

**REGATTA CHARITY PURSUIT RACE
2009**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



RUN UNDER THE BURGEE OF THE

**Hythe (Southampton) Sailing
Club**

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The organising authority will be Hythe (Southampton) Sailing Club.

1. RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by the most recent ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, with the latest amendments, the prescriptions of the RYA, appropriate class rules, the event safety regulations the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of conflict the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

1.2 All boats competing shall be issued with a Club Handicap figure.

1.3 Breach of Other Racing Rules

When the Race Committee or Duty Race Officer sees or hears of an infringement of the Club Handicap rules, Class Association Rules, or these General Conditions it or he / she may, without a hearing impose a scoring penalty of 20% (minimum 2 places) or 10% (minimum 1 place) or for a minor infringement it may give a warning and waive the penalty. Notwithstanding the above a yacht always has the right to hearing on request.

1.4 No boat whilst racing, preparing to race or returning from a race shall impede the passage of navigating vessels. Any boat entering the area of obstruction in front of a vessel, causing it to take avoiding action or give warning signals may be disqualified. 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".

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 racing the boat who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may prevail in the course of the race. Neither these Sailing Instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of his boat for the race. The owner/person in charge shall make their crew aware of this condition.

2.2 Every boat shall have adequate insurance cover against third party liability. The RYA recommends a minimum cover of £2,000,000.00 (two million pounds sterling).

3. SAFETY REGULATIONS

3.1 All handicap boats shall comply with their own Class Rules.

3.2 One-design classes shall comply with their class safety regulations.

3.3 Anchors shall not be carried from bow fairleads whilst racing.

4. STARTING TIME

Nominal start time will be 13:30 hrs.

Individual start times are attached (appendix C) and will be published on the Club Notice board.

5. STARTING AND RECALLS

5.1 Start Line will be between the committee boat (Hythe RIB moored on the club mooring row 1) and the marked yellow mooring buoy.

5.2 Except for the first boat(s) to start ISAF Rule 26 will not apply.

5.3 Yachts shall start when their published start number (as appendix C) is shown by the Committee Boat. A single sound signal will be made at each minute.

5.4 Competitors will be subject to racing rules from five minutes before their published starting time.

5.5 In the event of a boat starting prematurely, a second signal will be made but no visual signal will be made.

5.6 Sail numbers of boats starting prematurely may be broadcast on VHF Channel 37a. Competitors are reminded that such radio communication is provided as an aid only and the provision or failure of such aid shall not form the basis of any protest.

6. POSTPONEMENT

6.1 In the event of a postponement, all yachts will start at their published start time plus the duration of the postponement.

6.2 The duration of the postponement will be announced by the Race Officer, at the time of the first warning signal.

7. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

7.1 Notices to Competitors

Official notices to competitors will be posted on the Club notice board.

7.2 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Club notice board for the two hours before the nominal race start time. (see 4)

7.3 Communication at Sea

The Race Officer may communicate with competitors on VHF Channel 37A. Boats are requested not to communicate with the Race Officer unless absolutely necessary in the event of an emergency, declaration of protest or notification of retirement.

8. RACE CATEGORY

8.1 The series is classified as a Category A event of ISAF regulation 20. No

additional advertising.

9. COURSES AND COURSE SIGNALS

9.1 Racing Area

The racing area will be in the Southampton Water. As shown in Appendix B

9.2 Designation of marks

Each mark (navigational buoy or special racing mark) has been allocated a symbol (letter or figure) as indicated in Appendix B of these instructions.

9.3 Indication of course

The course to be sailed will be indicated by a course board displayed on the Club House balcony and is described in appendix A contained within these sailing instructions.

9.4 Multiple rounds

If multiple rounds are required Yachts should continue racing, repeating the previous round until finished by the committee boat.

9.5 Location of marks

Appendix 'B' is a list of marks that may be used. This list is provided as an aid only and any deviation from the true position of the mark on a given day will not constitute grounds for protests or redress.

10. STARTING LINE AND BOAT IDENTIFICATION

10.1 Boat identification

Boats shall identify themselves at the start of the race by passing close to the Committee Boat. Boats not identified at the start may not be finished.

11. FINISHING

11.1 There will be no finishing line

11.2 Finishing occurs (90 mins after start 15:00) Committee boat shall fix order of finish.

11.3 Finishing Positions

Boats are recommended to take note of their own finishing position and to record the identity of the boats immediately ahead and astern.

12. DURATION

12.1 Boats must be finished by the committee boat to be classed as finishers. This amends ISAF Rule 35.

13. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

13.1 ISAF Rules 44.1 and 44.2 will apply – 720 degree turns.

14. RETIREMENT

14.1 Boats retiring from a race shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible by VHF Channel 37A, by hailing the Committee Boat or by reporting to the HSC Race Officer in person.

15. PROTESTS

15.1 Lodgement of Protest

Protests shall be lodged with the Race Committee within two hours of the finish of the protesting boat and will be heard following racing. There shall be a protest fee of a full bottle of malt whisky, which is non-returnable and will be auctioned for the Charity nominated.

Appendix A Courses

Start: between Yellow mooring buoy with ATTACHED MARK and club RIB.

Course A		Course B	
Moorhead	Starboard	Hovercraft 1 -	Starboard
Hovercraft 4	Starboard	Hound	Starboard
Admiralty North	Port	Hovercraft 2	Port
Admiralty middle	Port	Netley	Starboard
Hovercraft 3	Starboard	Hovercraft 3	Port
Netley	Port	Admiralty Middle	Starboard
Hovercraft 2	Starboard	NW Netley	Starboard
Hound	Port	Hovercraft 4	Port
Hovercraft 1	Port	Moorhead	Port
Admiralty middle	Starboard	NW Netley	Starboard
NW Netley	Port	Admiralty North	Port
Round Again		Round Again	
Course C		Course D	
Weston Shelf	Starboard	Hound	Port
Hovercraft 4	Starboard	After Barn	Port
Admiralty North	Port	Hovercraft 1	Port
Hovercraft 2	Starboard	Netley	Starboard
Hovercraft 1	Starboard	Hovercraft 2	Port
After Barn	Starboard	Admiralty Middle	Starboard
Hound	Starboard	Hovercraft 4	Port
Netley	Port	Weston Shelf	Port
NW Netley	Port	NW Netley	Starboard
Round again		Round Again	

The actual course on the day will be signalled by the course board on the club house balcony.

Appendix B

Approximate Position of Marks

