

1 GENERAL

- a) These Sailing Instructions (SIs) provide specific details for Inshore Series Race 6 and apply in conjunction with the SORC 2023 Notice of Race 1.0 and General Sailing Instructions 1.0, both dated January 2023.
- 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 King's Harbour Master Portsmouth General Directions (<https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/khm/portsmouth/local-notices>). Particular attention is drawn to the regulations relating to the Port of Southampton Precautionary Area and the KHM Direction relating to the Exclusion Zone for underway warships.
- 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 SORC pennant (if available) and class 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
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.

4 COURSE

- a) See Appendix A.
- 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 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) See Appendix A.
- b) There is no time limit.
- c) Competitors must take their own finish time in BST 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 bearings are taken from the normal helming position.

6 DECLARATION, RETIREMENT AND REPORTING

See 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 at the **Island Sailing Club** after racing.

Appendix A: Race Schedule

Inshore Series Race 6 - Sat 10 June			
HW Portsmouth 0458 & 1754			
<i>Timings</i>	Classes 4 & 5	Classes 2 & 3	Class 1
Warning	0655	0705	0715
Preparatory	0656	0706	0716
1 minute	0659	0709	0719
Start	0700	0710	0720
<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>	<p>Course A: 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</p> <p>Course B: Pass Horse Sand Fort (6B) to Port Bembridge Ledge Buoy (6F) to Starboard St Catherine's Point (50° 34.54N, 01° 17.87W) to Starboard Virtual waypoint off the Needles at 50° 39.70N, 01° 35.80W to Starboard</p> <p>Course C: A course appropriate in the prevailing or forecast conditions, set using marks from the SCRA Solent Mark Designations dated 06 Feb 2023 (see https://www.offshoresolo.com/racing-information/solentracingmarks). <i>While the virtual waypoint is intended to allow safe rounding of the Needles, navigation remains the skipper's responsibility.</i></p>		
<i>Finish</i>	Unless otherwise stated in the course, finish when Snowden (39) is within 100 metres to port and bears 200° magnetic (see chartlet). <i>Note: Other yellow racing marks in the area are sometimes confused with Snowden. Ensure you have positively identified the mark by name and are north of it.</i>		

