

1 GENERAL

- a) These Sailing Instructions (SIs) provide specific details for the Poole and Back races and apply in conjunction with the SORC 2026 Notice of Race 1.0 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/](http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/Port%20Information/Regulations/Byelaws/)) and Cowes Harbour General Directions ([http://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/general directions](http://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/general%20directions)). 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 the SORCRaceControl WhatsApp 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.
- 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 Appendix to the General Sailing Instructions.

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 23 February 2026 (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) If any mark of the course is missing, it should be regarded as a virtual waypoint in its charted position.
- d) All marks are rounding marks unless otherwise stated.
- e) It is intended to send the course via the SORCRaceControl WhatsApp group, 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 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. 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 and bearing. In this event, take your own time when the finish mark is at the required bearing.

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 intended that an informal prize giving will be held after racing on Saturday 8 August.

Appendix A: Race Schedule

Inshore Series Race 4 - Sat 8 August HW Portsmouth 0734			
Timings	Classes 4 & 5	Classes 2 & 3	Class 1
Warning	0955	1005	1015
Preparatory	0956	1006	1016
1 minute	0959	1009	1019
Start	1000	1000	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>	Unless otherwise specified with the course, the finish line extends 100m on a bearing of 0° from Stoneways Marine buoy (1C) at 50°40.31N, 01°54.02W. Record your finish time when the buoy is within 100 metres to port and bears 180° magnetic. Note if possible the boats immediately in front and behind and their approximate finishing times.		

Inshore Series Race 5 - Sun 9 August HW Portsmouth 0859, 1805 Start time to be confirmed in Poole	
<i>Timings</i>	All Classes: 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