



Hythe (Southampton) Sailing Club

# DINGHY NOTICE OF RACE/SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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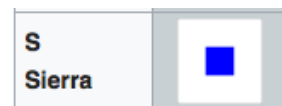
## ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Each event is open to **any** dinghy class.

- 1.1. "Open" events are open to any member of a recognised Club.
- 1.3. "Club" events are open to members of the HSC. Entries from members of other clubs may be accepted at the discretion of the Sailing Sub-Committee.
- 1.4. An HSC entry form for each boat must be completed and the declaration (regarding fitness to sail, insurance cover and willingness to sail in accordance with the rules and the RYA Charter) signed prior to racing. The completed and signed entry form shall cover all HSC club and open events during the current calendar year but any changes to helm, crew or contact details should be notified to the Sailing Sub-Committee. **If the helm is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must sign the entry form.**
- 1.5. Competitors must register their intention to participate in a race by informing the Race Officer. The Race Officer will record the boat type, sail number and name of helm and crew.

## 2. RULES

- 2.1. HSC events will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing - 2017-2020 (RR).
- 2.2. Racing rules will be amended as described below:
  - RR 29.1 (Individual Recall) will be signalled by displaying flag 'F' lowered to half-mast with one sound signal, lowered when all offending boats have re-crossed the starting line. Flag "X" will not be used.
  - RR 32 (Shortening or Abandoning after the Start) If Flag S is flown at the finish, then all boats will be finished when they complete the lap they are on irrespective of how many laps they have completed and average lap times will be applied.
  - RR 35 (Time Limits) Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored "**Did Not Finish**" without a hearing.
  - RR 40 **A Personal Flotation Device shall be worn** at all times while afloat.



- 2.3. Competitors should note that Hythe Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA edition of Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, on the Club's Notice Board or at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter).



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## 3. FEES

- 3.1. There is no entry fee for events unless specified in a separate **“Notice of Race”**.

## 4. RACING SCHEDULE

- 4.1. The scheduled races/series are as set out in the Sailing Instructions, the Club’s Year Book and on the Notice Board in the Club’s Wet Lobby area or on the Club’s web site.
- 4.2. Most races are Handicap races. Boats will be provided with a handicap in accordance with the Portsmouth Yardstick system. This will be published on the Club Notice Board before the beginning of each series. Specific races may be “class races” provided there are over three boats of the same class of dinghy racing.

## 5. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be: ‘F’ for all Dinghy races.

## 6. RACING AREA

Dinghy racing courses shall be set entirely within the dinghy racing area. This area is bounded to the seaward edge by a line through Deans Elbow and Laines Lake buoys. It is bounded upstream by a line extended from the Hythe Marine Park pier and bounded down-stream by a line through Deans Lake buoy at right angle to the shore line.

## 7. THE COURSES

The course to be sailed will be indicated on the “course board” located at or near the slipway a minimum of 15 minutes before the start.

## 8. MARKS

- 8.1 Marks that may be used during races will be indicated on the Course Board.
- 8.2 The starting and finishing marks will be as indicated on the Course Board.

## 9. THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started in accordance with RR 26.
- 9.2 The starting line will normally lie from the Flag Pole on the shore at the South East corner of the Club compound and an orange buoy (with a flag on it) to seaward. Unless shown otherwise on the Course Board.
- 9.3 A boat which has submitted a valid entry form, informed the Race Officer of their intention and manoeuvres in the vicinity of the start shall be deemed to have entered the race.

## 10. INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

See para 2.2



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## 11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be the same as the Starting Line, unless as shown on the Course Board.

11.2 Finishing will be by crossing the line from the **“direction of the last mark”**.

11.3 See para 2.2

## 12 TIME LIMIT

12.1 The time limit is **90 minutes** for the first boat to finish.

12.2 See Para 2.2

## 13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protests shall be written on the official form available from the Race Officer or members of the Sailing Sub-Committee and must be lodged within 90 minutes of last boat finishing last race of day.

13.2 Protests will be heard as soon as is practical.

## 14 HANDICAP RACING

14.1 Boats will be ranked according to their corrected time as calculated using the Portsmouth Yardstick System as set out in the current edition of RYA YR2. Average lap corrected times may also be used.

14.2 Portsmouth Yardstick Numbers will be those published in the current edition of RYA YR2 for each class, adjusted as necessary for variations from base trim for each class or as directed by the Sailing Sub-Committee. The Sailing Sub-Committee may allocate provisional PYN to boats that do not appear in YR2 or vary the YR2 values for local purposes.

## 15 SCORING

15.1 The low points scoring system of RR Appendix A.4 will apply except that in a series, RR A4.2 is amended to read as in RR A9.

15.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.3 The number of excluded race scores (discards) is as follows:

- 6 races completed - 2 discards;
- 3, 4 or 5 races completed - 1 discard;
- 1 or 2 races completed - no discards.

15.4 Points for non-finishers will be awarded as follows:

- Retired after finishing (RAF) scores - **race entry number plus one**;
- Did not finish (DNF) scores - **race entry number plus one**;
- On course side (OCS) or disqualified (DSQ) scores - **race entry number plus one**;
- Did not start (DNS) scores - **race entry number plus one**;
- Did not complete (DNC) scores - **series entry number plus one**.

15.5 Points will be awarded to a helmsman in a class of boat.

15.6 Helms **shall not** change during a race.

15.7 Boats unable to race due to a member of the crew being on duty helping to run the race will be awarded average points for the series. These points will not be awarded for more than 50% of the races that the boat will count in the series.



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## 16. MEASUREMENT

- 16.1 Competitors and their boats shall comply with their own Class Rules.
- 16.2 An infringement of Class rules which is deemed by the Sailing Sub-Committee to provide a speed advantage will on the first occasion result in a disqualification from the last race sailed unless the owner has previously advised the Club of the modification in writing. For other infringements of class rules a warning may be issued with a time limit to comply with the rule.
- 16.3 Subsequent infringements of Class rules by the same person/boat may result in the disqualification of the person/boat from the event/series.

## 17. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the Notice Board located in the Wet Room or on the HSC web site.

## 18. PRIZES

- a. Perpetual trophies will be awarded as set out in the Club's Year Book and on the Notice Board in the Club's Wet Lobby area or on the Club's web site.
- b. Trophies may be presented at an annual prize giving or after a race Series.

## 19. ADVERTISING

HSC 'Club and Open event' are classified as Category 'C' events.

## 20. RISK STATEMENT

- 20.1 Decision to participate in a race: **"The decision for a boat to participate in a race or to continue racing is the responsibility of the helm alone,"**
- 20.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- a. They must be aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for their own exposure/fitness and their crew's and that their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the races
  - 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. The provision of a race management team, safety boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities and
  - f. The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances



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## 21. INSPECTIONS

The fact that the Race Committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

## 22. INSURANCE

The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000.

## 23. SAFETY.

- 23.1** Although reasonable efforts will be made to provide Safety Boat cover, competitors are reminded that, particularly in extreme weather conditions, cover **should not** be relied upon, and in any event they can only be given such assistance as can be practically provided in the circumstances. This is particularly relevant in winter and spring sailing where the risk of hypothermia is at its highest.
- 23.2** A personal flotation device **shall be** worn by competitors at all times while afloat.
- 23.3** During the period 1 October to 30 April, **all competitors are advised to** wear wetsuits or dry suits whilst afloat.
- 23.4** There is **no racing** in the main shipping channel of Southampton Water.
- 23.5** Any boat that starts, but does not finish a race should notify the Race Officer. This is mandatory if the boat is not returning direct to the HSC Slipway.
- 23.6** Racing will be abandoned if the Race Officer considers conditions are unsuitable or if safety boat coverage is considered inadequate.
- 23.7** Particular attention is drawn to **IRPCAS 9(b) "A vessel of less than 20 metres length or a Sailing Vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel, which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway"**.
- 23.8** The helm/skipper should be aware that the wind and tides can be subject to sudden changes in Southampton Water and should ensure that the crew is prepared for all conditions, wears appropriate clothing and approved personal buoyancy at all times while afloat.

## 24. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Sailing Sub-Committee.



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## ENTRY FORM – HSC DINGHY EVENTS

This entry form covers all events included in the HSC Notice of Race for Club Dinghy Events and for any other dinghy race organised by HSC.

List boats to be sailed at HSC during: \_\_\_\_\_ (Year)

Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Sail No. \_\_\_\_\_ PYN \_\_\_\_\_

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Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Sail No. \_\_\_\_\_ PYN \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Helm \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Tel No: In case of emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of emergency contact: (Helm) \_\_\_\_\_ Crew: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Crew (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Crew \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Crew \_\_\_\_\_

**NB:** Contact details, emergency Contact Tel No and name of Contact of the above helms or crews must be supplied to the Sailing Sub Committee before the entry will be accepted.

I undertake to sail in compliance with the RYA Racing Charter. I will also observe the rules of HSC.

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this race. In particular, I confirm that I have read the Dinghy Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions and accept its provisions and agree that my boat will conform to the requirements set out in the Dinghy Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions throughout the event.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**(On behalf of all above named persons)**

**Important Note:** If Helm named above is under the age of 18 this form must be signed by a parent or guardian who must also be aware of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RR 3.1 (b))



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## Electronic Entry Form – HSC Dinghy Events

This entry form covers all events included in the HSC Notice of Race for Club Dinghy Events and for any other dinghy race organised by HSC. If using the electronic version in Microsoft Word, click in the grey box and type in the information required. The box will expand automatically to the necessary length. When you have finished entering your details, save the form to your computer, preferably as a PDF, replacing the word 'Electronic' with your initials. Then either print it and bring it to the club or email it as an attachment to [hythesc@btinternet.com](mailto:hythesc@btinternet.com) No signature is required if completed electronically.

### List boats to be sailed at HSC during season (state year)

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|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| <b>1. Boat Name:</b> | <b>Class:</b> | <b>Sail No.</b> | <b>PYN:</b> |
| <b>2. Boat Name:</b> | <b>Class:</b> | <b>Sail No.</b> | <b>PYN:</b> |
| <b>3. Boat Name:</b> | <b>Class:</b> | <b>Sail No.</b> | <b>PYN:</b> |

**Full Name of Helm:**

**Address: Line 1**

**Line 2**

**Post Code:**

**Telephone: Email:**

**Mobile:**

**Contact Tel No: In case of emergency - Helm: Crew:**

**Name of emergency contact - Helm:**

**Name of Crew 1:**

**Name of Crew 2:**

**Name of Crew 3:**

**NB:** Contact details, emergency Contact Tel No and name of Contact of the above helms or crews must be supplied to the Sailing Sub Committee before the entry will be accepted.

I undertake to sail in compliance with the RYA Racing Charter. I will also observe the rules of HSC.

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this race. In particular, I confirm that I have read the Dinghy Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions and accept its provisions and agree that my boat will conform to the requirements set out in the Dinghy Notice of Race/Sailing Instructions throughout the event.

Type **'YES'** if you agree to abide by the statement above:

Name Date: (On behalf of all persons named above)

**Important Note:** If the Helm named above is under the age of 18 this form must be signed by a parent or guardian who must also be aware of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RR 3.1)