

## **Solution Nationals and Phantom Open Meeting**

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 Racing will take place under the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and RYA Prescriptions, these SIs and any relevant Class Rules.
- 1.2 All races and Regattas shall be classified as Cat A (*defined in the RRS*), except as stated in a Notice of Race (NoR) or relevant Class Rules.

### **2 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

- 2.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race(s). The establishment of these SIs in no way limits or reduces the complete responsibility of the owner/competitor for his/her crew or boat and the management thereof. Neither the organising authority, the Club or the Race Committee shall be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury caused to competitors as a result of their taking part in any competition/races. Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4; the Club and organisers provide motorised support, but may be unaware of any difficulties experienced by any boat at any time.
- 2.2 Each competitor shall be responsible for ensuring that they and their boat have adequate third party insurance cover; a minimum of £3,000,000 is recommended.

### **3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted at the Club, normally either on a chalkboard on the outside wall, or on a portable chalkboard within the Club premises. Other notices will be displayed on the official notice board located indoors, adjacent to the Ladies changing facility.

A briefing for all competitors will be held at 11am on Saturday and at 0945 on Sunday outside the clubhouse.

### **4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30-minutes before the next scheduled start-time, and any change to the schedule of races will be notified at a competitors' briefing.
- 4.2 If changes are required whilst afloat, the Committee Boat will make repeated sound signals for boats to approach within hail, when these changes will be passed verbally.

### **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

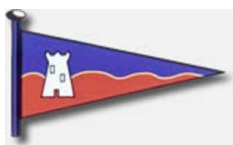
- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Club Flagstaff.
- 5.2 After a long postponement ashore, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound. Competitors are responsible for informing themselves of any new changes to Instructions and must then go afloat immediately and proceed to the start-area.

### **6 CLASS FLAGS**

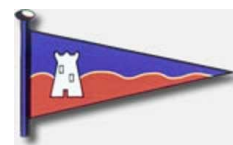
Class flags will be: Solution Class Flag and Handicap Numeral Pennant-4.

### **7 RACING AREAS**

- 7.1 The Racing Area will be outside the Racing-Exclusion-Zone indicated at Appendix, unless the nature of a Passage Race requires competitors to cross this Exclusion-Zone. The Exclusion Zone is bounded to the South by an imaginary line bearing 135-deg from the outer end of the beach Breakwater and a West-East extension from the beach of The Ravine.
- 7.2 Competitors may need to cross the inner area of this Racing-Exclusion-Zone to reach the racing area; when doing so they should take greatest care to proceed Southwards as soon as reasonably possible within the prevailing conditions, but in any case always to keep well clear of potential shipping at the



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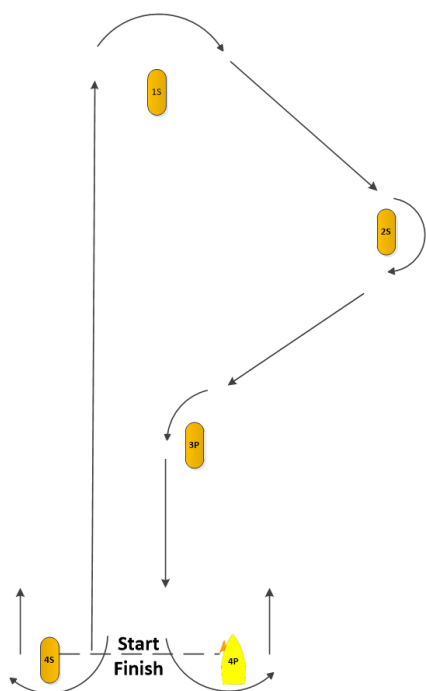
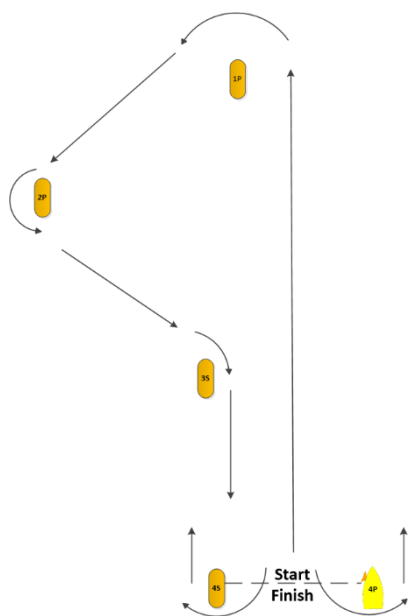


Harbour Mouth and new Port Mouth and also the “Cauldron” disturbed waters. Competitors should defer to IRPCAS and recognise that port shipping is almost always, “Restricted-in-Ability-to-Manoeuvre” and therefore has Right-of-Way over sailing dinghies and support craft.

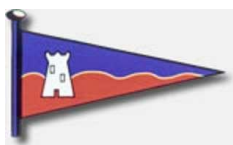
- 7.3 Competitors are warned to stay clear of the area between the pier and the harbour wall which is known as The Cauldron for good reason! .

## COURSES

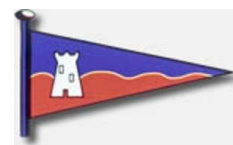
### Course A



**Course B**



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- 8.1 The diagrams are illustrative and do not show bearings or distances between marks.
- 8.2 Course A will be sailed if the committee boat flies Flag Yellow or Course B will be sailed if a Green Flag is flown. (see 9.1 below)
- 8.3 Start-Finish Line is also a Leeward Gate; boats must pass downwind through the Gate, then either round the left-hand Mark to Port, or round the right-hand Mark (usually the outer Limit Mark) to Starboard before starting the next windward leg, or to Finish.
- 8.4 Course Marks will be orange inflatable buoys or a small dhan bouy with an orange flag; the start/finish outer limit mark may be any plastic buoy.
- 8.5 After the Start of a race, the Race Committee may move any mark or lay a substitute in order to preserve the intended course configuration and lift the original Marks as soon as practicable. A boat will be stationed near the start of the first affected leg and will attempt to display either a RED or a GREEN Flag accompanied by repetitive sound signals to indicate that the amended course-bearing lies to Port or Starboard of the previous bearing.
- 8.6 Number of Rounds will not normally be displayed.
- 8.7 Three races will be sailed back to back on each day.

## 9 START

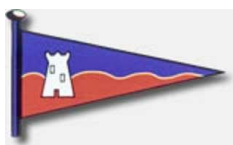
- 9.1 When on-station and ready to proceed, the Start-Boat will display a Yellow Flag or a Green Flag and sound a signal one minute before the first warning signal of the start sequence. If Green is flown, then Course B will be sailed.
- 9.2 Starting procedure will use 5-min (Warning) / 4-min (Preparatory) / 1-min / GO! signals; the GO! signal for an earlier Start becomes the 5-min signal for a subsequent Start.
- 9.3 The Start-Line will be between the Signal Mast on the Committee Boat and an Outer Distance buoy.
- 9.4 The first start will be for Solutions and the second start for Phantoms
- 9.5 In the event of a general recall of the first fleet starting, their restart will follow that of the subsequent start with their 5 minute warning being the start signal for the previous race.
- 9.6 No start signal will be made after 1400 on Sunday.

## 10 OBSTRUCTIONS

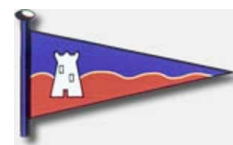
- 10.1 The wreck of the White Swan is marked by a red Admiralty buoy and lies 250m SW of the shore side "Cafe" (indicated approximately at Appendix); competitors should avoid this area and if in doubt may request, "Water", to do so.
11. A Beach Patrol regularly sets up a Swimming Area marked by shore side flags that may be close to the launch/recovery area of beach; competitors should remain vigilant for swimmers at all times, both within and outside this zone. Normally, the Beach Patrol set up black and white flags to indicate the area reserved for boats landing or launching.

## 12. SHORTENING COURSE AND FINISHING

- 12.1 The course may be shortened at any time, and at any Mark.
- 12.2 The Finish-Line will be between the Signal Mast of the Committee Boat and a nearby buoy.
- 12.3 At the Finish the Committee Boat will display a Blue Flag and Flag "S".
- 12.4 If handicaps are to be used for establishing finishing positions, then elapsed time per Round will be used; in this case boats may complete differing numbers of Rounds and no distinction made of the



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Round configuration.

- 11.5.1 The Time Limit for the first boat to finish normal races will be 90-minutes; this may be varied at a pre-race briefing.
- 11.5.2 Any boat which does not finish within 30-minutes of the first finisher may be scored DNF, or if possible, given its time-position on completion of its previous lap, or other equitable award as the Race Committee decides.

## 12 PENALTIES

Boats who have infringed the rules are obliged to do a 360 rather than a 720 turn.

Rule 31 is changed so that marks other than starting and finishing mark with the exception of the committee boat at any time may be touched (but not manhandled) without penalty.

Rule 44.3 shall not apply

## 13 PROTESTS

- 13.1 A boat shall inform the Race Committee of her intention to protest before leaving the vicinity of the Finish-Line; such protest shall be lodged with the Race Committee within 15-minutes of the last boat coming ashore for that series of races.

## 14 SCORING

- 14.1 The RRS Low Point Scoring system will be used.
- 14.2 For a Regatta of three or more races, one discard shall be allowed unless two or fewer races are completed when all races shall be counted.

## 15 SAFETY

- 15.1 Competitors shall wear personal buoyancy devices while racing
- 15.2 Competitors shall indicate their intention to race on the appropriate entry-form; for Open Regattas this shall be by completing the entry pro-forma;
- 15.3 Declarations for retirement or completion of penalties are required, within Protest Time [*see 12.1 above*].

## 16 LAUNCHING AND RECOVERING

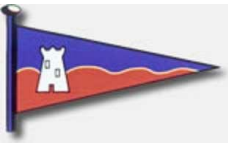
**15.1 Competitors should wait offshore the landing area until called in by the Beach Master individually. Once they have made their boat safe, they should return to the Beach Master to aid in the recovery of other boats. Competitors should remain on the beach unless dismissed by the Beach Master to assist in recovery of Committee and Support boats from the water to the boat-park.**

## 17 BERTHING

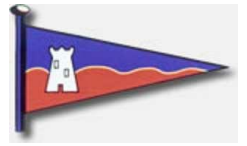
Boats shall not be parked across the esplanade above the beach ramp in such a manner as may cause obstruction to the public or emergency Services; ongoing rigging and de-rigging at railings outside the Club, or on the beach is not included within this.

## APPENDIX:

### Racing Exclusion Zone



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## The Club and environs

