

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 2020 Notice of Race including General Conditions version 1.0 dated December 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 Queen’s Harbour Master Portsmouth General Directions (<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/qhm/portsmouth/local-notices>).Particular attention is drawn to the Direction relating to the Exclusion Zone for underway warships.
- c) Competitors should be aware of the submarine barrier north of Horse Sand Fort (6B).
- d) 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. Classes and flags are expected to be as follows

Class 1	IRC-rated boats with TCC of 0.985 or higher	NP1 and SORC pennant
Class 2	IRC-rated boats with TCC of 0.984 or lower	NP2 and SORC pennant
Class 3	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 conditions are unsuitable for the planned start, boats may be directed to motor to a different 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.

- b) Courses will use marks from the SCRA Solent Mark Designations dated 07 Feb 2020 (see <https://www.offshoresolo.com/racing-information/solentracingmarks>) and the list below:

Mark	Characteristic	Approx. position
ECA	Yellow racing mark	50° 45.42N, 01° 02.75W
Rizzi	Yellow racing mark	50° 45.52N, 00° 59.61W
W-E	Yellow racing mark	50° 46.33N, 00° 58.50W
Sparkes	Yellow racing mark	50° 45.52N, 00° 58.50W
Hard	Yellow racing mark	50° 44.73N, 00° 58.50W
Chi	Yellow racing mark	50° 45.52N, 00° 57.06W
Bay	Yellow racing mark	50° 45.00N, 00° 54.90W
Pullar	W cardinal	50° 40.47N, 00° 50.09W
S Pullar	S cardinal	50° 38.84N, 00° 49.29W
Owers	S cardinal	50° 38.59N, 00° 41.09W

- 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) 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 racing.
- b) A prize giving will be held in Gosport after Race 1.

Appendix A: Race Schedule

Inshore Series Races 1 & 2 - Sat 18 & Sun 18 April		
HW Portsmouth Sat 18 0930, Sun 19 1020		
<i>Timings</i>	Classes 2 & 3	Class 1
	Warning	0955
	Preparatory	0956
	1 minute	0959
	Start	1000
		1010
		1011
		1014
		1015
<i>Identity gate</i>	No earlier than 40 minutes before the scheduled start, each yacht, as draft permits, must pass close to the beach 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>	Between Darling Associates Architects Buoy (5E) and a staff flying a large orange flag on the adjacent beach.	
<i>Course</i>	To be announced as per SI 4c).	
<i>Finish</i>	Unless otherwise announced with the course, the finish line extends 0.1 nM southwest of 5E on a transit with the Spinnaker Tower. In poor visibility such that the Spinnaker Tower cannot be identified, finish when 5E bears 045 degrees magnetic.	