



**Royal Southern Yacht Club**

# *“The Southern Six”*

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1.0 RULES**

- 1.1 The championship will be governed by the Current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Class Rules, the the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. In case of conflict these Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 1.2 Rule 44.1 & 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe is required.
- 1.3 Rule 64.1 is changed to allow the Protest Committee the right to impose penalties lesser or greater than disqualification following a protest when a rule has been broken.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix A 2 is changed in that a yachts score will be the sum of her series score – no discard.
- 1.3 Yachts shall comply with ABP Southampton Notice of Mariners No. 03 of 2010 – concerning the Thorn Channel Precautionary Area which shall rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 18 and 19. Yachts shall also take note of Southampton Harbour Bye Laws 10 & 11. Yachts shall also avoid close quarters with any commercial vessel.
- 1.4 Any yacht reported for infringing SI No 1.3 will be disqualified without a hearing. (Amends RRS 60.2)

### **2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) at the Royal Southern Yacht Club.

### **3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the ONB before 08.30 on the day of the event.
- 3.2 Any further changes will be signalled afloat using flag “L”

### **4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be flown from the flagstaff of the Royal Southern Yacht Club.

5.0 **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

DATE	Races to be run	HW Portsmouth
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Races 1,2 & 3	1 <sup>st</sup> Start 1130

6.0 **CLASS FLAG**

6.1 The class flag will be Naval Numeral 2

7.0 **RACE AREA**

The race area will be the Central & Eastern Solent with a start line in the area of Royal Southern Buoy – this may vary with wind direction.

8.0 **THE COURSES**

8.1 The courses to be sailed will be announced on VHF Radio Channel 72 and will be of Windward / Leeward style utilising a combination of laid and fixed marks.

9.0 **LAI D MARKS**

The colour of any laid marks will be announced by VHF radio and if the windward mark is a laid mark the distance and bearing from the committee vessel will also be announced.

10.0 **THE START**

10.1 **PROCEDURE**

The starting procedure will be as per RRS 26. ( 5 minute sequence )

Modern & Classics will start together unless one division exceeds 10 in number when the larger division will start first and the second start following 5 minutes later.

**START TIMES**

An Orange Flag will be displayed 5 minutes prior to each warning signal

Date	Race	Warning Signal	Prep. Flag up	Prep. Flag Down	Start Time
Sat 11 June	1	11:25	11:26	11:29	11:30
	2 & 3	Races 2 & 3 will follow as soon as possible on the finish of the previous race.			

An announcement on VHF Ch.72 may also be made to draw attention to any imminent start following a previous race

10.2 **STARTING LINE**

The start line will be between an orange coloured pole flying an orange flag on the Main Committee Vessel and an Inflatable laid Outer Distance Mark (ODM)

An Inner Distance Mark (IDM) may be laid approx 15 metres from the Starting Vessel, but not necessarily on the start line, this will be an inflatable mark. The IDM (if laid) is mark of the course

10.3 After the 1 minute signal for each start, no yacht may pass between the Inner Distance mark and the Committee Vessel. Any yacht infringing this rule shall sail to the pre start side of the start line around either end of the line before starting.

10.4 SI 10.3 ceases to apply following a valid start to each race.

10.5 During the final minute before each start, the gap between the limit mark and the Committee vessel does not rank as an obstruction.

10.6 No yacht shall start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

## **10.7 RECALLS**

In the event of an Individual recall, the committee vessel will announce on VHF Ch.72 that Flag "X" is displayed. Approximately one minute following the start concerned the committee may announce those sail numbers that were OCS. Failure to make this announcement will not constitute grounds for redress.

## **11.0 THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between the last mark of the course and a staff flying an orange flag on an adjacent Committee Vessel.

## **12.0 TIME LIMITS**

The time limit for all races will be twenty minutes after the first valid finisher in each division

## **13 YACHTS RETIRING**

13.1 Any Yacht which, having started, retires from the race or does not complete the race for any reason, must notify the Race Officer by VHF Radio on Channel 72 and await an acknowledgement.

## **14 PROTESTS**

14.1 Boats wishing to protest should in addition to satisfying the requirements of RRS 61, radio their intentions to the Race Officer on completion of the race concerned, giving the name or sail number of the boat they intend to protest and await an acknowledgement.

15.2 Protest forms will be available from the reception desk in the Royal Southern Yacht Club.

15.3 Protests must be delivered to the Reception desk at the R.Srn YC within 1 hour of the return to the Club pontoon of the Main Committee Vessel. This time will be posted on the ONB. In exceptional circumstances this time may be varied by the Protest Committee.

15.4 A notice will be posted on the ONB indicating the location and time of the protest hearing, within 30 minutes of the delivery of the protest form.

15.5 The protest committee is empowered to award lesser penalties than prescribed in the RRS.

## **16 SCORING**

16.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A and the Low Point System will be used as amended by SI 16.2

16.2 Three races are scheduled of which 1 must be completed for the event to qualify as a championship. All scores will count. (Amends RRS A.2)

16.3 Race results will be published on the ONB as soon as possible after racing each day.

## **17.0 SAFETY**

17.1 All yachts must keep a listening watch on VHF Channel 72

## **18.0 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

18.1 A yacht or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class rules and Sailing Instructions.

## **19.0 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

19.1 Yachts shall not be hauled out during the competition except with and according to the prior written permission of the Race Committee.

## **20.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

21.0 Competitors participate in this competition entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the competition.

## **22.0 PRIZES AND PRIZGIVING**

The Prize giving will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June at a time which will be displayed on the ONB.