



ROYAL NAVAL SAILING ASSOCIATION
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1. RULES

- 1.1 The Series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (2017 – 2020) (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, IRC 2018 Rules (IRC Class only), ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 with RORC prescriptions except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions. The Series are designated Category A.
- 1.2 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise 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. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races.
- 1.3 **Bunk Cushions**
IRC Class boats rated with bunk cushions on board may remove their bunk cushions. No compensating weight need be carried. IRC Rule 22.1.1 refers.
- 1.4 **IRC Crew Numbers/Weight**
The crew number/weight restrictions imposed by IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply.
- 1.5 A boats handicap will be adjusted after every race when racing under NHC (Progressive Handicap). An adjustment in handicap number is not grounds for redress, this changes RRS 62.
- 1.6 A yacht racing under NHC may declare prior to the start of a series – ‘No spinnaker’. An allowance will be made for this within the yachts handicap but a spinnaker must not be used throughout the series.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be forwarded to all competitors. There will be no official notice board.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be forwarded to each competitor before 1630 (spring, summer), 1430 (autumn) on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be forwarded by 1630 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS

- 4.1 **RACES WILL CONTROLLED BY THE SOOD AFLOAT USING VHF CHANNEL 72, THE SOOD WILL SELECT AND ANNOUNCE THE COURSE TO BE SAILED AND MAKE THE SIGNALS FOR THE STARTING SEQUENCES.**

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races are scheduled as follows:

Race	Day and Date	Time of First Warning Signal
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SPRING SERIES

1	Wed 28 March	1820
2	Wed 04 April	1820
3	Wed 11 April	1820
4	Wed 18 April	1820
5	Wed 25 April	1820
6	Wed 02 May	1820
7	Wed 09 May	1820
8	Wed 16 May	1820
9	Wed 23 May	1820

SUMMER SERIES

1	Wed 30 May	1820
2	Wed 06 June	1820
3	Wed 13 June	1820
4	Wed 20 June	1820
5	Wed 27 June	1820
6	Wed 04 July	1820
7	Wed 11 July	1820
8	Wed 18 July	1820
9	Wed 25 July	1820

AUTUMN SERIES

1	Wed 22 August	1820
2	Wed 29 August	1820
3	Wed 05 September	1820
4	Wed 12 September	1750
5	Wed 19 September	1750
6	Wed 26 September	1720
7	Wed 03 October	1720

8	Wed 10 October	1650
9	Wed 17 October	1650

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The Class Flag will be Flag H (Hotel) to be flown from the backstay, where possible.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be the Eastern Solent, bounded by SE Ryde Middle buoy to the west and Mary Rose buoy to the east. Special courses outside these boundaries may be notified by the Race Organiser.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1 The courses to be sailed are determined by the nominated SOOD noting that in all cases of course selection the buoy Darling Associates (5E) will be mark 1 to be left to port.

- 8.2 Restricted Area.

Boats are to pass to seaward of the following marks in Stokes Bay.

1. Stokes Bay Pier (Yellow)
2. Stokes Bay SC Start Line Outer Distance Marks
3. Swimming Area Marks 50 Metres offshore to the West of Stokes Bay SC

The area inshore of these marks shall be considered an obstruction.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 The Marks used will be as described in SCRA East Solent Racing Marks zones 4 and 5 for 2018.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started using the system detailed below using VHF countdown only. Entrants will be allocated to the first or second start by the Race Series Organiser prior to the first race of each series. This changes RRS 26. In the event of reduced numbers coming to the starting area the SOOD may combine the starts. Guidance for this decision is given in notes to SOOD.

	Spring/Summer	Autumn
Time Check and Course	1815	1815/1745/1645
1 st Start Warning Signal	1820	1820/1750/1650
1 st Start Preparatory Signal & 2 nd Start Warning Signal	1825	1825/1755/1655
1 st Start & 2 nd Start Preparatory Signal	1830	1830/1800/1700
2 nd Start	1835	1835/1805/1705

- 10.2 The Starting Line will be the seaward extension of a line formed by bringing the eastern Measured Distance Beacons at Gilkicker (Red and White) in transit on a bearing of 192 degrees true. The Starting Line shall be crossed from east to west.

- 10.3 The Sailing Officer of the Day (SOOD) will establish communications with competing boats on VHF channel 72. All boats shall carry a serviceable VHF Tx/Rx and are to guard channel 72 from 20 minutes

before the advertised start time to receive race timings and course instructions.

10.4 Individual Recalls will be signalled by the SOOD afloat who will attempt to position the Start Control boat as close to the line transit as possible to minimise parallax error. A boat so recalled shall comply with RRS 29.1. This changes RRS 29.1.

10.5 A General Recall will be signalled by VHF from the SOOD afloat. As soon as possible after a General Recall a new Preparatory Signal will be broadcast. This changes RRS 29.2. If the first start is recalled they will restart with the second start.

11. **THE FINISH**

11.1 The Finish Line will be the seaward extension of a line formed by bringing the eastern Measured Distance Beacons at Gilkicker (Red and White) in transit on a bearing of 192 degrees true. The Finish Line shall be crossed from west to east.

11.2 Boats shall record their own finish time and the sail numbers of the boats immediately ahead and astern. The times are then to be forwarded to: The **Race Series Organiser, Ric Hanslip** onboard **Tinker T** via **VHF**, or text to **07790839259** giving **boat name** and **elapsed time** or email to Richardhanslip@gmail.com.

12. **TIME LIMIT**

12.1 The Time Limit will be 2030 for 1830 starts; 1930 for 1730 starts and 1830 for 1630 starts. The Time Limit is applicable to both starts.

13. **PROTESTS**

13.1 Notification of the intention to Protest shall be given to the Race Organiser within 24 hrs of the race finishing and delivered in writing within 48 hrs. The RYA Rules Dispute process of Advisory Hearing and Arbitration will be available in lieu of full protest hearing if both parties agree.

14. **SCORING**

14.1 The Low Point scoring system RRS Appendix A 4.2 will apply.

14.2 The Races will be dual scored by both the RYA's National Handicap for Cruisers (NHC) System and IRC (for those with Rating Certificates).

14.2 Each Series will have 9 races of which 50% (rounded up) plus 1 of completed races shall count, except that if 3 or fewer races are completed all shall count.

14.3 Boats reported OCS by the SOOD and not returning shall be penalised by an addition of 5% to their recorded time.

14.4 A race that is cancelled or abandoned shall not be re-sailed.

- 14.5 Race results will normally be available from the Race Organiser on the day following racing.
Results will be displayed on the Portsmouth Branch News Page of the RNSA Website at <http://www.rnsa.net/Portsmouth/news.aspx>

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 The following Prizes will be awarded for the Series:

RNC & RAYC CHALLENGE CUP - NHC CLASS SPRING SERIES WINNER with Crew Prizes.

Prizes for podium places in Class.

RNC & RAYC COMMODORE'S CUP - IRC CLASS SPRING SERIES WINNER with Crew Prizes

Prizes for podium places in Class.

WARSPITE CUP - NHC CLASS SUMMER SERIES WINNER with Crew Prizes.

Prizes for podium places in Class.

MONARCH BOWL - IRC CLASS SUMMER SERIES WINNER with Crew Prizes.

Prizes for podium places in Class.

ARNOLD CUP - NHC CLASS AUTUMN SERIES WINNER with Crew Prizes.

Prizes for podium places in Class.

DEVONSHIRE CUP - IRC CLASS AUTUMN SERIES WINNER with Crew Prizes.

Prizes for podium places in Class.

TATTERSALL TROPHY – IRC COMBINED SPRING, SUMMER AND AUTUMN SERIES WINNER.

GUERNSEY CUP NHC YACHT OF THE YEAR. The Spring, Summer and Autumn Series plus the Golden Bough Trophy (Yarmouth w/e) and the offshore series combined as a Long Series scoring 75% of completed races to count.

CHATHAM MEMORIAL CUP IRC YACHT OF THE YEAR. The Spring, Summer, and Autumn Series plus the addition of the Yarmouth Trophy Weekend and the offshore series combined as a Long Series scoring 75% of completed races to count.

Note : Where the NHC and IRC Series are won by the same yacht the Trophies will be awarded accordingly but only one set of crew prizes.