

1 GENERAL

- a) These Sailing Instructions (SIs) provide specific details for the Nab Tower Layup Race and apply in conjunction with the SORC 2021 Notice of Race including Amendment 1 dated 10 May 2021 and General Sailing Instructions 1.0 dated April 2021.
- 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 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) Competitors should be aware of the submarine barrier north of Horse Sand Fort (6B).
- e) 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	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
Class 4	Double handed IRC rated boats	NP4 and SORC pennant
Class 5	Double handed boats without an IRC rating	NP5 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 Committee Start Boat procedures specified in the General Sailing Instructions may be used.

4 COURSE

- a) Subject to conditions on the day, it is intended to set a course to the Nab Tower and back.
- b) The course will use marks from the SCRA Solent Mark Designations dated 18 May 2021 (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.
- 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) For solo boats, the race forms part of the SORC Inshore Series.

Appendix A: Race Schedule

Nab Tower Layup - Sat 23 October			
HW Portsmouth 1353			
<i>Timings</i>	Classes 4 & 5	Classes 2 & 3	Class 1
Warning	0955	1005	1015
Preparatory	0956	1006	1016
1 minute	0959	1009	1019
Start	1000	1010	1020
<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>	To be announced as per SI 4c).		
<i>Finish</i>	<p>Unless otherwise stated in the course, take your finish time when Snowden (39) is within 100 metres to port and bears 200° magnetic (extension of ISC line on chartlet).</p> <p>The race may be shortened at the Nab Tower (6R). Take your own time when any part of the Nab Tower first bears 300° magnetic even if the course is not shortened.</p>		

