

IRC 2H NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 18th – Sunday 19th September 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Royal Ocean Racing Club, Cowes, United Kingdom

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Event will be governed by the rules as defined in "The Racing Rules of Sailing" (RRS), including RYA Prescriptions.
- 1.2 By taking part in the events covered by the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the Royal Ocean Racing Club COVID-19 procedures. [DP]
- Key links are provided below: Government: www.gov.uk/coronavirus and Royal Yachting Association <https://www.rya.org.uk/>

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND COMMUNICATION

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) located at <http://www.rorc.org/racing/race-documents>
- 2.2 The VHF call sign for the main Committee Vessel (CV) will be "Ocean One" and VHF channel 77 will be used to communicate with Competitors.
- 2.3 In addition to the ONB, a WhatsApp group with voluntary sign up, will be used to assist competitors to stay informed of RC intentions, notices, results, protest details and other information during the event. Sign up details will be available to all competitors during registration.

3 SAFETY

- 3.1 Competitors are reminded of their responsibility to take account of Notice to Mariners and are reminded to maintain a constant watch for shipping movements, particularly in the Port of Southampton Precautionary Area (Thorn Channel). Your attention is drawn to the ABP Notice to Mariners No.09 of 2021 and any subsequent amendments which covers the movement of shipping and the accompanying sound signals that may be heard. [DP]
- See [http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/admin/content/files/NTMs/2019%20No%2014%20-%20Port%20of%20Southampton%20-%20Precautionary%20Area%20\(Thorn%20Channel\).pdf](http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/admin/content/files/NTMs/2019%20No%2014%20-%20Port%20of%20Southampton%20-%20Precautionary%20Area%20(Thorn%20Channel).pdf)
- 3.2 The RC or Protest Committee may protest a boat for breach of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) or the above regulations on the basis of a report from any source. This changes RRS 60.2(a) and 60.3(a). [DP]
- 3.3 Yachts should check in with the RC each day before the Warning Signal of their first race, by passing close on the starboard side of the CV. [DP]
- 3.4 Retirement: A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC by VHF before leaving the race area. [DP]

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the ONB and the WhatsApp group by 0900 on the day it will take effect.
- 4.2 Any changes to the schedule of races will be posted not later than 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 No Signals will be displayed ashore. Competitors will be advised using the WhatsApp group of the RC intentions and any changes to the intended daily schedule.

6 INTENDED SCHEDULE OF RACES, CLASSES AND FLAGS

	Saturday 18 th September	Sunday 19 th September
HW Portsmouth	1033 4.3m	1116 4.5m
First Warning Signal	1025 (race 2 asap after race 1)	1025 (race 4 asap after race 3)
Prizegiving		1600

- 6.1 The intended programme of racing is detailed in the table above. The RC may choose to amend the number of races and types of courses that may be sailed on any day if weather or other reasons dictate.
- 6.2 Each day of the regatta the RC will communicate and confirm to competitors on the WhatsApp group and VHF the intended starting area for the main CV and order of starts, initially one hour prior to the first warning signal.
- 6.3 No warning signal will be displayed after 14:30 on Sunday 19th September.

7 RACE AREA AND COURSES

- 7.1 Racing will be in the Solent and adjacent waters. The location of the Committee vessel will be advised by VHF and the whatsapp group at least one hour before the warning signal.
- 7.2 Courses will be advised by VHF and the whatsapp group before the class warning signal, using marks from the 2021 Solent Mark List in the Addendum B.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 The colour of any laid inflatable mark that is to be used shall be provided by the RC, using VHF.
- 8.2 The starting marks will be the RC vessel and a large orange inflatable mark.
- 8.3 The finishing marks will be a RC vessel displaying a blue flag and the nearby mark.

9 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 Boats shall not: anchor or kedge in the cable and pipeline area between Stone Point and Gurnard Bay. This area is shown on Admiralty Chart 2036 and is between the line from Stanmore Point to Egypt Point and the line from Inchmery House Lepe to Thorness Bay. [DP]

10 THE START

- 10.1 To alert boats that a start sequence will begin, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with a sound, as an attention signal, at least five minutes before the first warning signal.
- 10.2 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 10.3 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag and the course side of an orange inflatable mark.
- 10.4 Individual recalls will be broadcast on VHF. Delay or failure to broadcast or receive a recalled boat name or sail number shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 The position of any laid inflated mark(s) may be adjusted by up to approximately plus or minus 10 degrees relative to the previous laid mark(s) position and/or up to approximately 200 metres to windward or leeward without a signal. This changes RRS 33.
- 11.2 In addition to RRS 33 signals, the RC will use VHF radio to assist in communicating the change of the next leg of the course.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag and the nearby finishing mark.

13 TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The time limit for the first boat of each class to sail the course and finish will be 120 minutes.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat of her class will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14 PENALTIES

- 14.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the penalty for a boat breaking a rule in Part 2 shall be a One-Turn Penalty (1 tack and 1 gybe).
- 14.2 Boats intending to protest or request redress for an incident in the racing area should radio their intention to the RC as soon as practical after finishing or retiring from the race concerned, naming any other boats involved, and await an acknowledgement. This adds to RRS 61.1(a).
- 14.3 Exoneration Penalty: A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the PC that she accepts a 30% scoring penalty.
- 14.4 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.5 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in her class has finished the last race of the day.
- 14.6 Notices will be posted within 20 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The location and time of hearings will be posted.
- 14.7 Notices of protests by the RC or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

15 SCORING

The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply with the following changes:

- 15.1 The corrected time will be the elapsed time * IRC Time Correction Factor
- 15.2 One race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2.1 When one (1) to three (3) races are completed there will be no discard.

15.2.2 When four (4) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst.

16 PRIZES

16.1 Prizes will be awarded and the prizegiving will take place at the RORC Cowes Clubhouse on Sunday 19th September. Target time is 1600hrs.

17 OFFICIAL BOATS

18.1 All RC vessels will display a RORC burgee.

18 RISK STATEMENT

19.1 Rule 3 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."

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:

- 18.2 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;
- 18.3 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 18.4 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- 18.5 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 18.6 The provision of a race management team and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 18.7 They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

19 INSURANCE

19.1 Each participating boat shall ensure that their boat is adequately and suitably insured before racing.

Addendum B

2021 Solent Marks List <https://www.scra.org.uk/assets/documents/pr-marks-2021-18-may21.pdf>