

Combined Harbour Regatta

Portsmouth Harbour

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1* The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rule 62 will be changed as follows: A boats NHC will be adjusted after every race. An adjustment of handicap is not grounds for redress

2 Eligibility and Entry

The race is open to all registered Interclub cruisers. All competitors must sign on to race control on VHF channel 37/M1 at least 5 minutes prior to the warning signal of the first race

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, they will be transmitted on channel M1 and by phone to the Individual clubs nominated representative

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 5 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.2 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 First Start 12.00. The second race will be started as soon as possible after the last boat has finished the first race

6* CLASS FLAG

Class flags will be: **Code flag C**

7 RACING AREA

7.1 Portsmouth Harbour

8 THE COURSES

8.1 Attachment 2.0 show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 Except when used as a turning mark, all channel markers must be passed on the channel side

8.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes rule 33.

8.4 The course number will be broadcast on channel M1 prior to the warning signal

9 THE START

9.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

9.2 The starting line will be the Hardway sailing club line. **The inner and outer distance marks are deemed to be channel markers and must be passed on the channel side at all times**

9.4 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

10 THE FINISH

The finish line will be the Hardway sailing club line

11 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

11.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at Hardway Sailing Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

11.2 The protest time limit is 180 minutes after the last boat has finished

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

12.1 All yachts must comply with ISAF category 5 safety regulations

12.2 All yachts must carry a working VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on channels 37/M1 and 16

12.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

13 TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15 RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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." 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 omissions;
- (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 organiser 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;

16 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 (GBP) per event or the equivalent.