



2017 Club Racing for Dinghies & Open Keel Boats Hayling Island Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Events:

Opening Handicap Race
Saturday General Handicap Racing
Saturday Sprint Series
Sunday March/April Series
Solo Class Saturday March/April Series
Sunday May/June Series
Solo Class Saturday May/June Series
Sunday July/August Series
Solo Class Saturday July/August Series
Sunday September/October Series
Solo Class Saturday September/October Series
Saturday Open Winter Series
Sunday Open Winter Series
Wednesday Evening Early and Late Series
Pennant Series
Commodore's Trophy
Vice-Commodores' Trophy
Ladies' Trophy
Parent and Child Race
Harbour Challenge
Thursday Evening Sundowner Series

The Organizing Authority is Hayling Island Sailing Club

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 required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020), and in the Hayling Island SC Yearbook.
- 1.3 The notation [DP] in a rule of the NoR and SI means that the penalty for breaching the rule is at the discretion of the protest committee.

2 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1 The Saturday & Sunday Open Winter Series are open to all dinghies and open keelboats with a HISC handicap number (see 2.6) in the range 499 to 1386.
- 2.2 All other series and races are only open to dinghies and open keelboats registered at Hayling Island SC. Competing helms and/or crews shall be members of Hayling Island SC.
- 2.3 For the RS Elite Class sailing in the Pennant Series, Sundowner Series or the Sunday Open Winter Series, the results will accrue to the boat, which may be sailed by different helms and crews. In all other series, results will accrue to the helm, who may sail different races with different boats (of the same class) and/or crews.

- 2.4 For the Ladies' Trophy boats shall be helmed by a female member of Hayling Island SC.
- 2.5 For the Parent and Child race helm and crew shall be members, one shall be aged less than 16 years on the day of the event, the other shall be their parent or grandparent.
- 2.6 Handicap classes will race under the handicap numbers adopted by Hayling Island SC. The numbers are available on the website, or on application to the office. The allocation of classes to handicap divisions in Racing Series is available on the website, and posted on the official notice board.

3 FEES

- 3.1 There are no entry fees for HISC members sailing boats registered at the club in any of the series and races.
- 3.2 For the Saturday & Sunday Open Winter Series, the entry fee is £59.00 per boat for both series, and is applicable to boats not registered at HISC, whether sailed by members or non-members.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 **Registration:** No registration is required for HISC members sailing boats registered at the club. All other boats shall register at the HISC office before the first race they compete in.
- 4.2 The full schedule of all events including the dates of racing, number of races scheduled, times of warning signals and class flags are available on the website, and will be posted on the official notice board.

5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag masts on the club race control box.
- 5.3 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the advertised warning signal of the first race affected.

6 RACING AREA

- 6.1 The racing area includes Hayling Bay and Chichester Harbour.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 **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.
- 6.4 **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.
- 6.5 **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.

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 A course displayed in accordance with instruction 7.1 may be changed when a committee boat displays flag L with a sound, together with a new course.
- 7.3 The course to be sailed may be announced by the race committee on VHF radio.
- 7.4 The race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 Marks will be inflated cylindrical buoys, fixed racing marks, or navigation marks. The colour of inflated buoys will be posted.
- 8.2 Starting marks will be the committee boat and a boat or buoy with an orange flag, or as described in instruction 9.2.
- 8.3 Finishing marks will be the committee boat and a buoy with a blue flag, or as described in instruction 10.2.

9 THE START

- 9.1 **Committee Boat Start:** The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
- 9.2 **Club Starting Line:** The starting line will be between the mast on the club race box and one of the following starting marks:
 - (a) North West Winner – East line.
 - (b) North West Pilsey – North line.
 - (c) Calvert – South line.
- 9.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 **Committee Boat Finish:** The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat, and the other finishing mark.
- 10.2 **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.
- 10.3 **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 Pilsey.

This changes RRS 32.2.
- 10.4 **Average Lap Race Finish:** When, during an average lap race, the race committee at the finishing line displays flag S with two sounds, all boats will finish the race when they next pass through the finishing line, irrespective of how many laps they have completed. This changes RRS 32.

11 TIME LIMITS

- 11.1 Time limits in minutes are as follows:

<i>Scheduled</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Finish</i>
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Races/ day	limit	Window
1	180	90
2 or more	120	60

11.2 Boats failing to finish within the finish window time after the first boat sails the course and finishes, or that fail to finish before sunset, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

12 PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1 The exoneration penalty and the advisory hearing and RYA arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. The exoneration penalty will be 20% of the number of boats that came to the starting area. See the official notice board for details.

12.2 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

12.3 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

12.4 Breaches of SIs 9.3 and 15 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

12.5 Penalties for breaches of class rules, RRS 55 or rules in the NoR and SIs marked [DP], are at the discretion of the protest committee.

13 SCORING

13.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2 **Saturday General Handicap Races (excluding Open Winter Series).** Races will be scored independently; there will be no series placing.

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

13.4 **Club Series (including Saturday and Sunday Open Winter 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

13.5 **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.

13.6 **Pennant Series:**

(a) When one or two weekends are sailed a boat's Pennant Series score will be the total of her Pennant Weekend rankings.

(b) When three or four weekends are sailed a boat's Pennant Series score will be the total of her Pennant Weekend rankings excluding her worst.

(c) When five weekends are sailed a boat's Pennant Series score will be the total of her Pennant Weekend rankings excluding her two worst.

13.7 In all series results will accrue to the helm, who may sail different races with different boats (of the same class) and/or crews.

13.8 If one boat comes to the starting area, it will constitute a race, and the race shall be scored. This changes RRS 90.3 (a).

13.9 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.

14 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.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 Competitors are advised to wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 15.2 Check-out and check-in of competitors will apply as follows, though not for the RS Elite class:
 - (a) [DP] Competitors shall check-out, before going afloat, by signing the form on the official notice board.
 - (b) [DP] Competitors shall check-in, immediately on returning to shore after racing, by signing the same form.
- 15.3 [DP] A boat that retires from a race, or does not intend to start a race, shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16 EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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.

17 RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 17.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
 - (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - (g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

18 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2million per event or the equivalent.