



**ORGANISING AUTHORITY:  
ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON**  
in association with the  
**BRITISH CLASSIC YACHT CLUB**  
**15-19 JULY 2024**  
**COWES**

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (Sis) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 See Notice of Race 1.

### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions made ashore will be posted by 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the Schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB). The ONB will be online at [www.rys.org.uk](http://www.rys.org.uk).
- 3.2 The Race Committee (RC) intends to broadcast race and course information by VHF Ch 05 and repeated on the Event Telegram Group. See SI Addendum A.
- 3.3 Competitors wishing to communicate with the RC should do so on VHF Ch 77.

### 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE AND AFLOAT






- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS) Flagstaff and advised on the event Telegram group.
- 5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 45 minutes". This changes Race Signals AP.

### 6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 See Notice of Race (NoR) Addendum A.

### 7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The Class Flags are shown below.

Class 1	NP 1 
Class 2	NP 2 
Class 3	NP 3 
Class 4	NP 4 
Class 5	NP 5 

### 8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The Racing Area shall be the waters of the Solent and Approaches.

### 9. COURSES

- 9.1 The Courses to be sailed will be announced by the RC (call sign: Castle One) on VHF Ch 05 before the Warning Signal and again as soon as possible after the Preparatory Signal. There will be no visual course boards.
- 9.2 [DP] A boat shall avoid passing through the RYS Starting or Finishing Lines unless she is starting or finishing on that Line.

### 10. MARKS

- 10.1 The RC intends to set Courses in the Solent using fixed navigation buoys, racing marks and inflatable buoys using the Solent Two Character Codes.
- 10.2 Information on racing marks in the Solent and the Two Character Codes is available at <https://www.scra.org.uk/solent-marks/solent-marks2>.
- 10.3 The RC may also use Virtual Marks if required.
- 10.4 World Sailing RRS Appendix WP (Rules for racing around waypoints) will apply if virtual marks are included in courses. Further information may be found at: [https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/AppendixWPRulesforWaypointsMay2021-\[27276\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/AppendixWPRulesforWaypointsMay2021-[27276].pdf)
- 10.5 For the Around Island race, a virtual mark at 50°39.697 N – 001°35.626 W (528ft at 245° off Needles Lighthouse) identifying the VARVASSI wreck, shall be left to port

### 11. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 All boats shall comply with [Associated British Ports Notice to Mariners No 06 of 2023](#) giving details of a Precautionary Area and Moving Prohibited Zone (MPZ). The MPZ shall rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 19 and 20.
- 11.2 [DP] Boats, in whatever direction they are racing, shall not pass:
- North of the barrier off Durns Point east of Lymington.
  - North of Horse Sand Fort.
  - Between the Isle of Wight and the red post about 0.3NM SW of No Man's Land Fort, 'Radar Post', 50°44.164 N, 001°5.99 W (does not have a SCRA id code)
  - South of Cowes breakwater.

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- 11.3 [DP] Boats shall not anchor or kedge in the Cowes Harbour Fairway or within the area denoting power cables and gas pipes between Stone Point and Gurnard Bay, as shown on Admiralty Chart 2040, or within the mining ground area northeast of Ryde Sand.
- 12. THE START – for all races except the pursuit race**
- 12.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal made 5 minutes before the Starting Signal.
- 12.2 For Race 1 and Race 3 ‘Fleet starts’:
- There will be a combined start for all classes.
  - Class 1 and Class 2 will use the outer start line.
  - Class 3, Class 4 and Class 5 will use the inner start line.
- 12.3 For Race 2 Around Island or Inside Island or Round the Cans start:
- Each class will have a separate start.
  - Each class will use the inner start line.
  - Scheduled time of warning signal for each class will be issued by 2000 on the day before the race.
- 12.4 For Race 4 Long Inshore ‘Grouped class’ start:
- Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 will start together.
  - Class 4 and class 5 will start together.
  - The warning signal for class 4 and class 5 will be displayed five minutes after the start of Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3.
  - Class 1 and Class 2 will use the outer start line. Class 3, Class 4 and Class 5 will use the inner start line.
- 12.5 For Race 5 Pursuit Race:
- Scheduled time of **start** for each boat will be issued by 2000 on the day before the race.
  - Each start will use the inner start line.
- 12.6 For fleet or grouped starts, the warning signal shall be the class flags of all classes in that start.
- 12.7 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes. The starting area is defined by an area 100 metres either side of the Starting Line and limit marks.
- 12.8 If any part of a boat’s hull is on the course side of the Starting Line at her Starting Signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to hail her sail number on VHF Ch 05. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.9 The RYS Start Line is formed by bringing the RYS Main Flagstaff into line with the white line on the orange diamond on the Castle, on a bearing of approximately 346°(T) from the RYS Flagstaff and limited by limit marks.
- 12.10 Vertical light beams are installed to help identify the starting line transit. The intensity of the light beams intensifies as the transit is approached and at the approximate point of transit, the flagstaff momentarily obscures the lower rear light. These lights are a navigational aid only and do not constitute the starting line, nor will a start be postponed because of any failure of the lighting equipment.
- 12.11 Start Line descriptions.
- For classes starting on the **RYS Outer Line** the limit marks are **Williams Shipping Buoy** to the north and **‘Alpha’**, to the south.
  - For classes starting on the **RYS Inner Line** the limit marks are **‘Alpha’** to the north and the **IDM** to the south.
- 12.12 The limit marks, all of which rank as starting marks and may not be precisely on the transit, are:
- ‘Alpha’** (a large Orange Inflatable mark approximately 500m to the north of the RYS Flagstaff)
  - Inner Distance Mark (IDM)** (a large Orange Inflatable mark approximately 80m to the north of the RYS Flagstaff)
  - Williams Shipping Buoy** (a yellow spherical racing buoy in approximate position 50° 47.20 N, 001° 18.55 W)
- 12.13 Direction of start:
- The RC will announce the intended direction of Start not less than fifteen minutes before the Start of each race. A signal displayed on the RYS Haven breakwater will also indicate the direction of the Start. A Red Flag indicates starting to the East. A Green Flag indicates starting to the West.
  - After a postponement this signal may be changed to reverse the direction of subsequent starts. Any such announcement will also be made on VHF Ch 05.
- 12.14 The RC intends to announce a start sequence countdown for each start on VHF Ch 05 accompanied by sound signals and signal flags displayed from the RYS Flagstaff.
- 13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
- 13.1 Not used.
- 14. THE FINISH**
- 14.1 For all races except Race 5 Pursuit Race:
- Unless shortened in accordance with RRS, boats shall finish on the RYS Finishing Line.
  - The RYS Finishing Line will be between the RYS Main Flagstaff and ‘Alpha’ a large Orange Inflatable buoy approximately 500m north of the RYS Main Flagstaff.
- 14.2 For Pursuit race:
- The finish line will be between the staffs displaying a blue flag on two race committee vessels.
  - The blue flags will be displayed at the scheduled finish time, with a long sound signal.
  - The race committee vessels will be positioned on the course, either side of the leading boat.
  - Immediately after the finish time, the race committee vessels will proceed at speed back through the fleet to record finish order.
  - Boats are requested to note the identity of boats immediately ahead and astern of them at the scheduled finish time. This information may be used to assist production of accurate finish results.
- 15. PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 15.1 See NoR 14.

**16. TIME LIMITS**

16.1 The following race time limits for the first boat in each class will apply:

	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
R1	270 minutes	90 minutes
R2 if Around Island Race	18:00 hours	21:00 hours
R2 if Inside Island or Round the Cans race	17:00 hours	19:00 hours
R3	180 minutes	90 minutes
R4 Long Inshore Race	17:00 hours	19:00 hours

16.2 For Around Island Race, the course will include a gate between 6F Bembridge Buoy (port end) and a Committee Vessel (starboard end):

- (a) If no boat has rounded 6F Bembridge Buoy by 1600 and the race is not abandoned, then the race shall be shortened at that mark.
- (b) If the race is not abandoned and not shortened at 6F Bembridge Buoy (see 16.2(a) above, and less than 50% of the boats starting finish at the RYS line within the finishing window, then all boats starting will be scored based on their time at the gate.
- (c) If 50% or more of the boats starting finish at the RYS line within the finishing window, then SI 16.3 for those boats starting but not finishing at the RYS line.

16.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

**17. HEARING REQUESTS**

- 17.1 The Protest Time Limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 17.2 Hearing Forms will be available at the Race Office in the RYS.
- 17.3 Protest and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Office within the Protest Time Limit. Contact mobile phone numbers should be included on the Hearing Form.
- 17.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the Protest Time Limit to inform competitors of the hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room located at the CYH.
- 17.5 If Appendix T Arbitration applies:
  - (a) for all race except the Pursuit Race, the Post-Race Penalty is a time penalty of 3%. This changes RRS T1 (b).
  - (b) For the Pursuit Race, the Post-Race Penalties in RRS Appendix T1 apply.

**18. SCORING**

18.1 See NoR 15.

**19. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

19.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible on VHF Ch77 or by hailing an Official Regatta Support Boat or RIB.

**20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

20.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment, excluding small chandlery, is not allowed unless authorised in writing by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

**21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

21.1 See NoR 10.

**22. SUPPLIED BOATS**

22.1 Not used.

**23. OFFICIAL VESSELS**

- 23.1 Mark laying vessels will be RYS RIBs.
- 23.2 The RYS Official Support Boat/CV is a 10m blue hulled motor catamaran – Call Sign Castle Two.

**24. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

24.1 See NoR 16.

**25. TRASH**

25.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

**26. BERTHING**

26.1 See NoR 18.

**27. LAUNCHING AND HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

27.1 See NoR 19.

**28. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

28.1 See NoR 20.

**29. PRIZES**

29.1 See NoR 24.

**30. RISK STATEMENT**

30.1 See NoR 22.

**31. INSURANCE**

31.1 See NoR 23.

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**ADDENDUM A – Telegram Instructions.**



**Telegram**

We have set up an official [Telegram](#) Group for receiving general information from the Race Office and Race Committee.

If you do not already have the Telegram app installed on your device, please follow the instructions below:

- Apple iPhones – download and install via the App Store.  
<https://apps.apple.com/app/telegram-messenger/id686449807>
- Android Phones – download and install via the Google Play Store.  
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.telegram.messenger>

To join the Telegram Group please use either the link or the QR code below:

**LINK:**            [https://t.me/+\\_rZxJCi-lUBiM2Rk](https://t.me/+_rZxJCi-lUBiM2Rk)

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