

## 1 GENERAL

- a) These Sailing Instructions (SIs) provide specific details for the Dartmouth races and apply in conjunction with the SORC 2025 Notice of Race 1.1 including Amendment 1 dated March 2025 and General Sailing Instructions 1.0 dated February 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/)) and Cowes Harbour General Directions ([http://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/general\\_directions](http://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/general_directions)). Particular attention is drawn to the regulations relating to 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 0.975 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.
- f) If conditions are unsuitable for the planned start, boats may be directed to motor in the direction of the course at a speed of not less than 5.5 knots and must try to stay together. The race may start at any time using the Committee Start Boat procedures specified in the General Sailing Instructions.

#### **4 COURSE**

- a) It is intended to send the course via SMS, if possible by 2000 on the evening before the 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.
- b) The course is expected to be Race 3: Solent - Dartmouth; Race 4: Dartmouth - Solent, as detailed in Appendix A.
- c) Alternative courses appropriate to the weather conditions may be set. The courses may use any of:
  - Standard navigation marks in the central English Channel
  - Marks from the SCRA Solent Mark Designations dated 07 Feb 2025 (see <https://www.scra.org.uk/solent-marks/solent-marks2> )
  - Virtual waypoints as specified in the course announcement. World Sailing guidance on Racing Around Waypoints Version 2.0 dated January 2025 will apply. This document may be found at:  
<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&rct=j&opi=89978449&url=https://www.sailing.org/document/2025-2028-appendix-wp-rules-for-waypoints-jan-2025/>

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

- d) Competitors are reminded that:
  - if any mark of the course is missing, it should be regarded as a virtual waypoint in its charted position
  - all traffic separation schemes rank as obstructions
  - all marks are rounding marks unless otherwise stated

#### **5 FINISHING AND SHORTENING COURSE**

- a) The finish will be as in Appendix A or as otherwise 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 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 intended that an informal prize giving will be held after racing on Saturday 01 June.

## Appendix A: Race Schedule

All times BST

<b>Offshore Series Race 1 - Sat 31 May: Solent to Dartmouth</b> HW Portsmouth      1559      Approximate Distance 90 NM	
<i>Timings</i>	All classes: Warning signal 1350, start 1400
<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
<i>Finish line</i>	West Rock South Cardinal buoy (Q(6)+L FL) at 50°19.86N, 03°32.47W. Take your finish time when the buoy is within 100 m and bears 015°M (pass to starboard). Note, if possible, the boats immediately in front and behind and their approximate finishing times.

<b>Offshore Series Race 2 - Mon 02 June: Dartmouth to Solent</b> HW Portsmouth      0444 / 1739      Approximate Distance 90 NM	
<i>Timings</i>	All classes: Warning signal 1050, start 1100
<i>Start line</i>	The starting area will be in Dartmouth Bay in the vicinity of the entrance to the River Dart. The start will be confirmed by SMS on the evening of Sunday 01 June. The start is likely to use the Competitor Start Boat procedure.
<i>Course</i>	From the start to the finish
<i>Finish line</i>	North Head (1K) - green cone buoy (Fl(3) G 10 s) at 50°42.69'N 01°35.52'W. Take your finish time when the buoy is within 100 m and bears 135°M (pass to starboard). Note, if possible, the boats immediately in front and behind and their approximate finishing times.