



2018 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4 – 6 May 2018

Royal Southern Yacht Club, Hamble



SUPPORTED BY:



X-YACHTS SOLENT CUP 2018



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Sailing Instructions

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The organising authority is the Royal Southern Yacht Club, Rope Walk, Hamble.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2 Shipping: to avoid commercial shipping that is under way, a boat may use her engine without retiring. This shall be reported to the Race Committee (RC) at the finish, with written details to the Sailing Office before the protest time limit expires. The protest committee may impose a penalty if it considers an advantage was gained in the race. This affects RRS 42.3(i) and changes 63.1. Attention is drawn to ABP Southampton Notice to Mariners No. 3 of 2016 concerning the Thorn Channel Precautionary Area. Copies are available at www.southamptonvts.co.uk (menu Yachting & Leisure – Notices to Mariners).
- 2.3 If Flag "Y" is flown on the main committee boat, personal flotation devices (PFDs) shall be worn so as to be clearly visible. This changes RRS 40 and Race Signals.
- 2.4 The RC may also shorten or abandon a race due to major wind shifts or irregular winds. This changes RRS 32.1.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS, CHANGES TO THE SIs and RADIO CHANNELS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be displayed on the Official Notice Board (ONB) in the front hall of the Royal Southern Yacht Club (RSrNYC).
- 3.2 Should it be necessary to postpone or cancel a race, the appropriate signal may be flown at the RSrNYC flagstaff.
- 3.3 (a) Amendments to the SIs will if possible be posted at least two hours before the advertised time of start and indicated by displaying on the Club flagstaff flag "L" and a numeral pennant showing the number of the latest change.
(b) Any late amendments to the SIs will be indicated by flag "L" displayed on the main committee boat and advised by radio at or before the warning signal for the first race affected. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 3.4 VHF radio channels: VHF channel 72 will be used unless blocked, in which case the race committee may display flag "R" (drawing attention to it with one sound signal) and change to channel 37a (M1).

4. RACE AREA and COURSES

- 4.1 Racing will take place in the central Solent and may use racing, navigation and inflatable marks. The RC may indicate the likely start area at the Friday evening briefing, and will advise the actual location by VHF radio (see SI 3.4) from about 0900 each race day.
- 4.2 Courses will be advised by VHF radio using the Royal Southern YC Solent Mark Codes 2018 list in the Appendix.

5. STARTING LINE

- 5.1 A description of the committee boat will be given at the Skipper's Briefing on Friday 4 May 2018. It will fly a flag with RSrNYC lettering on it. Radio callsign Royal Southern Race Control.
- 5.2 The starting line will be between a staff bearing an orange flag on the main committee boat and the outer distance mark (ODM) which will be an inflatable mark, colour to be advised with the course.
- 5.3 An inner distance mark (IDM) may be laid near the main committee boat. Boats shall not cross the line between the IDM and the main committee boat after the one-minute signal for each race and before starting and clearing the line. A boat infringing this rule may exonerate herself by rounding the end of the starting line to the pre-start side before starting

6. RACE SCHEDULE and CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 (a) Five races are scheduled for the Open Sports Classes, with three races planned for Saturday and two races for Sunday. Three races are scheduled for the Open Family Class, with two races planned for Saturday and one Pursuit Race for Sunday.
 (b) If the scheduled Saturday races are not completed, one extra race may be run on Sunday for one or more classes.
- 6.2 Boats should display their class flag prominently in the aft part of the boat at least 1.5 metres above deck level.
- 6.3 The orange flag will be displayed with one sound as an "attention" signal five minutes before the first warning signal of a start sequence.
- 6.4 **Saturday arrangements:**
 For the first race, the intended starting order and times are:

Class	Class Flag	Warning Signal	Prep. Signal	Prep. Down	Start Time
Open Sports Class A	Numeral 2	1025	1026	1029	1030
Open Sports Class B	Numeral 3	1035	1036	1039	1040
Open Family Class	Numeral 4	1045	1046	1049	1050

- 6.5 For subsequent races, boats should return to the main committee boat immediately after finishing the previous race and listen on VHF radio (see SI 3.4). Classes will be started when ready and so the order may change. The committee boat may change location after starting each race. Its location boat and the order and times of subsequent race starts will be advised by VHF radio.
- 6.6 **Sunday arrangements for the Open Sport Classes** will be the same as for Saturday, as above.
- 6.7 **Sunday arrangements for the Open Family Class:**
 For the Open Family Class, there will be a Pursuit Race.
 (a) Each boat will be allocated her own start time, which will be displayed on the official notice board in the front hall of the RSrNYC before 1900 on Saturday 5 May. Two or more boats may start at the same time. Competitors must note their own start time.

(b) A normal start sequence will be given for the first boat to start, beginning with a Warning Signal 5 minutes before her start. At that boat's start time, the class flag will be dipped and then re-displayed until the time that the last boat is due to start.

(c) Thereafter, VHF radio will be used to give each boat a 1-minute warning and a starting count-down. The class flag will be dipped at each boat's start time. See SI 3.4 for radio channels. These radio transmissions will be on low power and normally only receivable near to the start line. It is the responsibility of each boat to start at or after the correct time regardless of any error or omission in the radio calls. A sound signal will be given at the time each boat is due to start.

(d) If there is a postponement (flag AP) before the time for the first boat to start, all boats will start later than on the original list of times. At the end of the postponement (when flag AP is lowered) the committee boat will display a green flag to indicate that there has been a postponement and will keep the green flag displayed until the time that the last boat is due to start. The revised start time for each boat will be advised by radio. (e) This changes RRS 26 and Race Signals.

(f) A boat may use her engine until 1 minute before her start time.

(g) If a boat crosses the start line prematurely, she may return and re-start correctly at or after her allocated start time. If she fails to do so, she will be scored OCS. The RC will display code flag X with a sound signal for about 30 seconds after the boat's start time and will announce by radio that she was OCS. This changes RRS 29.1.

(h) The committee boat should be in position at the finish to record finishing order and times. However if the committee boat is delayed (e.g. whilst running racing for the other classes) then each boat shall record its own finish time and the same and/or sail number of the boats immediately ahead and immediately astern, and give this information to the RC as soon as possible, by VHF radio or telephone.

7. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG and SHORTENING COURSE

7.1 (a) if a windward/leeward course is in use around laid inflatable marks, no change of course signals will be made if the change is 20 degrees or less, or the length shortened or increased by no more than 0.25 mile.

(b) A committee boat (which may be a RIB) may be on station near to any mark, making repetitive sound signals and displaying flags "C" over "F". Boats shall round that mark and then proceed directly to the Finishing Line.

7.2 Shortening or changing course may only apply to certain classes, in which case their class flags will be displayed on the committee boat.

7.3 The RC may announce such changes by radio.

7.4 This SI changes RRS 33 and Race Signals.

8. FINISHING LINE

8.1 The finishing line will be between a staff bearing a blue flag on the nearby committee boat and the last mark of the course.

8.2 As a back-up, all boats should record their own finishing time and (if possible) the sail number of the boats ahead and astern; and give this information to the RC if requested.

9. RETIREMENT

- 9.1 Any boat which retires from the race after starting, or does not complete the race for any reason, shall notify the RC as soon as possible at the main committee boat or the sailing office at the RSrNYC telephone 023 8045 0302.

10. TIME LIMIT

- 10.1 The RC may notify a time limit for a class between the warning and preparatory signals.
- 10.2 Boats that do not finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in the class finishes will be scored DNF unless paragraph 10.3 applies. The expiry of that time will be announced by radio.
- 10.3 A boat not finishing within that time may promptly advise the RC that she was still racing and wishes to be scored OTL. She must await an acknowledgement. See SI 13.2 for scoring.
- 10.4 Other boats that have not notified their retirement to the RC or requested OTL will be scored DNF.
- 10.5 This SI changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

11. PENALTIES

- 11.1 The One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties of RRS 44.2 shall not apply.
- 11.2 Scoring Penalties shall apply as described in RRS 44.3 except RRS 44.3 (c) is changed so that the penalty will be 2 minutes added to the boat's elapsed time. A boat that fails to comply but acknowledges an infringement before the protest time limit expires will be penalised 5 minutes added to her elapsed time.
- 11.3 A boat shall not be scored as having finished outside any time limit or the time in SI 9.2(b) solely by application of a time penalty.

12. PROTESTS

- 12.1 Boats intending to protest or acknowledging an infringement shall report this to the main committee boat as soon as possible after the end of the race in question and await an acknowledgement. This changes RRS 61.3.
- 12.2 The time limit for lodging protests is 20 minutes after the return of the finishing committee boat to the Prince Philip Yacht Haven. The protest time limit will be posted on the ONB. Protests must comply with RRS 61 and may be lodged in person at the Sailing Office or by email to sailing@royal-southern.co.uk
- 12.3 Protests will be listed on the ONB shortly after the end of protest time, and will be heard at the RSrNYC as soon as possible after racing on the day of the incident.
- 12.4 Protesting boats are responsible for informing the protestee(s) of the time and place of the protest. This changes RRS 63.2.
- 12.5 Notice of protests by the RC or the protest committee (PC) will be posted on the ONB. This changes RRS 61.1(b) and RRS 61.3.
- 12.6 Penalties arising from protests are at the discretion of the PC. If the PC considers that points for retiring from a race make an insufficient penalty in the circumstances, it may impose a higher penalty. This SI changes RRS 64.1.

13. SCORING

- 13.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with no discard.

- 13.2 **OTL** (Over Time Limit). A boat complying with SI 10.3 will be scored as "OTL" with points one more than the last placed boat to finish before the time expired. If more than one boat in a class is to be scored OTL, they shall be scored as if they had tied as described in RRS A7. This changes RRS A4.2 and A5.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1 The first three boats in each of the three classes will each be awarded a glassware prize.
- 14.2 The X-Yachts Solent Cup will be awarded on merit by X-Yachts GB in consultation with the Royal Southern Yacht Club.
- 14.3 Other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of X-Yachts GB in consultation with the Royal Southern Yacht Club.

15. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 15.1 Attention is drawn to paragraph 15 of the Notice of Race and to Rule 4 of the RRS which states that the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

APPENDICES ATTACHED:

1. Royal Southern YC Solent Mark Codes 2018 List
2. Central Solent Chart



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