



Inshore Series Race 9
Sat 25 October 2025
Sailing Instructions
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1 GENERAL

- These Sailing Instructions (SIs) provide specific details for Inshore Race 9 and apply in conjunction with the SORC 2025 Notice of Race 1.1 including Amendment 1 dated March 2025 and General Sailing Instructions 1.1 including Amendment 1 dated May 2025.
- 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/), the General Directions for Cowes Harbour (http://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/general_directions) and King's Harbour Master Portsmouth Notices and 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 Direction relating to the Exclusion Zone for underway warships.
- All positions given use WGS84 and are approximate. All times are in BST.

2 COMMUNICATIONS

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3 CLASSES AND START TIMES

- 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 0.975 or higher	NP1 and SORC pennant
Class 2	Solo IRC rated boats with TCC of 0.974 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

- 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.
- Starts will use a 5-4-1-go sequence. Anticipated times are shown in Appendix A.
- 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.
- Starting signals and recalls will be made on VHF and not signalled visually, changing RRS 26, 29 and 30.

4 COURSE

- a) Subject to conditions on the day, it is intended to set a course to the Nab Tower and back. See Appendix A.
- b) The courses will use marks from the SCRA Solent Mark Designations dated 07 Feb 2025 (see <https://www.scra.org.uk/solent-marks/solent-marks2>).
- c) All marks are rounding marks unless otherwise stated.
- d) It is intended to send the courses 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 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, bearing and distance. In this event, take your own time when the finish mark is at the required bearing and distance.
- e) You are reminded that bearings are taken from the normal helming position.

6 DECLARATION, RETIREMENT AND REPORTING

By text to 07714 242163. 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) It is planned to hold an informal prize giving and dinner after racing. Details will be posted on the SORC website.

APPENDIX A: RACE SCHEDULE

Inshore Series Race 9 - Sat 25 October HW Portsmouth 1416 <i>Start times to be confirmed</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). The flagstaff is behind the race box about 50 metres to the east of the New Holmwood Hotel, Egypt Point.		
<i>Course</i>	Unless otherwise announced: Pass Horse Sand Fort (6B) to Port Nab Tower (6R) to Port Pass Horse Sand Fort (6B) to Starboard Finish		
<i>Finish</i>	Unless otherwise stated in the course, take your finish time when Snowden (39) is within 100 metres to port and bears 200° magnetic (see chartlet). 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.		

