

1 GENERAL

- a) These Sailing Instructions (SIs) provide specific details for the technical 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/) and 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 KHM 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 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) It is likely that starts will use the Committee Start Boat (CSB) procedures specified in the Appendix to the General Sailing Instructions. 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.

4 COURSE

- a) It is intended to send each course via the SORCRaceControl WhatsApp group, 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 courses will be offshore and appropriate to the forecast conditions.
- c) The courses may use any of:

- Standard navigation marks in the central English Channel
- Marks from the SCRA Solent Mark Designations dated 23 Feb 2026 (see <https://www.scra.org.uk/solent-marks/solent-marks2>)
- The following Hayling Bay marks

Mark	Characteristic	Approx. position
Rizzi	Yellow racing mark	50° 45.52N, 00° 59.61W
W-E	Yellow racing mark	50° 46.33N, 00° 58.50W
Sparkes	Yellow racing mark	50° 45.52N, 00° 58.50W
Hard	Yellow racing mark	50° 44.73N, 00° 58.50W
Chi	Yellow racing mark	50° 45.52N, 00° 57.06W
West Pole	Tripod	50° 45.45N, 00° 56.59W
Bay	Yellow racing mark	50° 45.00N, 00° 54.90W

- 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.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

By text or WhatsApp to 07803162893; 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 11 July.

Appendix A: Race Schedule

All times BST

Offshore Series Race 4 - Fri 10 July: Solent to Chichester HW Portsmouth 10 July: 2028 / 11 July: 0902	
<i>Timings</i>	All classes: Warning signal 1755, start 1800
<i>Start</i>	Competitor Start Boat procedure in the vicinity of Mark 4M Hill Head red navigation mark at 50° 48.07N 01° 16.00W
<i>Course</i>	It is intended to set a course appropriate to the forecast conditions, lasting up to 18 h and finishing in the vicinity of the entrance to Chichester
<i>Finish line</i>	To be announced with the course

Offshore Series Race 5 - Sun 12 May: Chichester to Solent HW Portsmouth 1009	
<i>Timings</i>	<i>All Classes:</i> Warning signal 0755, start 0800
<i>Start</i>	Competitor Start Boat procedure in the vicinity of the entrance to Chichester.
<i>Course</i>	It is intended to set a course appropriate to the forecast conditions, lasting approximately 8 h and finishing in the Solent
<i>Finish line</i>	To be announced with the course