



# 2026 Club Racing for Dinghies & Open Keel Boats and 2026 Open Pursuit Races

Hayling Island Sailing Club, Hampshire, UK  
The Organizing Authority is Hayling Island Sailing Club

## NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (NoR & SIs)

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the NoR & SIs means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.*

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that Hayling Island SC implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at:  
[www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter)

### 2 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1 Club Racing is open to dinghies and open keelboats registered at Hayling Island SC. Competitors shall be members of Hayling Island SC or be a bona fide member's guest.
- 2.2 Pursuit Races are open to all monohulled dinghies and open keelboats with a PY number of 1451 and below. The pursuit races are open to all competitors, there is no requirement for Hayling Island SC membership.
- 2.3 All Club Racing events, including pursuit races, are listed in the HISC 2025 Calendar at:  
[www.hisc.co.uk/club-calendar/main-calendar/](http://www.hisc.co.uk/club-calendar/main-calendar/)
- 2.4 For weekend and bank holiday events, where links are provided in the calendar, boats shall register online.
- 2.5 Boats shall register on the day of racing by using the check-out and check-in procedure in SI 14.2.
- 2.6 For the RS Elite Class, series results will accrue to the boat, which may be sailed by different helms and crews. In all other classes, series results will accrue to the helm, who may sail different races with different boats (of the same class) and/or crews.
- 2.7 Handicap classes will race under the handicap numbers adopted by Hayling Island SC. The numbers are available on the website. The allocation of classes to handicap divisions in race series is available on the website at:  
[www.hisc.co.uk/sailing/club-racing-information/race-times-flags-and-handicaps/](http://www.hisc.co.uk/sailing/club-racing-information/race-times-flags-and-handicaps/)
- 2.8 Competitors under 18 years of age shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations before racing.

### 3 SCHEDULE

- 3.1 The schedule will include all events designated as 'Club Racing'. Details will be posted on the website and on the official notice board, and will include the dates of racing, number of races scheduled, times of warning signals and class flags.
- 3.2 Open Pursuit Races will be scheduled. Most of these will be in support of a designated charity to which competitors will be invited to make donations. Details of these events will be published, and will include supplementary sailing instructions.

### 4 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located on the north wall of the clubhouse beside the canteen on the ground floor.
- 4.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag masts on the club race control box.

- 4.3 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the advertised warning signal of the first race affected.
- 4.4 On the water, the race committee may communicate with keelboat classes on VHF radio channel 37 (M).
- 4.5 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## 5 RACING AREA

- 5.1 The racing area includes Hayling Bay and Chichester Harbour.
- 5.2 The intended area(s) for the day's racing will be posted on the official notice board at least 30 minutes (60 minutes when the start will be in Hayling Bay) before the advertised warning signal of the race or races affected.
- 5.3 **Exclusion Zone:** When flag E is displayed before the warning signal boats shall not enter the zone defined by navigation marks East Head Spit and Snowhill and the East Head shore immediately to the south of these marks.
- 5.4 **Thorney Channel Beacons:** Boats on any leg to or from marks in the Thorney Channel shall pass on the channel side of the Thorney port and starboard 'goal post' beacons marking the ends of the piles at the entrance to the Thorney Channel. Each beacon and the piles extending inshore from it ranks as an obstruction.
- 5.5 **Chichester Harbour Entrance (Danger Area):** The Harbour entrance is low lying and indistinct and is flanked on either side by West Pole and East Pole Sands that extend for more than a mile offshore. The West Pole and East Pole Sands merge to form Chichester Bar a little over half a mile offshore. Ebb tides in the entrance to the harbour can run at up to six knots at springs and, with a falling tide and strong winds from a southerly sector, a dangerous sea may be encountered. At certain states of the tide, it is difficult for patrol boats to operate in the area of West Pole Sands. Boats are therefore advised to follow the marked navigation channel.

## 6 THE COURSES

- 6.1 The course(s) for the day's racing will be posted on the official notice board at least 30 minutes (60 minutes when the start will be in Hayling Bay) before the advertised warning signal of the race or races affected.
- 6.2 A course displayed in accordance with SI 6.1 may be changed when a committee boat displays flag L with a sound, together with a new course.
- 6.3 The race committee boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## 7 MARKS

- 7.1 Marks will be inflated cylindrical buoys, fixed racing marks, or navigation marks. The colour of inflated buoys will be posted.
- 7.2 Starting marks will be the committee boat and a boat or buoy with an orange flag, or, for Club Line starts, the buoys or boat described in SI 8.2.
- 7.3 Finishing marks will be the committee boat and a buoy with a blue flag, or, for Club Line finishing, the mark described in SI 9.2.

## 8 THE START

- 8.1 **Committee Boat Start:** The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
- 8.2 **Club Starting Line:** The starting line will be between the mast on the club race box and one of the following:
  - (a) Course side of North West Winner buoy (Club Line East)
  - (b) Course side of North West Pilsey buoy (Club Line North)
  - (c) Course side of Calvert buoy (Club Line South)
  - (d) Staff bearing an orange flag on moored boat (Club Line Boaty)

- 8.3 [DP][NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

## 9 THE FINISH

- 9.1 **Committee Boat Finish:** The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat, and the other finishing mark.

- 9.2 **Club Finish:** The finishing line will be between the mast on the club race box and North West Winner buoy; or as specified in the course instructions.

- 9.3 **Shortening Course from the Clubhouse:** The race committee may signal a shortened course from the club race box (display flag S with two sounds).

When Sandy is the next mark of the course, boats shall round Sandy as described in the course instructions, then finish as follows.

- (a) When Sandy is rounded to port the finishing line will be between the mast on the club race box and North West Winner.
- (b) When Sandy is rounded to starboard the finishing line will be between the mast on the club race box and North West Pilsy.

This changes RRS 32.2.

- 9.4 **Alternative Finishing Line (W-finish):** The race committee may award a finishing place to a boat by pointing flag W at her with a sound. The signalled boat shall be deemed to have finished, and the score awarded shall be the position she occupied at the time of the signal. This changes RRS 28.1 and A3.

## 10 TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

- 10.1 Time limits in minutes are as follows:

<i>Scheduled Races/ day</i>	<i>Time limit</i>	<i>Finishing Window</i>
1	240	90
2 or more	120	60

- 10.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, or that fail to finish before sunset, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

- 10.3 Target Times may be posted. Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

## 11 HEARING REQUESTS

- 11.1 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

- 11.2 Hearing request forms are available at the race office.

## 12 SCORING

- 12.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 12.2 **Saturday Sprint Series.** The scoring for these events is the responsibility of each participating class.

- 12.3 **Club Series:** A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores from races completed, as follows:

<i>Races completed:</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>Scores excluded:</i>	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4 and so on

- 12.4 **Pennant Weekends:** each pennant weekend will be scored as a separate series:

- (a) When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

- (b) When three or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12.5 RRS A5.3 applies.

12.6 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

### **13 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of all Club Series and Pennant Series. Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority. The awards will be made as soon as possible after the end of each series.

### **14 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

14.1 Competitors are advised to wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

14.2 Check-out and check-in of competitors will apply as follows:

- (a) [DP][NP] Competitors shall check-out, before going afloat, using the eTally tablet device on the official notice board, or via smartphone
- (b) [DP][NP] Competitors shall check-in, immediately on returning to shore after racing, using the eTally device or smartphone.
- (c) [DP][NP] When the eTally is not available, boats shall check-out and check-in on the paper form on the official notice board.
- (d) The race committee may apply a penalty of one point without a hearing for a breach of this SI, applied to the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident. This changes RRS A5

14.3 [DP][NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

### **15 EQUIPMENT**

The Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by RRS Appendix G. Application to do so shall be approved by the race committee before the start of the days racing.

### **16 RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

### **17 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.