

1 GENERAL

- a) These Sailing Instructions (SIs) provide specific details for Inshore Race 6 and apply in conjunction with the SORC 2026 Notice of Race dated December 2025 and General Sailing Instructions 1.0 dated March 2026.
- 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/safety-and-regulations/regulations>). Particular attention is drawn to the regulations relating to the Port of Southampton Precautionary Area and Direction concerning 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 0.975 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 the WhatsApp SORCRaceControl group 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 the SORCRaceControl WhatsApp group by 2000 on the evening before each race if possible, 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 record their own finish time in hours, minutes and seconds. Finish times shall be taken from the normal helming position.
- 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.

6 DECLARATION, RETIREMENT AND REPORTING

By text or WhatsApp 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 6 - Sat 19 September HW Portsmouth 0511 & 1730			
Timings	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 & finish</i>	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 Finish when Snowden* (39) is within 100 metres to port and bears 200° magnetic. <i>The race may be shortened at Bembridge Ledge buoy. Record your time when the buoy bears 270° magnetic even if the course is not shortened.</i> 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 Finish when Snowden* (39) is within 100 metres to starboard and bears 200° magnetic. Course C: A course appropriate in the prevailing or forecast conditions, set using marks from the SCRA Solent Mark Designations dated 23 February 2026 (see https://www.scra.org.uk/solent-marks/solent-marks2). <i>While the virtual waypoint is intended to allow safe rounding of the Needles, navigation remains the skipper's responsibility.</i> <i>* Other nearby yellow racing marks may be confused with Snowden. Ensure you have positively identified it by name and are north of it.</i>		

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