Inshore Series Races 7 & 8
Sat 10 & Sun 11 October 2026
Sailing Instructions

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1 GENERAL

a) These Sailing Instructions (SIs) provide specific details for Inshore Races 7 & 8 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) It is intended to set courses of about 4-6 hours duration appropriate to the conditions on the day, finishing in the central Solent.

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).

c) All marks are rounding marks unless otherwise stated.

d) 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) The finish will be announced with the course.

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 to 07714 242163. See General Sailing Instructions Section 7.

7 SCORING, RESULTS AND PRIZES

a) It is intended that an informal prize giving will be held after racing on Saturday.

b) Results will be published on the SORC website as soon as possible after racing.

APPENDIX A: RACE SCHEDULE

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HW Portsmouth 1204 / 1237

Timings	**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
Start line	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.		
Identity gate	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.		
Course	To be announced as per SI 4 d).		
Finish	As notified with the course.		