



Hamble River Sailing Club

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Wednesday Evening Sailing Instructions 2018

(Except Pursuit Races – see separate SIs.)

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; and e-mailed to competitors.

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

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

2.5. A time check will normally be given 5 minutes before the first warning signal.

2.6. 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 Handicaps

4.1. All races for classes 1, 2 and 3 will be scored using the Club handicap system. XOD will sail as a one design class.

5. Schedule of Races & Start Times

5.1. The dates of each series are set out in the Notice of Race and the HRSC 2018 Programme.

5.2. The 1st warning signal is scheduled for 18:30hrs.

5.3. Classes will start as signalled using the Class Flags indicated:

Flag	Class
W	XOD
3	Keelboat 3
2	Keelboat 2
1	Keelboat 1

5.4. Starts may be combined at the discretion of the race officer.

5.5. RRS 26 will apply (5-4-1-Go).

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 SIs, and on the accompanying chartlet.

6.2. The course will be announced on VHF immediately following the time check, and on request by the competitors. The marks shall be rounded in the order announced. This changes RRS27.1.

7. The Start

7.1. The Start will be in Southampton Water in the vicinity of Hamble Point and Coronation.

7.2. The start line is 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)

7.3. 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 is between the last mark of the course and the mast flying an orange flag on the CB, or the line formed by bringing into line (transit) the club flagstaff with the red post at the end of the Ferry Hard in front of the clubhouse.

8.2. In a dying wind, if common consent between competitors in a class can be reached on a substitute finishing mark, and the Race Committee informed of each boat's finishing time at that mark, the result will stand.

9. Time Limit

9.1. The time limit for all boats will be 30 minutes after the first finisher in each class. This changes RRS 35.

10. Protests & Penalties

10.1. Notwithstanding anything below, the normal penalty for an infringement is the one or two penalty turns 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.

11.2. Discards will be as follows:

Number of Races	Discards
1-3	0
4-6	1
7 or more	2

11.3. If a boat cannot compete because a member is required to serve on the committee boat for a race, the 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, normal 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. Boats in this series must comply with ISAF Special Regulations Category 4.

12.5. There will be no committee boat on the water. Competitors shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch.72.

12.6. Members intending to take part should make their intentions known, by texting 07804 360665 before going afloat.

12.7. The Starting Line is within 0.2nm of (72) Coronation, when Coronation bears 050° Magnetic.

12.8. Start at 18:45 BST taken from a GPS.

12.9. The Course is, Start as per 12.7 above; (4Q) Robin Culpan (S); (4H) East Knoll (S); (4S) Royal Southern (P); 4J hamblewinterseries.com (S); Finish within 0.1 nm of (72) Hamble Point when Hamble Point bears 245° Magnetic. (8.0 nm).

12.10. Fore & Aft Sails only may be used – spinnakers may not be used.

12.11. Lifejackets shall be worn and shall be clearly visible to all competitors.

12.12. **Competitors will time their own finish, and report results to the Race Office by email to sailsec@hrsc.org.uk.**

12.13. In case of protests regarding OCS; sailing the correct course; or finishing times, the onus is on a boat protested to prove that she complied with these Sls. A GPS track will always be accepted as evidence.

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 SC	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		