

## 1 GENERAL

- a) These Sailing Instructions (SIs) provide specific details for Offshore Series Races 1, 2 & 3 and apply in conjunction with the SORC 2022 Notice of Race Version 1.2 dated February 2022 and General Sailing Instructions 1.0 dated November 2021.
- b) Any sea danger area defined by Lulworth Range Control (Channel 16) shall be designated an obstruction.
- c) 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/](http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/Port_Information/Regulations/Byelaws/)), Cowes Harbour General Directions ([http://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/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.
- d) Competitors should take note of the SORC Covid-19 Action Plan, available on the SORC website and shall comply with current government guidelines.
- 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

- 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) The courses are expected to be:

Race 1: Cowes via the Forts to Weymouth

Race 2: Weymouth Bay Race

Race 3: Weymouth to Solent

See Appendix A for details

- b) Alternative courses appropriate to the weather conditions may be set using any of:

- Standard navigation marks in the central English Channel
- Marks from the SCRA Solent Mark Designations dated 07 Feb 2022 (see <https://www.offshoresolo.com/racing-information/solentracingmarks> )
- Weymouth Bay racing marks (see <https://www.wsc.org.uk/racing/marks> )
- Virtual waypoints as specified in the course announcement. Attention is drawn to World Sailing guidance on Racing Around Waypoints at [https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/AppendixWPRulesforWaypointsMay2021-\[27276\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/AppendixWPRulesforWaypointsMay2021-[27276].pdf)

Boats shall ensure they carry charting and pilotage information sufficient to cover possible alternatives.

- c) Competitors are reminded that if any mark of the course is missing, it should be regarded as a waypoint in its charted position.
- d) All marks are rounding marks unless otherwise stated.
- e) It is intended to send the course via SMS, if possible by 2000 on the evening before each 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 in hours, minutes and seconds. You are reminded that bearings are taken from the normal helming position.
- 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.

#### **6 DECLARATION, RETIREMENT AND REPORTING**

By text to +44 7803 162893. See 2022 General Sailing Instructions Section 7.

#### **7 SCORING, RESULTS AND PRIZES**

- a) Results will be published on the SORC website as soon as possible after racing.
- b) An informal prize giving will be held after racing on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 May.

## Appendix A Race Schedule

<b>Offshore Series Race 1 - Fri 20 May : Solent to Weymouth</b> HW Portsmouth      1542	
<i>Timings</i>	All classes: Warning signal 1925,      start 1930
<i>Identity gate</i>	No earlier than 40 minutes before the first 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>	From the start to the finish (approximately 65 nm) leaving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cowes breakwater to Starboard</li> <li>• Horse Sand Fort (6B) at 50° 45.01N 01° 04.34W to Port</li> <li>• Bembridge Ledge buoy (6F) at 50° 41.15N 01° 02.81W to Starboard</li> </ul>
<i>Finish line</i>	The finish line extends 100 m on a bearing of 000° from Mark R (orange sphere), approximate position 50° 37.40N 2° 22.65W (see <a href="https://www.wsc.org.uk/racing/marks">https://www.wsc.org.uk/racing/marks</a> ). Leave the buoy to port and take your finish time in BST when the buoy is within 100 m and bears 180° M. Note if possible the boats immediately in front and behind and their approximate finishing times.

<b>Offshore Series Race 4 - Sun 22 May</b> <b>Weymouth Bay Race</b> HW Dover      0432 / 1659 BST	
<i>Timings</i>	<i>All Classes:</i> Warning signal 0955, start 1000 BST
<i>Start line</i>	The starting area will be in Weymouth Bay in the vicinity of the entrance to Portland. The start is likely to use the Competitor Start Boat procedure set out in the Appendix to the General Sailing Instructions; or as otherwise notified.
<i>Course</i>	A course will be set appropriate to the conditions of the day and taking approximately 4 h for a boat with IRC rating of 1.000
<i>Finish line</i>	To be announced with the course Record your finish time when the finish buoy is within 100 m. Note if possible the boats immediately in front and behind and their approximate finishing times.
<i>Time limit</i>	None

### Offshore Series Race 3 - Mon 23 May: Weymouth to Solent

HW Portsmouth 0608 / 1906 BST

<i>Timings</i>	<i>All Classes:</i> Warning signal 0955, start 1000 BST
<i>Start line</i>	The starting area will be in Weymouth Bay in the vicinity of the entrance to Weymouth. The start will be confirmed by SMS on the evening of Sunday 22 May. The start is likely to use the Competitor Start Boat procedure set out in the Appendix to the General Sailing Instructions.
<i>Course</i>	From the start to the finish (approximately 40 nm)
<i>Finish line</i>	Unless otherwise specified with the course, the finish line extends 100 m on a bearing of 135° from 3C craftinsure.com (yellow racing mark) at 50° 45.64N, 01° 23.12W. Leave the buoy to port and take your finish time in BST when the buoy is within 100 m and bears 315° M. Note if possible the boats immediately in front and behind and their approximate finishing times.