



## Portsmouth Harbour Inter Club Series 2017 Notice of Race Cowes Interclub Race #1

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Reference [1] Portsmouth Harbour Inter Club Rules and Sailing Instructions 2017. April 2017. V 1.0.  
Available from the PSC website: <http://portchestersc.org/race-instructions>

### 1. Rules

- 1.1. Portchester Sailing Club is the Organising Authority for the Cowes Interclub series 2017.
- 1.2. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 – 2020, modified as per Ref [1].
- 1.3. Scoring will be in accordance with ref [1] para 1.5 using the National Handicap for Cruisers (NHC) system. A boats NHC base number will be adjusted by the results software after each race. An adjustment in handicap number is not the grounds for redress, this changes RRS 62.

### 2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. Racing is open to all registered Interclub cruisers who must display their interclub race number during the race.
- 2.2. All competitors must sign on to the race by calling up “**Interclub race control**” on VHF CH **37/M1** at least 5 minutes prior to the warning signal. Should VHF Channel 37/M1 suffer interference or crowding, then **VHF CH 77 may be used instead**.
- 2.3. As per Ref [1] anchors shall be secured on or below deck and not protrude beyond the toe rail.

### 3. The Start

- 3.1. Racing will start using rule 26 and the warning signal will be at 11:55.
- 3.2. The start line will be an imaginary line between the main mast of the committee boat and the yellow race mark RNC & RAYC [5G]. An Inner limit mark may be laid adjacent to the committee boat.

### 4. Racing Area

- 4.1. The race will start as noted in para 3 above to the South of Portsmouth Harbour entrance and to the east of Haslar Wall. The course will take boats around marks in the Solent and finish off Cowes on the Isle of Wight.

## 5. The Finish

- 5.1. The finishing line will be between the yellow race mark Royal London YC [5G] and a committee boat.
- 5.2. In the event of no committee boat on station at the finish then the finish line will be between Royal London YC [5G] and the red pile marking the entrance to the small boat channel that runs inside Cowes breakwater.
- 5.3. Competitors are to record their own elapsed times in Hrs:Mins:Sec. If possible Competitors should also record names and times of boats finishing ahead and astern.
- 5.4. Finish information should be passed via SMS (in the form: Boat name, interclub race number, elapsed time Hrs:Mins:Secs) to Chris Parnell on 07515883428 or via email to: [chrisjparnell@gmail.com](mailto:chrisjparnell@gmail.com) .
- 5.5. Failure to provide finish information by 21:00 on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017 will lead to a DNF being recorded.

## 6. Courses

### Course A

Start (RNC & RAYC)	5G	
Browndown	5C	PORT
Peel Bank	42	STBD
East Bramble	41	PORT
Norris	4T	STBD
Finish (Royal London YC)	4K	

### Course B

Start (RNC & RAYC)	5G	
Kemps Quay	5D	STBD
Browndown	5C	PORT
N. Ryde Middle	4Y	PORT
Norris	4T	STBD
Finish (Royal London YC)	4K	

### Course S

Start (RNC & RAYC)	5G	
Norris	4T	STBD
Finish (Royal London YC)	4K	

- 6.1. The course designator will be broadcast by the committee boat prior to the warning signal
- 6.2. The time limit for the race will be **4 hrs**.

## 7. Safety

### 8. Radio Communication

- 8.1. All boats taking part must carry a working VHF radio capable of transmitting/receiving on VHF channels 16, 37/M1 and 77 as a minimum.
- 8.2. As stated in section 2.2 above the race sign on and start will be conducted using VHF CH 37/M1. Should VHF Channel 37/M1 suffer interference or crowding, then VHF CH 77 may be used instead. Competitors are advised to monitor VHF CH 77 if it becomes evident on the day of the race that communication via CH 37/M1 is becoming difficult.

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

**9. Protests and Requests for Redress**

- 9.1. Protest forms are available for download from <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/racing-rules/Pages/rya-protest-form.aspx> and competitors are advised to print off a copy and retain onboard their boat prior to racing in case needed. Protests and request for redress or reopening shall be delivered by email to the PSC cruiser captain within the time limit.
- 9.2. The protest time limit is 180 minutes after the last boat has finished.
- 9.3. Notices will be posted as soon as possible after the protest time to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named witnesses. Hearings will be convened as soon as is practicable after the race.

**Risk Statement**

- 9.4. Competitors are to acknowledge by email ([chrisjparnell@gmail.com](mailto:chrisjparnell@gmail.com)) or hardcopy sent to PSC Cruiser Captain at least 24 hrs before the start of the race that they have read and accept the risk statement placed on the cruiser race instructions area of the Portchester Sailing Club website <http://portchestersc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Risk-Statement.pdf> . This risk statement is copied at Annex A of these race instructions.

## **Annex A**

### **Risk Statement**

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 (if any) and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

(f) The provision of patrol boat cover (if any) is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

(g) 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;

(h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2 million against third party claims;

(i) The fact that the race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in any Notice of Race or Series, or Sailing Instructions.