



PYRA Spring Regatta 2009

Incorporating the Sonata Southern Area Championships

Sailing Instructions

1.0 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the Sailing Office at Poole Yacht Club.

3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. International code flag 'L' will be flown, together with numeral pennants specifying the serial number of the new amendment, from the time that the amendment is posted, until the start of the first race affected.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Poole Yacht Club Flag Staff located near the south east corner of the Club House.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

5.1 The Race Committee will broadcast the location of starts, courses and other information on VHF channel 37. If channel 37 is blocked then channel 72 may be used.

5.2 The location of starts will be broadcast at approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes prior to the start. When the start is in the same location as a previous race sailed on a back-to-back basis these broadcasts may be omitted.

5.3 The course for each class shall be broadcast prior to that class's warning signal.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Saturday 30th May, first warning signal 1025; three races back to back.
Sunday 31st May, first warning signal 1025; two races back to back.

6.2 Normal order of class starts will be 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, F with classes starting at five minute intervals.

6.3 No warning signal shall be made after 1430 on Sunday 31st May.

7.0 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 IRC Class 1 – International numeral pennant 1
IRC Class 2 – International numeral pennant 2
PHHS Class 3 – International numeral pennant 3
PHHS Class 4 – International numeral pennant 4
MOCRA – International numeral pennant 5
Sonata – International code flag F

7.2 Boats shall display their class flag on the backstay or other aft mounted staff.

8.0 RACING AREAS

Racing will take place in the area of Poole Bay. In the event of heavy weather starts and/or finishes may be in Poole Harbour.

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10.0 THE COURSES

10.1 Courses will be one of 3 types - Windward/Leeward, Triangle and Ad-Hoc. The type of course, the identity of the marks and the direction in which they are to be rounded will be indicated in accordance with SI 5.3.

10.2 Windward/Leeward type 1

Order of Rounding: Mark 1 – Mark 2 – Finishing Line/Gate

No. of Rounds: Indeterminate; the race will be shortened at the Race Officer's discretion.

Finishing Line: Defined as per the Starting Line, except that the line may be shortened after the start of the last class.

Note: The committee boat may be substituted by a support boat or a Buoy to form a Gate. In approximately the same position.

10.3 Windward/Leeward type 2

Order of Rounding: Mark 1 – Mark 2

No. of Rounds: Indeterminate; the race will be shortened at the Race Officer's discretion.

Finishing Line: The race will be shortened by a committee or support boat at either mark 1 or mark 2.

10.4 Triangle

Order of Rounding:

First, Third and subsequent odd numbered rounds: Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Mark 3 - Finishing Line/Gate

Second and subsequent even numbered rounds: Mark 1 - Mark 3 - Finishing Line/Gate

No. of Rounds: Indeterminate; the race will be shortened at the Race Officer's discretion.

Finishing Line: Defined as per the Starting Line, except that the line may be shortened after the start of the last class.

Note: The committee boat may be substituted by a support boat or a Buoy to form a Gate. In approximately the same position.

10.5 Ad-hoc Courses

Order of Rounding and number of rounds (if appropriate) as per radio instructions.

Finishing Line may be one of:

Line 1: Defined as per the Starting Line, except that the line may be shortened after the start of the last class.

Line 2: In Shell Bay.

Line 3: In Brownsea Roads.

Line 4: At some other location as per radio instructions.

The relevant finishing line will be notified with the course instructions.

11.0 MARKS

<u>Code</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
AC	Alum Chine Outfall	(50,42.32N 01,53.40W)
BB	Poole Bar Buoy (No 1)	(50,39.32N 01,55.17W)
BC	Boscombe Outfall	(50,42.89N 01,50.39W)
BO	Bournemouth Outfall	(50,42.60N 01,52.31W)
BP	BP Wych Farm	(50,40.31N 01,52.45W)
BR	Branksome Outfall	(50,42.25N 01,54.31W)
CQ	MDL Cobbs Quay	(50,40.31N 01,54.02W)
EH	East Hook	(50,40.58N 01,55.23W)
EL	East Looe 2	(50,41.07N 01,55.83)
JM	Jenkins Marine	(50,41.24N 01,52.67W)
PB	Pollit Bureau (Studland East)	(50,38.61N 01,55.78W)
PH	Poole Head	(50,41.47N 01,55.39W)
PM	Peters & May	(50,46.13N 01,22.19W)
SH	South Hook Cardinal	(50,39.70N 01,55.20W)
SL	Studland (was Jones The Butcher)	(50,39.45N 01,56..85W)
SO	Southbourne Outfall	(50,42.92N 01,49.11W)
SW2	Swash Channel No 2	(50,39.23N 01,55.24)
SW3	Swash Channel No 3	(50,39.76N 01,55.49W)
SW4	Swash Channel No 4	(50,39.72N 01,55.60W)
SW8	Swash Channel No.8	(50,40.50N 01,56.26W)
VS	Vinyl Solutions	(50,41.08N 01,54.26W)
W	Wadworth	(50,43.15N 01,27.49)
X	Blue cylindrical buoy	moveable
Y	Blue cylindrical buoy	moveable
Z	Blue cylindrical buoy	moveable

Note: All positions are referenced to the WGS84 datum and are approximate.

The code above will be used when giving course instructions as per SI 5.3.

The start line outer distance mark (ODM) will be an orange cylindrical buoy.

The inner distance mark (IDM), if laid, will be a dan buoy.

12.0 THE START

12.1 Start Line

The start line will be between the mast on the Committee Boat flying an orange flag and the ODM.

When an IDM is laid boats shall not pass between the IDM and the committee boat whilst racing.

12.2 Time Limit for Starting
A boat that does not start within 10 minutes of her starting signal shall be deemed not to have started.

12.3 Start Areas
All races will be started either in Poole Bay or Brownsea Roads. The position of the start will be notified as per SI 5.2, but note that if circumstances dictate the position may be changed between broadcasts and subsequent starts.

13.0 THE FINISH

13.1 Finish Line
The finish line will be between the mast on the Committee Boat flying a blue flag and the Outer Mark which will be notified with the course instructions by radio as per SI 5.3.

13.2 Position of the Finish Line
The position of the finish line for ad-hoc courses will be notified as per SI 5.3.

14.0 TIME LIMITS

RRS 35 shall not apply. The time limit will be 30 minutes after the finish of the first boat. If no boat finishes within 1:30 (one hour and 30 minutes) of the starting signal the race will be deemed abandoned.

15.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protests shall be lodged at the Poole Yacht Club Race Office within 1 hour 30 minutes of finishing the last race on the day in question. This time limit may be extended at the discretion of the Protest Committee. Notices will be posted as soon as possible to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest or named as a witness. It is the sole responsibility of competitors to check the official notice board and attend any meetings together with their witnesses. Protests for which either the protester or protestee does not attend, may be heard in the absence of either or both parties.

16.0 SCORING

16.1 The low points scoring system R.R.S. Appendix A4 will apply.

16.2 Each boat's series-score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score if more than three races are sailed. This changes RRS Appendix A2.

17.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 All boats shall comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 Monohulls or Category 4 Multihulls as appropriate. Copies can be obtained from: www.sailing.org/specialregulations.php.

17.2 Impeding Vessels Constrained by their Draft to Navigating within a Narrow Channel

17.2.1 Competitors are reminded that the Preamble to part 2 of the RRS states that the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCS) apply between a boat sailing under the rules and a vessel that is not. A breach of those regulations by a boat that is racing is also a breach of the Rules of Part 2 of the RRS.

17.2.2 In particular those Regulations provide by Rule 9 (b) that "A vessel of less than 20 metres in length or sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway".

17.2.3 A boat racing within the buoyed channels within Poole Harbour and its approaches is racing within a narrow channel or fairway. If a boat impedes the passage of a vessel within IRPCS Rule 9 (b) she shall retire immediately and inform the Race Committee of what occurred at the first reasonable opportunity. This changes rule 44.

17.2.4 If a boat fails to do so and is protested, and if the Protest Committee decides that a boat has broken this sailing instruction, in addition to the penalties set out in rule 64.1 it may disqualify her from the race and all other races in the series or any part thereof.

17.2.5 The Race Committee or Protest Committee may protest a boat under this sailing instruction based on a report from another boat or other interested party. This changes rules 60.2(a) and 60.3(a).

17.2.6 The Protest Committee may waive the requirements of rule 61.1(b) in a protest brought under this sailing instruction if it sees fit.

17.2.7 Use of Propulsion to avoid a collision with a commercial vessel
In accordance with rule 42.3(h), in order to avoid a collision with a vessel constrained in its ability to manoeuvre, a competitor may use sufficient alternative propulsion to remove himself/herself from the immediate danger. The competitor may continue to race after this, so long as the avoiding action confers no advantage in the race. If advantage is obtained, the competitor must retire.

17.3 Harbour Bylaws

17.3.1 Competitors are required to comply with all relevant Harbour Bylaws and with directions given by the Harbour Master Patrol Vessels. Failure to observe this rule may result in the Organising Authority or other competitors initiating a protest.

Competitors are advised to take particular care in the harbour channels and harbour entrance area, when close to the chain ferry, and to show proper consideration to all other harbour users.

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17.4 Retiring Boats

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18.0 PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to the winner of each class during the Regatta.

Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each race of the regatta.

Prizes will also be awarded for overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each class in the regatta.

Other trophies may be awarded to the overall winner of IRC, PHHS, and MORCA classes.

The Sonata Rose Bowl will be awarded to the winner of the Sonata Southern Area Championship.

19.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 19.2 It is for a boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 19.3 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000.00.
- 19.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the races and the events and include the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the Race Office, patrol boats and Beach Masters.
- 19.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.
- 19.6 The boat is responsible to ensure that she 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 that the crew know how to use it.

20.0 TIDES

Times of low water at Poole Quay are approximate and are BST.

The time for LW Bournemouth is approximately 30 minutes earlier.

Heights are in metres,

Saturday 30th May 09:33 (0.7)

Sunday 31st May 10:35 (0.8)