



Doublehanded Cup

21 August 2022

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Southern Yacht Club, Hamble.
- 1.2 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the current version of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the RYA Racing Charter will apply.
- 1.3 In case of a Stationary Committee Vessel start, RRS 26 is changed so that all visual and sound signals will be replaced with VHF communications.

2 ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

- 2.1 Racing is open to boats of all classes, and all boats will race in one class under the **VPRS handicap system**.
- 2.2 The **maximum crew number is Two**.
- 2.3 Boats shall hold a valid current [VPRS Rating](#) Certificate which is available for £25 from Ruth Kelly. Email: ruth@vprs.org.
- 2.4 Enter by filling in the [online form](#).
- 2.5 It would be helpful if entries could be received before 1200 on Friday 22nd July.
- 2.6 The **entry fee is £29 per boat**.
- 2.7 By entering, you agree to be added to the series Whatsapp group.
- 2.8 If more than 25 boats enter the event, the Organising Authority may split the fleet and run more than one start. These splits will be communicated via the event Whatsapp group.

3 COVID-19

- *Omitted* -

4 SAFETY and COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1 Yachts shall comply at least with [ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 races](#) and sports boats and day boats shall comply with the [Royal Southern Sports Boat and Day Boat Safety Regulations 2020](#).
- 4.2 VHF radio: All boats shall carry functioning VHF radio capable of receiving all usual marine channels, including M1 (37).
- 4.3 All race communications will be made on VHF Channel 37 and other useful communications will be made using the event Whatsapp group. The Race Organiser will use the **callsign: Southern One**.
- 4.4 There is no class flag requirement, but yachts who wish to signify that they are racing should fly the number 8 pennant.
- 4.5 Where possible, any changes in Sailing Instructions will be posted for two hours before the advertised starting time of the leg on the event Whatsapp group, and will be announced on the VHF radio.

5. SCHEDULE of EVENTS

The event will consist of two races.

Time	Event
Not before 09.00	Competitors briefing on VHF Ch 37
09:30	Time check on VHF Ch 37
10:00	Start signal communicated on VHF Ch 37

The Race Officer will determine the start time of Race no. 2

6 RACE AREA, COURSE, THE START and THE FINISH

- 6.1 The race area shall be in the Central Solent unless communicated otherwise.
- 6.2 The possible courses are described by **Appendix A - Courses**. The course choice to be used will be announced by VHF.
- 6.3 The race shall be started either by Stationary Vessel or by a Gate Start. The start to be used will be announced by VHF.

6.3.1 Stationary Committee Vessel Start

- 6.3.1.1 The starting line will be between the Statutory Vessel and the ODM.
- 6.3.1.2 No visual or sound signals will be used. Communications will be on VHF only as follows:
- 09.54 - 6 mins to start: Invisible AP down
 - 09.55 - 5 mins: Invisible class flag hoisted
 - 09.56 - Prep Signal announced - 4 mins to start: Invisible Prep Flag P hoisted
 - 09.59 - One minute signal: Invisible Prep Flag down

- 09.00 - Start: Invisible Class Flag dropped

6.3.2 Gate Start

- 6.3.2.1 There is a Pathfinder Committee Vessel (PCV) which beats on Port Tack across the fleet. The Start Line is the line between the stern of the PCV and the ODM. The PCV may make a practice start on port tack to indicate the approximate starting line area before the start.
- 6.3.2.2 The PCV shall be released 3 minutes after the start or when all other boats have started or when it tacks onto starboard or when the race is abandoned whichever is the earlier.
- 6.3.2.3 The PCV shall have Right of Way over all other boats racing from the start of the race until it is released. This changes RRS Rules 10, 11 and 12.
- 6.3.2.4 The PCV may use its engine to maintain position until the start of the race but not immediately after the starting signal. This changes RRS 42.1.
- 6.3.2.5 A boat not having started which is on the port side of the PCV while the gate is opening shall not cross the starting line from the course side.
- 6.3.2.6 After the preparatory signal a boat which interferes with or tries to pass between the PCV and the ODM or that causes another boat to interfere in these ways may be penalised without a hearing.
- 6.3.2.7 The PCV shall rank as a starting mark until it is released.
- 6.3.2.8 A boat that has not started by 10 minutes after the starting signal may be ruled Did Not Start.

6.3 Skippers are asked to activate race tracking using the SailRacer app and a code that is sent by email the day before the race.

6.4 As a backup, skippers are requested to **record their own time** upon finishing the course and declare it by posting that time on the event Whatsapp group. Declarations must be posted as soon as possible and **within 60 minutes** of the yacht's finishing time.

6.5 Yachts can choose whether or not to use spinnakers; if "**white sails**" is declared in the finish time message, then the yacht's non-spinnaker rating shall be used to calculate the corrected time.

7 TIME LIMITS and PROTESTS

7.1 The time limit for starting will be 5 minutes.

7.2 There will not be a protest committee at the event. Boats infringing a rule should do a 360 degree turn on the water.

8 PRIZES

The presentation of the main prizes and trophy will take place at the annual prize-giving dinner on 12th November 2022.

9 RISK STATEMENT

9.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats if any and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover if any is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;
- g) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew; and
- h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims.

9.2 Any inspection of a boat by the race organiser does not reduce the responsibilities set out in this paragraph.

10. PERSONAL INFORMATION

The personal information that owners, charterers, competitors and others provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate their participation in the event. If they have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal

information is contract. If they are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Their personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

For any further information please contact Matthew Richardson on 07802 796502 or ChairSailing@royal-southern.co.uk or the Royal Southern Sailing Office on 02380 450302 or sailing@royal-southern.co.uk.

APPENDIX A – COURSES

(The Race Officer may adapt Courses if conditions necessitate)

COURSE 1

Mark	Name	Distance	Bearing	Cumulative	Side
4B	Coronation				Start
4H	East Knoll	1.67	163	1.67	Starboard
3W	Williams Shipping	1.33	235	3.00	Port
4W	Ancasta	2.51	087	5.51	Starboard
4X	Colette	1.81	176	7.32	Starboard
4K	Royal London YC Bearing 000 Distance >50m	1.56	293	8.88	Finish (Starboard)

COURSE 2

Mark	Name	Distance	Bearing	Cumulative	Side
4B	Coronation				Start
4J	hamblewinterseries.com	1.13	144	1.13	Starboard
3Y	West Knoll	1.44	214	2.57	Port
30	RORC	0.32	166	2.89	Port
4F	Royal Thames	0.46	080	3.35	Starboard
4K	Royal London YC Bearing 000 Distance >50m	1.07	168	4.42	Finish (Starboard)

COURSE 3

Mark	Name	Distance	Bearing	Cumulative	Side
4B	Coronation				Start
40	Howden Fastnet	3.14	127	3.14	Starboard
43	Little Ship Club	1.54	167	4.68	Starboard
4X	Colette	1.04	233	5.72	Starboard
4K	Royal London YC Bearing 000 Distance >50m	1.56	293	7.28	Finish (Starboard)

COURSE 4

Mark	Name	Distance	Bearing	Cumulative	Side
4K	Royal London YC				Start
4U	Goodall Roofing	1.03	74	1.03	Port
4W	Ancasta	0.95	19	1.98	Port
48	Paul Heys	1.59	304	3.57	Starboard
4S	Royal Southern	1.02	51	4.59	Port
4C	Fumesy	1.33	285	5.92	Starboard
4B	Coronation Bearing 090 Distance >50m	0.35	343	6.27	Finish (Starboard)