



Topper Southern Traveller 2

Portchester Sailing Club - 12th May 2024

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except where varied below.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of the RYA as the National Authority shall apply.
- 1.3. Variations to the RRS are specified in these instructions.

2. COMMUNICATION & NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors shall be posted on a notice board in the vicinity of the Portchester Sailing Club Race Box (hereafter "Race Box") (visiting sailors should note that this is adjacent to the sea gate to the boat compound).
- 2.2. An event WhatsApp group has been set-up for competitor communications. This is for information purposes only and does not replace the Official Notice Board.
The link to join is: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Ket5gsQk3DT1PWYCFLa6C4>
- 2.3. All competitors should attend the briefing at 12:15 on Sunday at the Start Hut in the Club compound adjacent to the sea gate.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at the PSC Race Box not later than 11:00 on the day of the Event.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be made on the mast of the Race Box.
- 4.2. When Flag AP is displayed ashore the subsequent warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after it is removed.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The races shall take place on 12th May 2024
- 5.2. There will be up to four (4) races.
- 5.3. The schedule time of the launch and warning signal of the first start is as follows:

Launch	5.3 warning Signal	4.2 warning Signal
13:00	13:25	13:30

- 5.4. To alert boats that a race or a sequence of races will begin soon, two sound signals will be made at least five minutes before a warning signal is made for the 5.3 Fleet.
- 5.5. No warning Signal will be made after 16:30

6. CLASSES FLAGS

- 6.1. The Topper 5.3 Class flag will be Flag T.
- 6.2. The Topper 4.2 Class flag will be Flag H.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The Racing area shall be within the confines of Portsmouth Harbour an indication of the Committee Boat location together with a description of the vessel will be provided to competitors at the briefing referred to in **Error! Reference source not found..**

8. COURSE

- 8.1. Courses will be set by the Officer of the Day and in accordance with the Appendix A to these Sailing Instructions, or as briefed by the Race Officer at the briefing.
- 8.2. Courses will be communicated by a letter board on the Starboard side of the committee vessel. Where two letters are displayed the letter furthest aft as a competitor looks at the boat will be for 5.3's. The number displayed will be for the number of beats.
- 8.3. When a course is shortened, one long sound signal will be sounded from the committee vessel together with an S flag being displayed. Boats will then finish at the next mark where a Rib will be the outer end of the finish line.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Course Marks will be orange inflatables.
- 9.2. The ODM for the start line will be a yellow inflatable pillar buoy
- 9.3. The finish line will be a yellow pillar buoy with blue stripes

10. START

- 10.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal subject to the changes to sounds and visual signals at 10.2 below.
- 10.2. Rule 26 is varied as follows in relation to the starting sequence timings:

	Signal	Sounds	Flags
3	Warning	One	Class Flag(s) up
2	Preparatory	One	Preparatory up
1	One minute	One	Preparatory down
0	Start	One Long	No flags

- 10.3. The start will be between the mast with and orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and the outer distance mark at the port end.
- 10.4. An inner distance mark (“IDM”) consisting of a yellow pillar buoy with stripes may be set between the committee vessel and the ODM. If the IDM is laid, boats approaching the line to start are to pass through the gate in accordance with SI 8.3 i.e shall pass between this IDM and the ODM.
- 10.5. Starts for the 5.3 and 4.2 fleets may occur in any order or be combined at the discretion of the OOD.
- 10.6. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.7. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

11. CHANGE OF NEXT LEG

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2. The requirement to signal a change of course in accordance with RRS 33 does not apply if the race committee changes the angle of the next leg of the course by no more than plus or minus 10 degrees and/or extends or shortens its length by no more than 100 metres. This changes RRS 33.

12. FINISHING

- 12.1. The finish line will be between a yellow inflatable pillar buoy with stripes and the committee vessel.
- 12.2. Boats may be finished on the course prior to crossing the finish line by the display of the C Flag on a patrol boat. In this event a boat will be given its position on the water as their result for that race. A boat's score in these circumstances will be the place she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. They are no longer required to complete the course. This amends RRS 28.1. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- 12.3. After finishing and clearing the finishing line, boats shall keep clear of the finishing area and of all boats not yet finished.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. If the first boat does not reach the windward mark within 20 minutes of starting the race shall be abandoned.
- 13.2. The time limit for the first boat to complete the course shall be 40 minutes.
- 13.3. The time limit for all but the first boat will be 10 minutes after the first boat finishes. All boats finishing within this time will get their finishing positions. If no boat finishes within the time limit the race will be abandoned. This alters RRS 35.

14. PROTESTS

- 14.1. Boats intending to protest or request redress for an incident on the race course shall inform one of the race committee finish vessels at the end of the finish line as they finish the race, or promptly thereafter. If they do not finish the race they shall inform

support vessel as soon as practicable after they retire. RRS 61 is changed to make these requirements essential for such a protest or request for redress to be valid.

- 14.2. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last competitor in that class comes ashore promptly after the last race of the day. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 14.3. Hearing request forms are available from the race office.
- 14.4. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at Club house beginning at the time posted.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. The event will be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix A.
- 15.2. 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3. Scores as follows:
 - 15.3.1. When three or fewer races have been completed, no race score will be excluded.
 - 15.3.2. When four races have been completed, one race score will be excluded.

16. SAFETY

- 16.1. RRS 40.1 (Personal Floatation Devices – Basic Rule) always applies when afloat.
- 16.2. When a member of the race committee or its designated official considers that a boat, its equipment or a competitor may not be adequate for the current or expected conditions, or for any other reason associated with safety, he or she may stop the boat launching, or require it to return ashore, or go to a designated location.
- 16.3. Boats shall ‘tally out’ before launching and ‘tally in’ immediately on re-turning ashore. The Tally Board will be located adjacent to the slipway. Individual Tally Numbers will be issued at registration.
- 16.4. Boats that fail to ‘tally out’ will be considered to have remained ashore and will be ineligible to race.
- 16.5. Boats that fail to ‘tally in’ before the Tally Board closes will be penalized with a DNE (Disqualified, not discardable) for the last race of the day. The Tally Board will close 15 minutes after the last boat returns to shore.
- 16.6. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible and shall not leave the Race Area without the permission of the Race Committee.
- 16.7. Any boat coming into contact with a moored boat whilst racing and/or transitioning from the launching area to the start area shall report the incident to the Beach Controller at the PSC Race Box on coming ashore providing the name of the vessel, their own sail number and contact details. In case of any damage to the moored boat immediate notification should be provided to any PSC support vessel who will notify the Beach Controller by VHF and may conduct an inspection.

17. MEASUREMENT AND OTHER CHECKS

- 17.1. The production of measurement or equivalent certification is not required but boats are expected to comply with ITCA class rules. This changes RRS78.

18. SUPPORT, COACHING AND SPECTATOR VESSELS

- 18.1. Support boat crews may use their discretion to provide verbal encouragement and support to competitors who become obviously separated from the rear of the fleet

providing that any such support is not likely to cause changes in position. The primary intention being to assist novices in making the time cut-off and maintaining the race schedule.

- 18.2. Formal or family and friends external coaching of any other kind is not permitted (family members assisting in patrol boats are not excluded from the scope of SI20.1).

19. PRIZES

- 19.1. Regatta prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third ranked competitors overall in 5.3 and 4.2 class.
- 19.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of PSC, ITCA (GBR) and the sponsor(s).

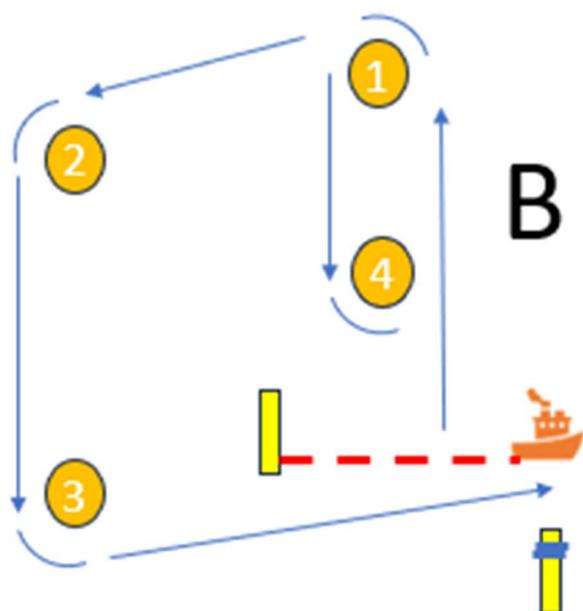
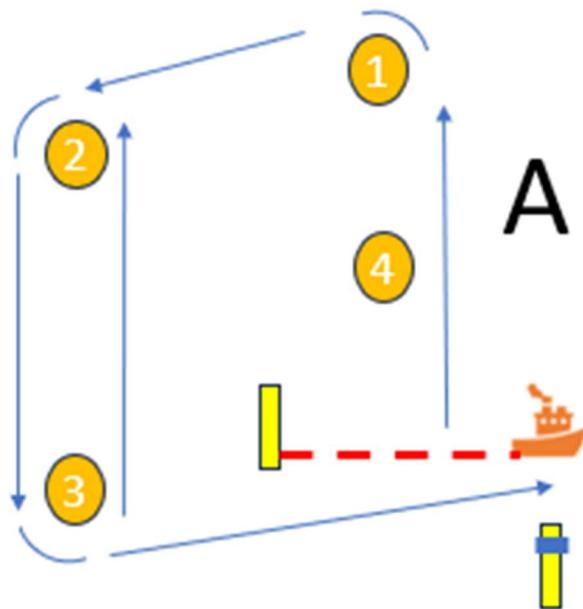
20. RISK STATEMENT

- 20.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

21. INSURANCE

- 21.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

Appendix A – courses



Course Signal	A	B
1 beat	1, 2, 3 finish	1, 2, 3 finish
2 beats	1, 2, 3, 2, 3 finish	1, 4, 1, 2, 3 finish
3 beats	1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3 finish	1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3 finish

