

1 GENERAL

- a) These Sailing Instructions (SIs) provide specific details for the Poole & Back races 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/) and Cowes Harbour General Directions (http://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/general_directions) Particular attention is drawn to the regulations concerning the Port of Southampton Precautionary Area.
- 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 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.

4 COURSE

- a) It is intended to set courses of about 4-6 hours duration appropriate to the conditions on the day.

- b) The courses will use marks from the SCRA Solent Mark Designations dated 06 Feb 2023 (see <https://www.offshoresolo.com/racing-information/solentracingmarks>) and the following:

Mark	Approx. Position
Magnum (ex Perenco Wytch Farm)	50° 40.31N, 01° 52.45W
Poole Bay Wave Buoy	50° 38.02N, 01° 43.14W

- 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) 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.
- 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 Conditions 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 15 April.

Appendix A: Race Schedule

Inshore Series Race 1 to Poole - Sat 15 April			
HW Portsmouth 0805 & 2056			
<i>Start times to be confirmed in Cowes</i>			
<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) at 50° 46.22N, 01° 18.84W. 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>	As notified with the course.		

Inshore Series Race 2 from Poole - Sun 16 April	
HW Portsmouth 0915 & 2156	
<i>Start times to be confirmed in Poole</i>	
<i>Timings</i>	<i>All Classes:</i> Warning signal 0955, start 1000
<i>Start line</i>	It is intended to start outside Poole harbour using the Competitor Start Boat Procedure specified in the General Sailing Instructions.
<i>Course</i>	As notified per SI 4d).
<i>Finish line</i>	Unless otherwise specified with the course, the finish line extends 100m on a bearing of 150° from The Boss buoy (3E) at 50°46.13N, 01°22.19W. Record your finish time when the buoy is within 100 metres to port and bears 330° magnetic. Note if possible the boats immediately in front and behind and their approximate finishing times. If included in the course, the race may be shortened at North Head buoy (1K) at 50°42.69N, 01°35.52W. Take your own time when the buoy bears 150° magnetic even if the course is not shortened.
<i>Time limit</i>	None