



Cowes yacht club



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SOUTHERN WESTERN PORT CHALLENGE

FOR "OFF THE BEACH" BOATS

Organising Authority: Yachting Western Port (YWP)

Host Club: Cowes Yacht Club (CYC)

1. RULES

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the YA Special Regulations, Part 2, For Off the Beach Boats, the rules of the respective classes, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Notice Board at Cowes Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the Notice Board not less than 60 minutes prior to the scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first start, and Code Flag L will be flown from the flagpole of Cowes Yacht Club with one sound signal.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the CYC flagpole.

4.2

Flag AP with two (2) sound signals means the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than fifteen (15) minutes after AP is lowered with one (1) sound signal.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The race is scheduled to take place at Cowes Yacht Club as advised in Notice of Race. No resail is available

6. DIVISIONS AND DIVISION FLAGS

The race will be conducted in Divisions. The Divisions and their respective flags are:

DIVISION	HULL TYPE	YARDSTICK	PENANT
Division 1	Multihull	All Multihulls	One
Division 2	Monohull	Less than 131	Two
Division 3	Monohull	131 and above	Three

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the waters of Western Port in the vicinity of the Cowes Yacht Club.

8. THE COURSE

8.1

The course will be approximately 4000m in total length but may be changed at the discretion of the race officer of the day.

8.2

Courses may be shortened, in which case Flag S will be displayed in the vicinity of a rounding mark. The flag for each Division for which the course is shortened will be displayed before the leading boat of that Division rounds or passes the mark, accompanied by two sound signals. Boats of that Division will complete the course as shortened for the leading boat by rounding or passing that mark and then proceeding to the finish line in accordance with paragraph 12.

A Flag "S" displayed with no Division flags will mean that the course has been shortened for all divisions. This changes rule 32.2.

9. TIDES

Tide Times for Cowes will be advised at the briefing by the Officer of the Day on race day.

Tide Times for race day can be confirmed on the Cowes Yacht Club website:

www.cowesyachtclub.com

10. MARKS

10.1

The Port end starting mark will be a orange inflatable with silver band.

10.2

The clearance mark will be an orange plastic buoy.

10.3

Course marks will be orange or yellow cylindrical inflatable buoys or yellow conical permanent buoys.

10.4

The finishing mark will be between the 8k conical buoy 200m north of Cowes Yacht Club and the race control room, at the north east corner of Cowes Yacht Club

11. THE START

11.1

Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the first starting signal. Each start will be the warning signal for the next start.

11.2

Races will be started in the order of divisions 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1.

11.3

In the interest of timely racing, some divisions may be combined into one start.

11.4

The starting line will be between a staff displaying a red/orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end, and the starting mark at the port end. The race committee boat may stream a barging buoy, which will be considered an extension of the race committee boat.

11.5

Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

11.6

A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS Rule A4 1.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the finishing mark and the centre line of the race control room of CYC or between a staff displaying a red/orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end, and the start/finish mark at the port end or as decided by the race Officer of the Day.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

For multi-hulls Rule 44.2 is changed so that the 720° turn is replaced by a 360° turn.

14. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for a division is two (2) hours after the start of that division, or 30 minutes after the first boat in that division finishes whichever is the later. All boats finishing outside these time limits will be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes Rules 35 and A4.1.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1

Protest forms are available at the race office of Cowes Yacht Club. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

15.2

The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat to finish.

15.3

Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. These notices will also be faxed on that day for posting on the notice boards of participating clubs whose members are named in the protest.

15.4

Hearings will be held at Cowes Yacht Club. Competitors and witnesses named may participate by phone.

15.5

Breaches of instruction 16 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes Rule 60.1(a). Penalties for this breach may be the subject of a protest by the race committee.

15.5

A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes Rule 66.

16. SCORING

16.1

The course for each division is a specified number of laps.

16.2

For the Southern Western Port Challenge, each boat's Elapsed Time will be adjusted for the time taken for the leg to the finish by using the time taken on that leg by a selected boat and adjusted by their respective yardsticks, to give an Elapsed Time for the laps sailed. This time will be corrected to give a Yardstick Corrected Time for the number of laps sailed.

16.3

Each boat's Yardstick Corrected Time will then be corrected to 4 laps

16.4

A Multi-hull Correction Factor will be calculated, and used, using 5 boats of each type.

16.5

The Scoring for each boat entered will be as follows:

DNC will not be included as an entrant.

DNS, OCS, DNF, RAF, and DSQ, will be allocated a corrected time equal to the last boat overall.

16.6

Each club's score will be average of its Yardstick Corrected Times excluding times discarded as follows:

Entrants	6	7	10	10+
Discards	0	1	2	20% of entrants rounded up to the nearest whole number.

16.7

The Club with six (6) or more entrants and the lowest average time is the winner. If less than six (6) boats rank as entrants for a Club, that Club will not qualify as a Club entry, but the boats will be eligible for individual prizes.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1

The Sign On requirements are detailed in the Notice of Race.

17.2

All Boats, including those that retire, are required to sign off at the end of the race, by:

a) signing the Sign Off sheet at the Cowes Yacht Club within 30 minutes of the last boat to finish;

OR

17.3

Before the race, the Cowes Race Officer will check that all entered boats from each club have signed on. After the race the Race Officer will remain on duty until each club confirms that all competitors from that club have returned.

18. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official Boats will fly the Cowes Yacht Club burgee as shown in the heading.

19. PRIZES

Prizes will be presented as set out in the Notice of Race.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

20.1

Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4 Decision to Race, "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". Cowes Yacht Club and the Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

20.2

Each competitor should note the indemnity that is granted to the Cowes Yacht Club and the Organizing Authority on signing the Entry Form.

21. INSURANCE

Each participating boat or skipper in charge of the boat must be insured with Marine Third Party insurance legal liability cover to a minimum level of \$5,000,000 per event.