



Solent IRC Series Race 3 17th July 2010 Sailing Instructions

1. INTRODUCTION

1. The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
2. Helmsmen are reminded of their strict obligation **NOT TO IMPEDE SHIPPING** in the main buoyed channels and when proceeding in and out of Portsmouth harbour are to use the small Boat Channel as prescribed in QHM's Notice to Mariners.
3. Boats in whichever direction they are sailing whilst racing shall pass to the South of Horse Sand Fort. Boats shall not anchor in:
 1. The Mary Rose area, or
 2. The mining ground area off Ryde Sands. *(Both are defined on Admiralty charts 394 and 2625).*

2. CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

1. All boats must wear on their backstay (or pushpit in the absence of a backstay) an identification flag of which no side shall be less than 6" (152mm) as follows:

CLASS	FLAG
IRC1	ICF 1
IRC2	ICF 2
IRC3	ICF 3
IRC4	ICF 4
Non Rated	Club Burgee
Class Start	Class Flag unless otherwise specified

3. IRC Classes may be combined

4. SAFETY

1. Competitor's attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 & 40 regarding personal flotation devices. Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn or carried on board for each crew-member. Competitors shall ensure that all crew-members know where such personal buoyancy is stowed and how it should be used. The race committee may check this.
2. Safety equipment, anchors and lifelines shall be carried and/or fitted onboard while racing in accordance with class rules, RRS 1.2 and ORC Special Regulations Category 4, excepting the exemptions detailed in the notice of race.
3. All boats shall carry an operational VHF Marine Radio equipped with Channels 16, 6, 10, 11, 12, 67, 72, & M1 (also known as M or Ch.37).
4. Boats retiring from a race shall report their retirement to the Race Committee on the VHF operating channel at the earliest opportunity.

5. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

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1. The class signal will be the identification flag described in Sailing Instruction 2.1.
2. There will be no signals made ashore.
3. Notices to competitors will be posted on the web site www.portsmouthsc.co.uk, also promulgated from the Committee Boat & support craft on the water.
4. Initial communications between competitors and the race committee on the water shall be on the operating channel VHF Ch.72. Under certain circumstances the Committee Boat may specify an alternative channel for communication. The new channel may be displayed on the side of the Committee Boat or by radio. The call sign of the race committee for all such communication is "**PSC Committee**".
5. A time check may be broadcast 30 minutes before the first scheduled start of the day.
- 5.6 The Committee Boat shall display the designated VHF channel to be used. Flag '3rd Substitute' will be flown from the committee boat(s) to indicate this change

6. COURSE INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The course area shall be the Eastern Solent. The committee boat will announce its position on VHF when on starting line station.

6.2 The course to be sailed will be announced by VHF at or before the preparatory signal, The marks, listed in "List of Marks Spring 2010", available as a download from the PSC website, will be identified in full. There will be no visual course signals.

7. STARTING TIMES & SEQUENCE

1. Classes will start as signalled , using the Class Flags indicated:
2. The 1st start of Race 1 will be at 10.30, with subsequent starts as signalled thereafter.
3. Race 2 will start as soon as possible after the finish of Race 1.

8. STARTING PROCEDURE

8.1 RRS 26 shall not apply. Races will be started in the order shown in SI 2.1 using the following procedure:

<i>EVENT</i>	<i>SIGNALS</i>
Warning (Start - 10)	Class flag 1 sound
Preparatory (Start - 5)	Flag P, I, Z or black flag 1 sound
1 minute (Start - 1)	Flag P, I, Z or black removed 1 sound
Starting	Class flag removed 1 sound

8.2 Classes may be combined,

3. The starting line will be between the mainmast of the race committee boat flying an orange flag and the outer distance mark (ODM) which may be an inflatable or a fixed mark. The type of ODM will be announced on VHF at the warning signal.
4. An inner distance mark (IDM) may be laid near the starting committee boat in the direction of, but not necessarily on, the starting line. If laid behind the start line, boats must start between the ODM and the nearest point on the starting line to the IDM.
5. For the purposes of RRS 31 (Touching a Mark), the race committee boats (including any attached boats or marks), inner limit mark and outer distance mark are all deemed to be starting marks.
6. In addition to RRS 29.2, general recalls will also be announced by "**PSC Committee**" on designated VHF channel using the words "General Recall".
7. In the event of a general recall, the recalled class will start as signalled ten minutes after the last

class to start. This changes RRS 26 & 29.2.

9. FINISHING

- 9.3. The finishing line will be between the last designated mark of the course (unless shortened) and an orange flag on the nearby race committee boat.

10. TIME LIMIT

1. The time limit for each race shall be 3 hours. There shall be no extension. Boats not finishing before the time limit shall be scored the average points based on the points which would have been gained by each of the boats in her class still racing had such boats finished. This changes RRS 35 & RRS A4.2.

11. PROTESTS

1. Protests must be received at the Clubhouse race office no later than 2100 on the day of the race.
2. The protest details and a schedule of protests will be mailed to the parties involved. Protests will be heard on the following Saturday as soon as possible after racing or at 1100 in the event of racing being cancelled on that day. In the event of non-appearance, the protest will be heard in the absence of parties to the protest (RRS 63.3(b)).

12. SCORING SYSTEM

1. The scoring system is as defined in the Notice of Race.

13. RESULTS AND PRIZES

The results of each race and series positions will be posted on the notice board in the PSC Clubhouse on completion of each day's racing, and posted on the web site as soon as reasonably possible.

14. SOCIAL

1. Competitors are invited to meet after racing at the Portsmouth Sailing Club. A ferry service, callsign 'PSC RIB' on channel 72, will operate from Haslar, C&N and Gunwharf marinas on race day. Competitors are requested to arrange from collection easily accessible points if possible to reduce delays to others.
2. Competitors are requested to exercise due care when using the RIB ferry and are reminded that the RIB is courtesy service provided by members of PSC in private craft.
3. Competitors shall provide their own lifejackets for this service.