



Solent Series 3



**at the
Royal Solent Yacht Club
Yarmouth
Isle of Wight**

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th July 2009

The Flag Officers and Members of the Royal Solent Yacht Club extend a warm welcome to competitors as visitors to the Club. They are requested to sign and enter their name and address in the Visitors' Book situated in the upstairs hall and should acquaint themselves with the rules of the Royal Solent Yacht Club particularly those concerning dress.

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rule(s) are changed as follows:
 - RRS 35 is changed in SI 15.2 (boats finishing out of time)
 - RRS 44.1 is changed in SI 14.1 (one turn penalty instead of two)
 - RRA A4 and A5 are changed in SI 11.3 (DNS for not starting within 5 mins).

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the hall at the Royal Solent Yacht Club .

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 to take effect on the first day and 0800 to take effect on the second day, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the RSYC Flagstaff situated immediately to westwards of the RSYC Clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 When flag Y is displayed on the committee boat, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Number of races scheduled: 6

<i>Day</i>	<i>Number of races</i>	<i>1st Scheduled Warning Signal</i>
Saturday 18 th July	3	1130
Sunday 19 th July	3	1000

One extra race may be sailed on Sunday if 3 races are not completed on Saturday.

- 5.2 When there has been a long postponement and when more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for the first race and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 5.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1355.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The Class Flag will be Naval Numeral 2

7 RACING AREAS

7.1 The race area will be in Christchurch Bay ~ weather permitting .

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The courses to be sailed will be Windward / Leeward – full details are described in the course sheet.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

8.3 When there is a leeward gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. The gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 will be cylindrical orange inflatable marks with Royal Solent in black thereon.

9.2 The starting and finishing marks will be cylindrical orange inflatable marks with Royal Solent in black thereon.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 No areas are designated as obstructions

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS rule 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the main committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the starting mark at the port end.

11.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS rule A4 and A5.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the main committee boat and the yellow finishing mark.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 The Two Turn Penalty is modified to a One Turn Penalty, so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required. This alters RRS rule 44.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 Time limits for the first boat are as follows:

Race time limit 75 minutes

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS rules 35 and A4.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 The Exoneration Penalty (and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration) of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedure will be available.

- 15.2 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within within 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. It shall be the responsibility of competitors to check the notice board for such notices.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Points Series of RRS Appendix A will be used.
- 16.2 **6** races are scheduled of which 3 are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. This may be achieved by notifying the Race Committee through VHF Ch 72 or through informing one of the Royal Solent YC mark laying/patrol boats

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 19.1 Only the Committee Boat and Royal Solent Yacht Club crewed mark laying, patrol boats, and possibly a Judge boat; working under the direction of the race committee are official boats.

20 SUPPORT BOATS

- 20.1 Support boats must be registered with the Race Committee prior to 0915 on the first day of racing.
- 20.2 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

21 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 21.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee or on request of a measurer or scrutineer.

22 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 22.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keel boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 23.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications other than those available to all boats on Channel 72. This restriction also applies to mobile phones

24 PRIZES

- 24.1 The presentation of prizes will take place at the SB3 Class Prizegiving on October 10th. Prizes will be given to the crew of the first three boats in the series.

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 25.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Royal Solent Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta when they are the organising authority.

26 INSURANCE

- 26.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2million.

A Windward-Leeward Course

Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 1 – 2 – 3P – Finish

