

1.0 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the RYA and these Sailing Instructions.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board which will be located near the race box steps on the patio of Tudor sailing club.

3.0 ENTRIES & DECLARATIONS

- 3.1 All competitors must sign on before each day's race. Finishing declarations are not required.
- 3.2 A boat that does not finish or retires after finishing shall notify the Race Officer as soon as possible, either in person, by VHF Channel 37, or by informing a patrol boat.

4.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1 hour before the scheduled time of the first warning signal on the day it will take effect.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The first warning signal will be 5 minutes before the first scheduled race start time below
- 5.2 The following classes, handicap bandings, warning flags and race start times will be used:
- 5.3 Dinghy Race 2 and Race 4 will be started as soon as possible after completion of previous race.

Fleet	CRUISER	FAST	MEDIUM
Class Flag	(C)		(B)
PY Band / Class Restriction	n/a	1026 and below	1027 and above
Saturday			
Number of Races	1	2	2
Time of first race start	12:30	13:00	13:05
Sunday			
Number of Races	1	2	2
Time of race start	13:00	13:30	13:35



6.0 CLASS FLAGS & HANDICAP SYSTEM

6.1 The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme will apply. Variations from published Portsmouth Numbers must be agreed with the Race Committee.

7.0 COURSE – DINGHIES

- 7.1 The dinghy courses for the Saturday and Sunday will be displayed on the white board at the base of the race box steps. Where possible at least one RIB will have a whiteboard with the course displayed on it.
- 7.2 Dinghy courses will be made up of harbour buoys and laid inflatables, examples of courses are shown in Attachment A.

8.0 COURSE – CRUISERS

- 8.1 The courses are described in Attachment B.
- 8.2 The course letter will be displayed from the race box prior to the relevant warning signal. The course letter may also be broadcast on VHF Channel 37 prior to the warning signal.

9.0 START LINE & FINISH LINE

- 9.1 The starts will be from the TSC club line
- 9.2 The line is the extension of a line through the centres of two triangles in front of the clubhouse.
- 9.3 There is an outer distance mark at the Eastern end of the line; a yellow ball on a post. Boats must pass to the West of this mark when starting and finishing. (Note that the outer distance mark may not lie exactly on the line).

10.0 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started using a 5 minute sequence.
- 10.2 It is intended that dinghy fleets will start at 5 minute intervals in the order shown in Instruction 5. Circumstances may require variations to the intervals or order.
- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not yet been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequences for other races.

11.0 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finish line will be the LINE defined in instruction 9.
- 11.2 A 'grand prix finish', also known as the 'average lap racing' system will be employed for the dinghy fleets. All boats will be finished when they next pass through the line after the lead boat has been deemed to have completed the race, regardless of lap count. Corrected times will be calculated on an average lap basis and scaled accordingly.
- 11.3 In order to manage the overall duration of a race, the Race Committee may, at their discretion, finish a boat after fewer laps than the set number. In such a case the boat's elapsed time will be scaled upwards accordingly
- 11.4 No finish sounds will be made for cruisers finishing during, or in the 5 minute period before and after the start sequence for dinghy race 2 and dinghy race 4.



12.0 TIME LIMIT

12.1 The time limit for the leading boat is as follows:

Fleet	Time Limit
Cruiser	4 hours
Dinghies	2 hours

12.2 Boats that do not finish within 1 hour (cruisers), 30 minutes (dinghies) of the first boat finishing in their race will be scored ("Did not Finish"). This changes rule 35.

13.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed. See Official Notice Board for details.
- 13.2 Protest forms are available on request from the Race Officer and are stored in the race box at Tudor Sailing Club.
- 13.3 Protests or requests for redress shall be delivered to the race officer within the appropriate time limit.
- 13.4 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This time limit can be extended at the discretion of the Race Committee.

14.0 SCORING

- 14.1 The number of races required to be completed to constitute a series is one
- 14.2 A change of helm or handicap configuration will be treated as a separate entry in the series for scoring.
- 14.3 If three or four races have been sailed then one score will be discarded. If two races have been sailed then there will be no discard.

15.0 PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be awarded for boats finishing first, second and third place in each fleet

16.0 RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 16.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
 - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
 - c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
 - d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
 - e) Dinghy sailors will wear a suitable personal flotation device whilst on the water
 - f) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
 - g) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.



17.0 INSURANCE

17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

18.0 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

18.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

19.0 CRUISERS - ENGINES

19.1 All engines must be turned off at least 4 minutes before the race start time. If you have to use your engine for safety reasons (e.g. to clear a shipping channel or to avoid a collision) then you must note down the length of time the engine was running for and then declare it, with your start and finish times, at the end of the race. This will then be added to your elapsed time. No distance advantage may be gained whilst using an engine, it is only to be used for safety reasons.