



Portsmouth Harbour Inter Club Rules and Sailing Instructions 2017

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1 Rules.

- 1.1 These Instructions supersede all previous Rules and Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 An Inter Club Committee shall be formed each year and shall have at least one nominated representative from Fareham Motor Boat and Sailing Club, Hardway Sailing Club and Portchester Sailing Club. At any meeting, each club shall have equal voting rights. Each club shall take responsibility for the organisation of the Inter Club Committee meetings, the Inter Club series of races and the Combined Harbour Regatta for one year in every three years on a rotational basis. The dates of the races shall be agreed by the Inter Club Committee.
- 1.3 Racing will take place under the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRs), the prescriptions of the R.Y.A., these Interclub Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race and individual Race Instructions for the event.
- 1.4 For handicap racing, races will be scored using the National Handicap for Cruisers (NHC) system. Any yacht for which there is no handicap in the NHC system will be allocated a handicap number by the club to which it belongs, this number must be mutually agreed by all 3 clubs, any boat for which there is no base number for the NHC will be allocated a base number after consultation by the interclub committee with the RYA. A minimum of 7 days' notice prior to a race start time, is required to issue a handicap number for a boat not previously handicapped. The Inter Club Committee may adjust any boats NHC handicap at any time without reservation.

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.

- 1.5 Spinnaker declarations do not have any impact on a boats NHC base number

2 Conditions of Entry.

- 2.1 The safety of the boat and her entire management including insurance with racing cover shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge, who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. These Sailing Instructions do not limit or reduce the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge of the crew, the boat and her management. Neither the race organisers nor the Inter Club Committee shall be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the owner/person in charge or crew as a result of taking part in a race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of the boat for a race or races.
 - 2.1.1 Anchors shall be secured on or below deck and not protrude beyond the toe rail.
- 2.2 Yachts competing for the trophy must be members of the competing clubs and will be racing as representatives of their clubs. Should an owner belong to more than one club, he/she must declare which they will be representing throughout the series before the first race in which he/she competes in any year.
- 2.3 Competitors are required to submit a completed entry form to their club prior to competing in any race or series where this is required by their own club rules or club sailing instructions.

3 Identification.

- 3.1 A club burgee is to be flown from the backstay and racing numbers shall be displayed clearly on both sides of the vessel. To aid race officials identify boats, race numbers are required to be black on a white background, with a minimum text height of 200mm.
- 3.2 Ensigns shall not be flown while racing. Any vessel flying an ensign will be assumed to have retired and scored accordingly.

4 Cruiser Definition.

- 4.1 A cruiser is defined as a Sailing vessel, with fixed internal sleeping accommodation.
- 4.2 A day boat is defined as a ballasted Monohull sailing vessel, with a minimum displacement without crew of 500 kgs.
- 4.3 Multihulls are not eligible for races held within Portsmouth Harbour.

5 Communications with Competitors.

- 5.1 Competitors shall confirm participation in each race by calling the race officer/start boat and receiving acknowledgement on VHF channel M1 (or CH77- see 5.2.1 below) prior to the warning signal; or shall inform the committee boat of their intention to race whilst the committee boat is on station at the start line.
- 5.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards in the clubs. A committee boat may also display an official notice board.
- 5.2.1 All VHF communications regarding a race will be on VHF channel M1. Should CH M1 suffer interference or crowding, then VHF CH 77 may be used instead.
- 5.2.2 Any shortened course or race abandonment instructions will be transmitted on channel M1 (or CH77- see 5.2.1)

6 Notices to Competitors, specific Race Instructions and Course Instructions.

- 6.1 Specific race instructions shall show the course to be sailed together with alternative courses to take account of weather conditions and contact details for a race officer in order that declarations may be made. The notice to competitors and specific race instructions will be provided by the organising club and will be displayed on the official notice boards of the clubs and on their web sites. Course instructions and any alterations to the specific race instructions may be displayed on a committee boat.

7 Starts.

- 7.1 Starting Procedure.

(a) Unless specifically detailed otherwise within individual race instructions, races will be started in accordance with Rule 26 as follows:

Signal	Flag	Time to start signal
Warning signal	Class Flag	5 minutes
Preparatory signal	Flag P	4 minutes
One-minute signal	Flag P removed	1 minute
Start signal	Class Flag removed	-

(b) The class flag will be Int. Code Flag "C" unless specifically altered by the race instructions.

- 7.2 Unless specifically stated otherwise in individual race instructions, The start line is defined as an imaginary line between the main mast of the committee boat, or other mast raised for the purpose of starting the race, and an Outer start line mark as defined in the sailing instructions for that race. An Inner limit mark may be laid adjacent to the committee boat. A boat passing between the Inner limit mark and any part of the vessel it guards, after the preparatory signal, will be disqualified. For the purposes of the RRs 18, 28 and 31, the Outer and Inner distance marks, together with the committee boat are marks of the course.
- 7.3 The starting line and any limit marks will be defined in the Notices to Competitors and/or the specific race instructions.
- 7.4 The committee boat may herself commence racing as soon as possible after the start signal. Her elapsed time will count in the results.

8 Finishing.

- 8.1 The Finishing line will be defined in the Notices to Competitors and/or the specific race instructions.
- 8.2 Committee boat. The finishing line will be an imaginary line between the main mast of the committee boat and a course mark, or otherwise as described in race instructions.
- 8.3 The time limit will be stated in the specific race instructions for a particular race. Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored DNF, unless no boat finishes, in which case the race will be abandoned.
- 8.4 In the event of the committee boat not being present at the finish line the following procedure will be adopted.
- (a) Each yacht finishing should take her own Elapsed time for completing the course to the nearest second, finishing as near as possible to the finishing mark or as may otherwise be stated in the notice of Race or specific race instructions.
 - (b) Each yacht finishing should attempt to take the name of the yacht in front and astern.
 - (c) Each yacht should inform the race officer by the deadline specified in individual race instructions of her Elapsed time and the Elapsed time of the following yacht.

9 Protests.

- 9.1 The intention to protest shall be communicated by the protesting boat to the Race Officer at the earliest opportunity. The deadline for protests is described in the sailing instructions.

10 Declarations.

- 10.1 Any boat that retires from a race shall inform the race officer at the earliest opportunity.

11 Scoring.

- 11.1 The following paragraphs in Appendix A of the RRs shall not apply to the Inter Club series of races nor to the Combined Harbour Regatta: Paragraph A2 ; the Bonus Point System of Paragraph A4.1 ;paragraph A4.2; and paragraph A9.
- 11.2 In each race in the Inter Club series of races the position of all yachts finishing for each club shall be averaged and the club with the lowest average shall be the winner. Any yacht starting but not finishing a race (disqualified, retired or out of time) shall be given the position of the number of boats starting in that race plus one position.

- 11.3 If any club enters less than three yachts in any race in the Inter Club series the missing yachts shall be given the position of the number of finishers in that race plus two positions.
- 11.4 Any club entering more than three yachts in any race in the Inter Club series shall be entitled to discard the slowest position according to the following :
- 4 to 5 starters 1 discards
 - 6 to 8 starters 2 discards
 - 9 to 12 starters 3 discards
 - 13 to 15 starters 4 discards
 - Over 15 starters 5 discards
- 11.5 The result of each annual series shall be calculated by adding the average positions for each race, the club with the lowest total being the winner.
- 11.6 The result of each race must be notified to the other members of the Inter Club Committee by the organising club within 4 days of the race but where possible within 48 hours of the deadline for competitors declaring their elapsed times.

12 The Inter Club Trophy

- 12.1 The Inter Club Trophy will be awarded to the winner of a series of up to 5 races between any clubs situated within Portsmouth Harbour. The trophy will be competed for annually. The Combined Harbour Regatta may, where proposed by the organising club as prescribed in rule 1.2, be included in the series.
- 12.2 The Trophy Book will carry the names of all of the yachts competing in any of the series of races on behalf of the winning club and along with the trophy shall be held by the winning club each year.
- 12.3 For the 2017 season the Interclub series will be made up of the following races:

Race#1 Cowes Interclub	Saturday 13 th May
Race#2 Nab Tower Race	Saturday 17 th June
Race#3 Bembridge Interclub	Saturday 15 th July
Race#4 Combined Harbour Regatta	Saturday 9 th September
Race#5 Yarmouth Interclub	Sunday 24 th September
