

1 GENERAL

- a) These Sailing Instructions (SIs) provide specific details for Races 1 & 2 of the SORC Inshore Series, and apply in conjunction with the SORC 2019 Notice of Race including General Conditions, version 1.0 dated January 2019.
- b) At all times, including whilst on passage to the start and after the finish, boats shall comply with the Port of Southampton Byelaws (http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/Port_Information/Regulations/Byelaws/), Cowes Harbour General Directions (http://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/general_directions), and the no anchoring zone within the area defined by the two lines denoting power cables and gas pipes between Stone Point and Gurnard Bay as shown on Admiralty chart 2036. Particular attention is drawn to the regulations relating to the Port of Southampton Precautionary Area.
- c) All positions given use WGS84 and are approximate. All times are in BST.

2 COMMUNICATIONS

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3 CLASSES AND START TIMES

- a) Each yacht shall carry her class and SORC pennants on her backstay. The Classes and class flags are expected to be as follows:

Class 1	IRC higher rated boats	NP1 and SORC pennant
Class 2	IRC lower rated boats	NP2 and SORC pennant
Class 3	Boats without an IRC rating	NP3 and SORC pennant

The IRC class split will be announced before 12 April.

- b) It is intended to give a time check on VHF (Channel 72 [preferred] or Channel 77 [back-up]) at 30 minutes before the first expected start. This will normally be GPS time; however, in the event of discrepancy, the time announced by the RC will take priority.
- c) Starts will use a 5-4-1-go sequence. Anticipated times are shown in Appendix A.
- d) Changes to anticipated start times will if possible be notified via SMS or email by 2000 on the evening before the race and will be announced on VHF after the time check and at 20 and 15 minutes before the first start.
- e) Starting signals and recalls will be made on VHF and not signalled visually, changing RRS 26, 29 and 30.
- f) If conditions are unsuitable for the planned start, boats may be directed to motor to a different start area at a speed of not less than 5.5 knots and must try to stay together. The Race Committee may start the race at any time using the procedures specified in NoR Appendix 1.

4 COURSE

- a) It is intended to set courses appropriate to the conditions on the day and lasting around 4 to 6 hours for an IRC TCC of 1.000.

- b) The courses will use marks from the SCRA Solent Mark Designations dated 08 Feb 2019 (see <https://www.offshoresolo.com/racing-information/solentracingmarks>) and the list below:

Mark	Approx. position
Perenco Wytch Farm	50° 40.31N, 01° 52.45W
Mid Bay Buoy	50° 43.00N, 01° 42.00W
Poole Bay Wave Buoy	50° 38.02N, 01° 43.13W
Rig Buoy	50° 43.00N, 01° 39.50W

- c) All marks are rounding marks unless otherwise stated.
- d) It is intended to send the course via SMS, if possible by 2000 on the evening before each race, and to announce the course on VHF after the time check. In exceptional circumstances, the course may differ from that given out the previous evening.

5 FINISHING AND SHORTENING COURSE

- a) The finish will be announced with the course.
- b) There is no time limit.
- c) Competitors must take their own finish time.
- d) Amending RRS 32.2, 'SORC RACE CONTROL' or a nominated competitor may shorten the course by announcement on VHF identifying the new finish mark and bearing. In this event, take your own time when the finish mark is at the required bearing.
- e) You are reminded that bearings are taken from the normal helming position.

6 DECLARATION, RETIREMENT AND REPORTING

See Notice of Race including General Conditions Section 14.

7 SCORING, RESULTS AND PRIZES

- a) Results will be published on the SORC website as soon as possible after each day's racing.
- b) An informal prize giving will be held after racing on Saturday 13 April.

Appendix A: Race Schedule

Inshore Series Race 1 - Sat 13 April HW Portsmouth 0558 & 1853 BST	
<i>Timings</i>	Classes 2 & 3: Warning signal 0955, start 1000 Class 1: Warning signal 1010, start 1015
<i>Identity gate</i>	No earlier than 40 minutes before the scheduled start, each yacht, as draft permits, must pass between the beach and the mooring buoys in the vicinity of the starting line in an East to West direction with the skipper wearing a lifejacket and harness and receive visual acknowledgement.
<i>Start line</i>	The Lisburne line, between a flagstaff flying a SORC flag and Gurnard Buoy (3U). The flagstaff is behind the race box about 50 metres to the east of the New Holmwood Hotel, Egypt Point.
<i>Course</i>	As notified per SI 4d).
<i>Finish line</i>	As notified with the course.
<i>Time limit</i>	None

Inshore Series Race 2 - Sun 14 April HW Portsmouth 0728 & 2019 BST	
<i>Timings</i>	Classes 2 & 3: Warning signal 0955, start 1000 Class 1: Warning signal 1010, start 1015
<i>Identity gate</i>	If a SORC committee boat is present, each yacht shall pass its stern in a seamanlike manner with the skipper wearing a lifejacket and safety harness and receive acknowledgement before starting.
<i>Start line</i>	The starting area is likely to be in the western Solent near the entrance of Yarmouth or Lymington harbour and will be notified in advance. The start may be conducted from a committee boat with a SORC flag (callsign 'SORC RACE CONTROL'); using the procedure set out in Appendix 1 of the NoR; or as otherwise notified.
<i>Course</i>	As sent out and announced as per SI 4d).
<i>Finish line</i>	As notified with the course.
<i>Time limit</i>	None