersc.org)
- 4.5. Section 8 "Time Limit" of the 2020 Portchester SC Cruiser Sailing instructions is amended for the 2020 Flew Sails Cruiser Evening series so that the time limit is 1hr 30 minutes for each class. However, where the first boat in a class finishes within this time limit then the limit will be extended by a further 45mins to 2hrs 15 minutes for all boats.
- 4.6. Where no boat in a class finishes within the time limit of 1hr 30 minutes then all competitors in the applicable fleet will be scored DNF.
- 4.7. 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 state otherwise.
- 4.8. **Start Line** will be a line between the mast of the committee boat and an Outer Distance Mark which will be an Orange inflatable buoy. There may also be an Inner Distance Mark which may not actually be on the start line
- 4.9. **Finish Line** will be an imaginary line between the black and yellow post on the front of the Portchester SC race box and Pile 76 (Green) and beyond.
- 4.10. In the event of the Committee Boat not being present at the finish line the following procedure will be adopted.
  - 1) 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.
  - 2) Each yacht should inform the Cruiser Captain via text message (07968 405577) at the earliest opportunity and no later than 24hrs after the race ended 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.