



**Inshore Series Races 7 & 8**  
**Sat 4 & Sun 5 October 2025**  
**Sailing Instructions**  
Version date: 20 Sep 2025

## 1 GENERAL

- a) These Sailing Instructions (SIs) provide specific details for Inshore Races 7 & 8 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.
- 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/](http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/Port_Information/Regulations/Byelaws/)), the General Directions for Cowes Harbour ([http://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/general\\_directions](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.
- c) All positions given use WGS84 and are approximate. All times are in BST.

## 2 COMMUNICATIONS

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|-------------------|----------------|--------|--|
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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 0.975 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 |

- 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 07 Feb 2025 (see <https://www.scra.org.uk/solent-marks/solent-marks2>) and the following:

| Mark                | Approx. Position       |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Magnum              | 50° 40.31N, 01° 52.45W |
| Poole Bay Wave Buoy | 50° 38.02N, 01° 43.14W |

- 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) 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, 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 Race 7. Details will be posted on the SORC website.

## APPENDIX A: RACE SCHEDULE

| <b>Inshore Series Race 7 - Sat 4 October</b><br>HW Portsmouth 1025<br><i>Start times to be confirmed</i> |  |                          |                |
|--|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Timings</b>   | <b>Classes 4 &amp; 5</b>   | <b>Classes 2 &amp; 3</b> | <b>Class 1</b> |
| 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 4d).   |                          |                |
| <i>Finish</i>  | To be announced as per SI 4d).   |                          |                |

| <b>Inshore Series Race 8 - Sun 5 October</b><br>HW Portsmouth 1059<br><i>Start times to be confirmed</i> |   |
|--|---|
| <i>Timings</i>   | <i>All Classes:</i> Warning signal 0955, start 1000   |
| <i>Start line</i>  | It is intended to start outside the Lymington River entrance using the Competitor Start Boat Procedure specified in the General Sailing Instructions. |
| <i>Course</i>  | As notified per SI 4d).   |
| <i>Finish line</i>   | As notified per SI 4d). Note if possible the boats immediately in front and behind and their approximate finishing times.                             |
| <i>Time limit</i>  | None  |