



Inshore Series Race 4
Round Isle of Wight (RIOW Solo)
Sat 12 September 2020
Sailing Instructions

Version date: 25 August 2020

1 GENERAL

- a) These Sailing Instructions (SIs) provide specific details for Inshore Series Race 4 and apply in conjunction with the SORC 2020 Notice of Race including General Conditions version 2 dated June 2020.
- 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 Queen's Harbour Master Portsmouth General Directions (<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/qhm/portsmouth/local-notice>). Particular attention is drawn to the regulations relating to the Port of Southampton Precautionary Area and the QHM Direction relating to the Exclusion Zone for underway warships.
- c) Competitors should take note of the SORC Covid-19 Action Plan, available on the SORC website. In particular, competitors
 - shall comply with current guidelines with respect to social distancing at all times, including whilst travelling/on passage before the start and after the finish;
 - shall not compete if they have, or if they have been in contact in the past 14 days with anyone with, symptoms of Covid-19.
- d) Yachts shall not anchor or kedge 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.
- e) Competitors should be aware of the submarine barrier north of Horse Sand Fort (6B).
- f) 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 flag and (if available) a SORC pennant on her backstay. Classes and flags are expected to be as follows:

Class 1	Solo IRC rated boats with TCC of 0.985 or higher	NP1 and SORC pennant
Class 2	Solo IRC rated boats with TCC of 0.984 or lower	NP2 and SORC pennant
Class 3	Solo boats without an IRC rating	NP3 and SORC pennant

- 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 circumstances do not allow the planned start, the procedures specified in NoR Appendix 1 may be used.

4 COURSE

- a) See Appendix A. If the course is not appropriate in the prevailing or forecast conditions, an alternate course may be set using marks from the SCRA Solent Mark Designations dated 07 Feb 2020 (see <https://www.offshoresolo.com/racing-information/solentracingmarks>).
- b) All marks are rounding marks unless otherwise stated.
- c) It is intended to send the course via SMS, if possible by 2000 on the evening before the race, and to confirm it 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) See Appendix A.
- b) There is no time limit.
- c) Competitors must take their own finish time in hours, minutes and seconds.
- 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 finish time bearings are taken from the normal helming position.

6 DECLARATION, RETIREMENT AND REPORTING

See Notice of Race including General Conditions Section 15.

7 SCORING, RESULTS AND PRIZES

- a) Results will be published on the SORC website as soon as possible after racing.

Appendix A: Race Schedule

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<i>Timings</i>	Classes 2 & 3: Warning signal 0755, start 0800 Class 1: Warning signal 0810, start 0815 <i>(Times to be confirmed with the course text)</i>
<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>	Virtual waypoint off the Needles at 50° 39.70N, 01° 35.80W to Port St Catherine's Point (50° 34.54N, 01° 17.87W) to Port Bembridge Ledge Buoy (6F) to Port Pass Horse Sand Fort (6B) to Starboard <i>Note that while the virtual waypoint is intended to allow safe rounding of the Needles, navigation remains the skipper's responsibility.</i>
<i>Finish line</i>	Unless otherwise stated in the course, finish when the virtual waypoint at 50° 46.20N, 01° 17.20W (position of missing buoy Snowden 39) is within 100 metres and bears 200° magnetic (transit of western end of breakwater and mast on Island Sailing Club - see chartlet).
<i>Time limit</i>	None

