



# 2017 Open Pursuit Race Series

<b>Mon 17 April</b>	<b>Easter Pursuit Race</b> <i>in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution</i>
<b>Mon 1 May</b>	<b>Early May Pursuit Race</b> <i>in aid of Prostate Cancer &amp; Breast Cancer UK</i>
<b>Mon 29 May</b>	<b>Regatta Pursuit Race</b> <i>in aid of Hayling Rescue</i>
<b>Sun 20 August</b>	<b>Glyn Charles Memorial Pursuit Race</b> <i>in aid of the John Merricks Sailing Trust</i>
<b>Mon 28 August</b>	<b>Cock o' the Harbour Pursuit Race</b> <i>in aid of Hayling Island Sail Training Trust</i>
<b>Sat 23 December</b>	<b>Christmas Cracker Pursuit Race</b> <i>in aid of Friends of Chichester Harbour</i>

Hayling Island Sailing Club, Hampshire, UK  
**Organizing Authority: Hayling Island Sailing Club**

## NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

To be supplemented for each event by a schedule of Classes and their start times

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The races 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/racing-rules/pages/hub.aspx](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/racing-rules/pages/hub.aspx)
- 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 races are open to:
  - (a) All monohull dinghies with a PY of 1451 and below. (Though it should be noted that locally adjusted numbers will be used to determine the pursuit race start times. The local numbers may be viewed on the Hayling Island SC website).
  - (b) Keelboat classes Artemis 20, Flying 15, K6, RS Elite, X boat, Swallow, Sunbeam, Hawk, Star, Yngling.
  - (c) Other classes may be accepted at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter at registration on the day of an event, or by completing the entry form on the Hayling Island Sailing Club website and submitting the entry fee.
- 2.3 Competitors less than 18 years of age shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations before racing (download from HISC website).
- 2.4 Each race is a stand-alone pursuit race, but forms part of the *2017 HISC Pursuit Race Series*.

### 3 FEES

Entry fees for each event are as follows:

Single-handed boat	£7.00 (under 18 £5.00)
Two-handed boat	£8.00 (under 18 £6.00)
Three-handed boat	£9.00

All proceeds will be donated to the stated charity.

#### **4 SCHEDULE**

- 4.1 Registration: from 09:00 on each race day.
- 4.2 A schedule of Classes and their start times will be issued for each event. The schedule will be posted on the official notice board and will be available at registration. Whenever possible it will be posted on the pursuit race page of the website:  
[www.hisc.co.uk/sailing-racing/open-events/hisc-open-pursuit-races/](http://www.hisc.co.uk/sailing-racing/open-events/hisc-open-pursuit-races/)
- 4.3 Competitors' briefings will take place 75 minutes before the first start on all race days.

#### **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 warning signal of the race.
- 5.4 The class flag for the first class to start will be Flag C.

#### **6 THE COURSE**

- 6.1 The course to be sailed will be posted on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the warning signal.
- 6.2 **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.
- 6.3 **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.

#### **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 as described in instruction 8.3.
- 7.3 Finishing marks will be a committee boat displaying Flag S and a blue flag, and one of:
  - (a) a boat with a blue flag, or
  - (b) a course mark as described in instruction 9.2.

#### **8 THE START**

- 8.1 (a) A schedule of start times for all classes will be issued at registration and will be posted on the official notice board.
  - (b) The first scheduled class will be started using rule 26.
  - (c) Other classes will be started by displaying the time delay in minutes (from the race box roof or committee boat). The number will be removed with a sound at the class's start. This changes rule 26.
- 8.2 **Committee Boat Start:** The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
- 8.3 **Shore Start:** The starting line will be between the mast on the club race box and one of the following:
  - (a) North West Winner: East line.
  - (b) North West Pilsey: North line.
  - (c) Calvert: South line.
- 8.4 If the race committee signals an individual recall (displays flag X with a sound), the flag shall be displayed until all boats that were on the course side of the starting line at the starting

signal have returned to the pre-start side, but will not be displayed for more than 30 seconds. This changes rule 29.1.

## **9 THE FINISH**

- 9.1 The race will finish approximately 150 minutes after the first start. All boats finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat home will be timed in.
- 9.2 The finishing line will be one of the following:
- (a) Between the blue flags on the finishing marks, set as near as is practical on, and at right angles to, the line between the marks bounding the leg on which the leading boat is sailing. The finishing line may proceed back round the course whilst finishing boats. At a mark of the course this finish line may change by substituting the course mark as a finishing mark.
  - (b) Between the blue flag on the committee boat and the mark that ends the leg on which the leading boat is sailing.
  - (c) After the first boat has finished, additional finishing lines may be set up at any mark the lead boat has previously rounded; such finishing lines will be between a committee boat displaying a blue flag and a mark of the course. Boats that have not yet rounded the mark shall finish here.

## **10 PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 10.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within 30 minutes of finishing the race.
- 10.2 Breaches of SI 13 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 10.3 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.

## **11 SCORING**

- 11.1 Boats shall be placed in the order in which they cross the finishing lines with boats that are further round the course taking higher places. If a boat crosses more than one finishing line the first result recorded shall count.
- 11.2 A boat's score in the HISC Pursuit Race Series 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
<i>Scores excluded:</i>	0	0	1	1	2	2

## **12 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded in all races according to the numbers of entries.

## **13 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 13.1 Competitors are advised to wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 13.2 [DP] Each competitor is required to sign on at registration and sign off on the form displayed on the Official Notice Board. This shall be done within 30 minutes of coming ashore after they have finished or retired from the race. Boats not returning to HISC may sign off by telephone to the race office (02392 463768).
- 13.3 [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.

## **14 RISK STATEMENT**

- 14.1 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."
- 14.2 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.

## **15 INSURANCE**

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

## **16 MEDIA RIGHTS**

Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event. This may include the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) operated under CAA guidelines.

## **17 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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