



Hamble River Sailing Club

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Evening Pursuit Races 2018

Sailing Instructions

1 - General

1.1 - Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

1.2 - All competing boats must fly the Club burgee from their backstay or from a conspicuous position. In addition, all keel boats must fly the appropriate class flag (in 5.3) below the burgee.

1.3 - With regard to Shipping, all boats must conform to the IRPCAS and the Southampton Harbour Byelaw 2003 No.11. A Protest under this rule may be brought only by the Race Committee (RC) and not by a competitor. The RC will act when a ship or Port Authority makes a specific complaint. This changes RRS 60.1. When a boat is disqualified under this rule her score shall not be excluded in calculating her series score. The next-worse score shall be excluded instead.

2 - Communications

2.1 - Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Club website.

2.2 - Any amendments to Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Club website before 0900 on the day it will take effect.

2.3 - Signals made ashore will be flown from the Club Flagstaff.

2.4 - VHF Ch 72 will be used for all other communication with competitors.

2.5 - A time check will normally be given 10 minutes before the first warning signal.

2.6 - From 18:25, time checks will be given out over VHF.

2.7 - Boats must report their retirement to the Race Committee by VHF. Failure to do so may result in the boat scoring DNC.

3 - Safety

3.1 - All boats must carry a torch of sufficient strength to illuminate their sail number.

3.2 - No anchor should be carried forward of the stem whilst racing.

4 - Classes and Start Times

4.1 - XOD, and keel boat classes will race together. Start times will be determined by the handicap committee.

5 - Schedule of Races & Start Times

5.1 - The date of each race is set out in the Notice of Race and the HRSC 2018 Programme.

5.2 - The warning signal is expected to be at 1820hrs.

5.3 - Individual boat's start times for each pursuit race will be e-mailed to competitors before that race, and displayed on the club website from the Monday before the race.

6 - Courses

6.1 - Marks in Southampton Water and the Central Solent will be used. The list of marks and their identifying abbreviation is shown on the reverse of these SIs, and on the accompanying chartlet.

6.2 - The course will be announced on VHF

6.3 - at the time check, at intervals thereafter, and on request by competitors. The marks shall be rounded in the order announced. This changes RRS 27.1.

7 - The Start

7.1 - The Start will be in Southampton Water between Hamble Point and Coronation.

7.2 - The start line will be between the main mast of the Committee Boat (CB) flying an orange flag and the ODM. The description of the ODM will be announced as part of the Course (see 6 - Courses (above))

7.3 - Changing RRS 26, races will be started using the following signals:

Signal	Flag Displayed	Time
Warning	Flag 'H'	1820 hrs
Preparatory	Flag 'P'	1825 hrs
First Start	Flag 'H' dipped for 10 seconds	1830 hrs

7.4 - At subsequent starts Flag 'H' may be dipped for 10 seconds.

7.5 - For the purpose of RRS 42 and RRS 45 a boat's preparatory signal shall be 5 minutes before her individual starting signal.

7.6 - Flag X will be displayed for a maximum of 40 seconds to signal individual recalls. This changes RRS 29.2

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

8 - The Finish

8.1 - The finish line will be between the last mark of the course and the mast flying an orange flag on the committee boat.

8.2 - It is expected that the course will be shortened, in accordance with RRS 32.1, so that Pursuit Race 1 finishes as close as possible to 7.30pm and Pursuit Races 2 and 3 finishes as close to 8pm as possible.

9 - Time Limit

9.1 - The time limit for boats will be 30 minutes after the first finisher in each class (Weds Evening Class). This changes RRS 35.

10 - Protests & Penalties

10.1 - Notwithstanding anything below, the normal penalty for an infringement is the one or two turns penalty as defined in RRS 44.

10.2 - Protests shall be written on forms available from the Club Office and delivered there in person, by fax or by email before 10.30am on the day after racing.

10.3 - Exoneration Penalty - a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2, or rule 31 or 42, may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts a 20% scoring penalty as stated in rule 44.3(c).

11 - Scoring

11.1 - The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply for the overall Pursuit races prize.

11.2 - All three races will count.

11.3 - If a boat cannot compete because a member is required to serve on the committee boat for a race, his/her boat's score for that race shall be the points for her median place in all other races in the series. In such cases skippers are expected to notify the Race Committee.

12 - Cancellation & Seamanship Series

12.1 - Cancellation of normal racing will be signalled by flying the appropriate flag/s from the club Flagstaff and may be announced on the club website. Cancellation will not normally be signalled/announced before 1700 hrs.

12.2 - If Flag "N" over Flag "X" is displayed, Pursuit racing is cancelled for all classes, however some boats in keelboat classes only may choose to run an informal race as part of the "Seamanship Series".

12.3 - The race will not count towards the main series but will instead be counted towards a separate Heavy Weather "Seamanship Series" (see also Notice of Race).

12.4 - See HRSC Wednesday Evening Sailing Instructions for details.

2018 List of Buoys					
47	Maraval	4L	William	74	Sposa
4A	Reach	4M	Hill Head	77	Fawley Deep
4B	Coronation	4Q	Robin Culpan	7S	Deans Lake
4C	Rigit UK Rigging	4R	Darling Buoy	7W	After Barn
4D	Calshot	4S	Royal Southern	7X	Hamblecliff
4E	Mike Till	4V	Hamble Yacht Services	80	Hook
4F	Deloitte Sailing Club	70	Cathead	9A	Windward Laid Mark
4G	Cutter	71	Mark	9C	Leeward Laid Mark
4H	East Knoll	72	Hamble Point		
4J	hamblewinterseries.com	73	Bald Head		