

Portchester Sailing Club

Cruiser Section Sailing Instructions.

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1. Rules.

- 1.1 These Instructions supersede all previous Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Racing will take place under the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRs), the prescriptions of the R.Y.A., these Cruiser Section Sailing Instructions, the current Interclub rules, and the individual Race instructions for the event. For handicap racing, the current Portsmouth Yardstick system will be used and *may be varied from time to time by the Sailing Committee or Interclub Committee.*

2. Conditions of Entry.

- 2.1 The safety of the boat and her entire management including *third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of £2,000,000 including 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. Neither these Sailing Instructions nor the inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever 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.
- 2.3 Competitors are required to submit a completed entry form to the *Cruiser Fleet Captain or deputy* prior to competing in any race or series.

3. Identification.

- 3.1 The club burgee is to be flown from the backstay and racing numbers shall be displayed clearly on both sides. To aid race officials identify boats, race numbers are required to be black on a white 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. 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 500 Kgs.
- 4.3 Only Monohulls are permitted to participate in 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 37 prior to the warning signal.
- 5.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the club lobby. A committee boat may also display an official notice board.
- 5.3 All VHF communications regarding a race will be on channel 37.
- 5.4 Any shortened course or race abandonment instructions will be transmitted on channel 37.

6. Course Instructions.

- 6.1 In Harbour Races
The code letter indicating the course to be sailed will be displayed on the official notice board or at the start hut or on a committee boat. These courses are defined only in the Cruiser Section Standard Courses publication date March 2008 unless amended by specific sailing instructions.

7. Starts.

7.1 Starting Procedure.

7.1.a Races will be started as follows: 10-minute warning signal, a 5-minute preparatory signal, and the start signal. This changes rule 26. Unless otherwise stated in the specific race instructions.

7.1.b The class flag will be International Code Flag C, unless altered in accordance with specific race instructions.

7.2 Starting line – Club line.

The start line is defined as a projection of an imaginary line through the start hut mast and green pile No 76 and beyond. There will be no limit marks.

7.3 Starting line – Committee Boat.

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 Rules 18, 28 and 31, the Outer and Inner distance marks, together with the committee boat are marks of the course.

7.4 Individual recalls.

7.4.a In alteration of RR 29.1, individual recalls will be signalled using the class flag at dip *and a sound signal*. The flag will remain in this position until the offending vessel has returned to the pre-start side of the line. The flag will then be lowered.

7.4.b *Removed*

8. Finishing.

8.1 Finishing line – Club Line.

The finishing line is defined as a projection of an imaginary line through the start hut mast and green pile No 76 and beyond. There will be no limit marks.

8.2 Finishing line – 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 Finish line – Other.

Other finishing lines may be displayed on the club notice board and included in the race instructions.

8.4 Time limit.

The time limit will be 2hrs 30mins, unless otherwise stated in the Sailing Instructions for a particular race or series of races. For races starting before 1800 hrs, the limit will be extended by 30 minutes if the first boat finishes within this time. This changes RR 35. Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored DNF, unless no boat finishes, in which case the race will be abandoned.

9. Protests.

The intention to protest shall be communicated by the protesting boat to the Race Officer or Race Committee *as soon as practicable by radio or* within one hour of the last boat completing the race for out of harbour races.

10. Declarations.

10.1 A boat that retires from a race shall inform the race officer or race committee at the earliest opportunity.

10.2 Boats will be handicapped according to the Portsmouth Yardstick handicap system; the Cruiser Fleet Captain(s) (CFC) only, can allocate Handicaps. Note, a minimum of 48 hrs notice prior to a race start time, is required to issue a handicap number for a boat not previously handicapped.

10.3 A boat wishing to declare 'No Spinnaker' for a series of races must inform the CFC and receive acknowledgment a minimum of 24 hours before the first start of the boat in question in the relevant series. This handicap and spinnaker status shall apply for the duration of the series, unless the boat wishes to re-enter the series as a new competitor. Yachts declaring 'No Spinnaker' shall receive a 40-point addition to their handicap, unless the handicap already takes this into account.

10.4 Entry in subsequent series in the same season will assume the same handicap and spinnaker status as previously declared, unless the CFC is informed otherwise. See 10.2.and 10.3

In case of conflict for multiple series entered in the season, the last declaration of spinnaker status shall prevail.

11. Scoring.

- 11.1 RR A2, RR A4.1 (Low Point System) and RR A9 shall apply to the following races or series.
 - 11.1.a The Smiths Challenge Cup series.
 - 11.1.b The Smiths Trophy Evening Series.
 - 11.1.c The Interclub Series for the Castle Shield and Fleetlands Cup shall be scored as a separate series from the Smiths Challenge Cup series and shall be scored as a series longer than a regatta (RR A9 shall apply).
- 11.2 The position places achieved for boats that finish in each of Interclub races, Nab Tower race, Back of Wight race and Combined Harbour race, shall, for the purpose of scoring for PSC results, exclude all non-PSC boats.
- 11.3 Discards.
For every 3 races scored in a series a discarded score will be allowed.
- 11.4 For a race to be scored RR 89.3a will apply.

12. Prizes.

- 12.1 The Smiths Challenge Cup and The Spithead Cup Series.
The above trophies 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 (or series) to count will be:
 - 12.1.a The Open race for the Lewmar trophy.
 - 12.1.b The Lymington Interclub Race for the Churchill Cup.
 - 12.1.c The Yarmouth Interclub Race for the Trelfa Cup.
 - 12.1.d The Cowes Interclub Race for the Solent Cup.
 - 12.1.e The Back of Wight Race for the Jean Barr-Taylor trophy
 - 12.1.f The Evening Series for the Smiths Trophy (Overall score to count).
 - 12.1.g The Nab Tower Race for the Chiriya Cup.
 - 12.1.h The Rum Run for the Carpenter/Prouting Cup.
 - 12.1.i The Combined Harbour Race for the Cams Shield.
 - 12.1.j The Solstice Race for the Solstice Cup.
 - 12.1.k The Passage Race for the Dolphin Cup.
 - 12.1.l The Vectis Race for the Vectis Cup/Seaview trophy.
- 12.2 The Smiths Trophy and Twilight Cup Series.
The races to count will be a series of evening races held within the harbour.
- 12.3 The Castle Shield and Fleetlands Cup Series.
The races to count will be:
 - 12.3.a The Lymington Interclub Race.
 - 12.3.b The Yarmouth Interclub Race.
 - 12.3.c The Cowes Interclub Race.
 - 12.3.d The Nab Tower Race.
 - 12.3.e The Back of Wight Race.
 - 12.3.f The Combined Harbour Race.
- 12.4 The Trafalgar Plate Trophy.
The first PSC boat completing the ISC Round the Island Race after the PSC handicap is applied to the published elapsed time.
- 12.5 The Grouse Trophy.
Awarded to the first PSC boat in the Open Race.

13. Amendment history.

13.1 Footer Added.

13.2 *Changes for 2008 season identified in italics*