

2017 Sundowner Series for Cruisers & RS Elites

Thursday Evening Early & Late Series

Hayling Island Sailing Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply. The penalty will be two places.
- 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 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag masts on the club race control box.
- 2.3 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 17:00 on the day it will take effect.

3 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 3.1 The dates of races are set out in Attachment A of these SIs (together with local tidal predictions).
- 3.2 The class flags and scheduled time of the warning signals for each race day is:

Class:	Class flag:	Time:
RS Elite:	NP 7	18:50
Cruiser:	NP 4	18:55

4 THE COURSES

- 4.1 The course to be sailed will be announced by the race committee on VHF channel 37(M). The starting line and list of rounding marks, each identified by name, together with their required rounding side, will be announced at 15 minutes prior to the warning signal.
- 4.2 [DP] To enable a change of course, at each mark, the leading boat of each fleet will be required to report its position by radio on VHF channel 37(M). The race committee may then announce a change of the course.

5 MARKS

- 5.1 (a) Marks for Cruisers will be selected from the following:
EASTOKE
BAY
WESTPOLE BEACON
CHICHESTER BAR BEACON
CHI
RIZZI
SPARKES
WE
HARD
WINNER
SANDY
 - (b) For the Elite class marks may include Harbour racing marks.
- 5.2 Starting and finishing marks are described in SIs 7 and 8.

6 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

West Winner Beacon and Eastoke Beacon are designated as obstructions and shall be passed only on the deep-water side.

7 THE START

7.1 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.

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

8 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the mast on the Club Race Box and NW Winner buoy.

9 TIME LIMIT

9.1 The time limit is 120 minutes.

9.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

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 the appropriate time limit.

10.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.

10.3 Breaches of SIs 7.2 and 12 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

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

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

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

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

11.3 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rules A4 and A5.

11.4 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.

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

12.1 (a) Boats are advised to comply with the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Race Category 4.

(b) Elites shall comply with their class safety regulations.

12.2 [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.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

13.1 VHF Channel 37(M) may be used by the race committee to convey information to boats, including notification of boats penalized under RRS 30 (*Starting Penalties*).

13.2 VHF Channel 37(M) may be used by competitors to report their position (see SI 4.2) or to notify retirement (see SI 12.2).

13.3 [DP] Other than as above, or in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

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.
- (h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2 million against third-party claims, or the equivalent in other currencies.

Attachment A

Thursday Evening Sundowner Early & Late Series: Dates of Races and tidal predictions for Chichester Harbour Entrance.

Series:	Race:	Date (Thurs):	HW time (BST):	Height (m):
Sundowner Early	Race 1	4 May	19:22	4.1
	Race 2	11 May	12:54	4.6
	Race 3	18 May	17:30	4.1
	Race 4	25 May	11:42	4.9
	Race 5	1 June	17:52	4.4
	Race 6	8 June	11:52	4.4
	Race 7	15 June	16:15	4.3
Sundowner Late	Race 1	22 June	10:32	4.7
	Race 2	29 June	16:35	4.6
	Race 3	6 July	10:43	4.1
	Race 4	13 July	15:10	4.5
	Race 5	20 July	09:15	4.3
	Race 6	27 July	15:18	4.8
	Race 7	3 August	09:11	3.8