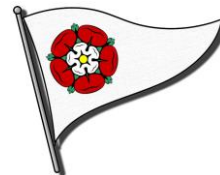


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1.0 RULES

- 1.1 Races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the RYA and these Sailing Instructions.

References in this document to rules are to the [World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-28](#).

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Race Notice Board in the workshop at Tudor Sailing Club.

3.0 ENTRIES & DECLARATIONS

- 3.1 All competitors must sign on before a race. Finishing declarations are not required.
- 3.2 A boat that does not finish or retires after finishing shall notify the Race Officer as soon as possible.
- 3.3 Race Duty Compensation – Helms who are doing Race Officer or Patrol Boat duty for a race in a series may claim compensation points for that race. To do this they must sign on with their boat details and must write 'Duty' in the 'Finish Time/DNF' column.
- 3.4 The minimum number of boats forming a fleet is 2.

4.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1 hour before the scheduled time of the first warning signal on the day it will take effect.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

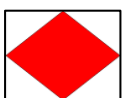
- 5.1 Racing will take place on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th September 2025
- 5.2 A maximum of 5 races are scheduled, with not more than 3 races on Saturday.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is:
Saturday – 1100
Sunday – 1130
- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after 1400 BST on Sunday
- 5.5 Prizegiving will take place at the Tudor Sailing Club at approximately 1500 on Sunday.

6.0 CLASS FLAGS & HANDICAP SYSTEM

- 6.1 The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Handicaps will apply.
- 6.2 For all series the following fleet flags will be used

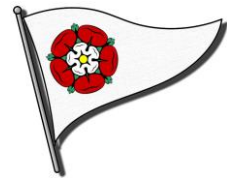


G - Slow Handicap Fleet (Slower than 1151)





F - Fast Handicap Fleet (Faster than 1150)

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7.0 COURSE

- 7.1 Courses for Club Line starts will be displayed in the workshop on the Race Notice Board or on the table below the Race Notice Board. The Fast Handicap Fleet may sail the same course as the Slow Handicap Fleet at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 7.2 Dinghy courses will be made up of harbour buoys and laid inflatables.
- 7.3 The following rules and signals shall be used to manage course length:





Instruction	Flag	Sound	Description
Shortened Course (general)		↑ 2 sound	Indicates that the leading boat will finish when it next crosses the finish line in the same direction as the start . The remaining boats will finish after sailing the same number of laps.
Shortened Course (slow handicap)		↑ 2 sound	Boats with handicaps of 1156 or greater (the "Slow Fleet") may be finished after fewer laps than the rest of a handicap fleet. The leading boat of the Slow Fleet will finish when it next crosses the finish line in the same direction as the start . The remaining affected boats will finish after sailing the same number of laps. Corrected times will be scaled upwards as appropriate.



8.0 START LINE & FINISH LINE

- 8.1 The starts will be from the Tudor Sailing Club club line.
- 8.2 The Club Start Line is the extension of a line through the centres of two triangles in front of the clubhouse.
- 8.3 There is an outer distance mark at the Eastern end of the line; a yellow ball on a post. Boats must pass to the West of this mark when starting and finishing. (Note that the outer distance mark may not lie exactly on the line).

9.0 THE START

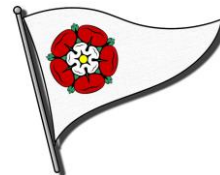
- 9.1 Races will be started using a 5-minute sequence.
- 9.2 The Fast Handicap Fleet and the Slow Handicap Fleet will start at the same time

Signal	Flag	Default Flag* (*Unless Otherwise Stated)	Sound	Minutes prior to start
Warning	Class Flag Up		1 sound	5
Preparatory	Flag P Up		1 sound	4
One Minute	Flag P Down		1 long sound	1
Start	Class Flag Down		1 sound	0

Instruction	Rule	Flag	Sound	Exoneration
Individual Recalls	29.1		↑ 1 sound	Offending boat(s) must re-cross the start line to continue.
General Recall	29.2		↑ 2 sound	A new warning signal will be made one minute after First Substitute is lowered. The start(s) for succeeding classes will be postponed accordingly.

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- 9.3 The race may be postponed at the discretion of the race officer at any point prior to or during the start sequence.
- 9.4 A postponement may be initiated for any reason; typical reasons include change in wind strength or direction, patrol boat not on station, marks not in place, a large vessel approaching the sailing area, or an error with the signal sequence.
- 9.5 A postponement period is ended by lowering the answering pennant, accompanied by one short sound signal. There shall be a 1 minute period before the start sequence is initiated.
- 9.6 The following rules and signals shall be used to manage recalls:

10.0 THE FINISH

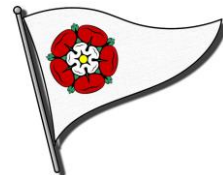
- 10.1 The finish line will be the LINE defined in instruction 8. Boats must pass to the West of the outer distance mark when finishing.
- 10.2 A 'grand prix finish', also known as the 'average lap racing' system will be employed for the dinghy fleets. All boats will be finished when they next pass through the line after the lead boat has been deemed to have completed the race, regardless of lap count. Corrected times will be calculated on an average lap basis and scaled accordingly.
- 10.3 In order to manage the overall duration of a race, the Race Committee may, at their discretion, finish a boat after fewer laps than the set number. In such a case the boat's elapsed time will be scaled upwards accordingly.
- 10.4 New Finish Line: If a race has started but in the opinion of the Race Officer, boats are unlikely to be able to complete their current lap, the Race Officer may finish the race at a new finish line, for example when the boats round a specific mark on a specific lap. Any such change to the finish line will be communicated to race entrants by a patrol boat.

11.0 TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 Unless otherwise specified on the signing on sheet or race notice board, the following restrictions are placed on race duration (this changes Rule 35, A4 and A5):

Race Time Limit for First Finisher	Limit from First Finisher	Mark 1 Time Limit
3 hours	1 ½ hours	1 hour

- 11.2 If the starting sequence for a race has been completed, the race officer can only abandon the race due to light wind conditions if the leading boat has failed to reach the first mark within the mark 1 time limit.



12.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed. See Official Notice Board for details.
- 12.2 Protest forms are available on request from the Race Officer and are stored in the race box at Tudor Sailing Club.
- 12.3 Protests or requests for redress shall be delivered to the race officer within the appropriate time limit.
- 12.4 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This time limit can be extended at the discretion of the Race Committee.

13.0 SCORING

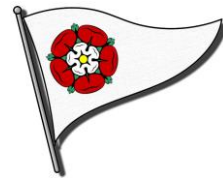
- 13.1 Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix A (Low Point System). Rule A9 will apply. Two races shall be completed to constitute a valid series.
- 13.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.3 When 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 13.4 When 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.
- 13.5 A change of helm or handicap configuration will be treated as a separate entry in the series for scoring.
- 13.6 Race Duty Compensation: Points are calculated as the average of the scores for all other races in the series

14.0 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in regatta series.

15.0 RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 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."
- 15.2 A compass must be carried by all boats competing in races where all or part of the course is outside of Langstone harbour.
- 15.3 It is recommended that trapeze or hiking harness shall have a device that can quickly release the competitor from the boat at any time while in use
- 15.4 **Helping Those in Danger** - A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.
- 15.5 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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) **Dinghy sailors shall wear a suitable personal flotation device whilst participating in club organised activities**
- f) Wet or dry suits must be worn by all competitors during races between 1st November and 31st March inclusive.
- g) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- h) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

16.0 INSURANCE

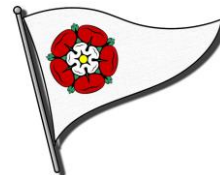
- 16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

17.0 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 17.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.
- 17.2 Photography and social media. From time-to-time members of the club may take photos and video in the public areas of the club and on the water. The club also occasionally posts photographs on the club website and on social media.
- 17.3 Opting out of photography. The club operates an opt-out policy for photography. Parents and carers are asked to explicitly opt out if they do not want their children to be photographed at organised events. Club members are explicitly asked not to “tag” photographs of children in social media unless they have the explicit permission of the family concerned. Parents and spectators should be prepared to identify themselves if requested and state their purpose for photography/filming. If the Club publishes images of children, no identifying information other than names will be included and names will only be used with parental permission. Any concerns about inappropriate or intrusive photography or the inappropriate use of images should be reported to the Club Welfare Officer

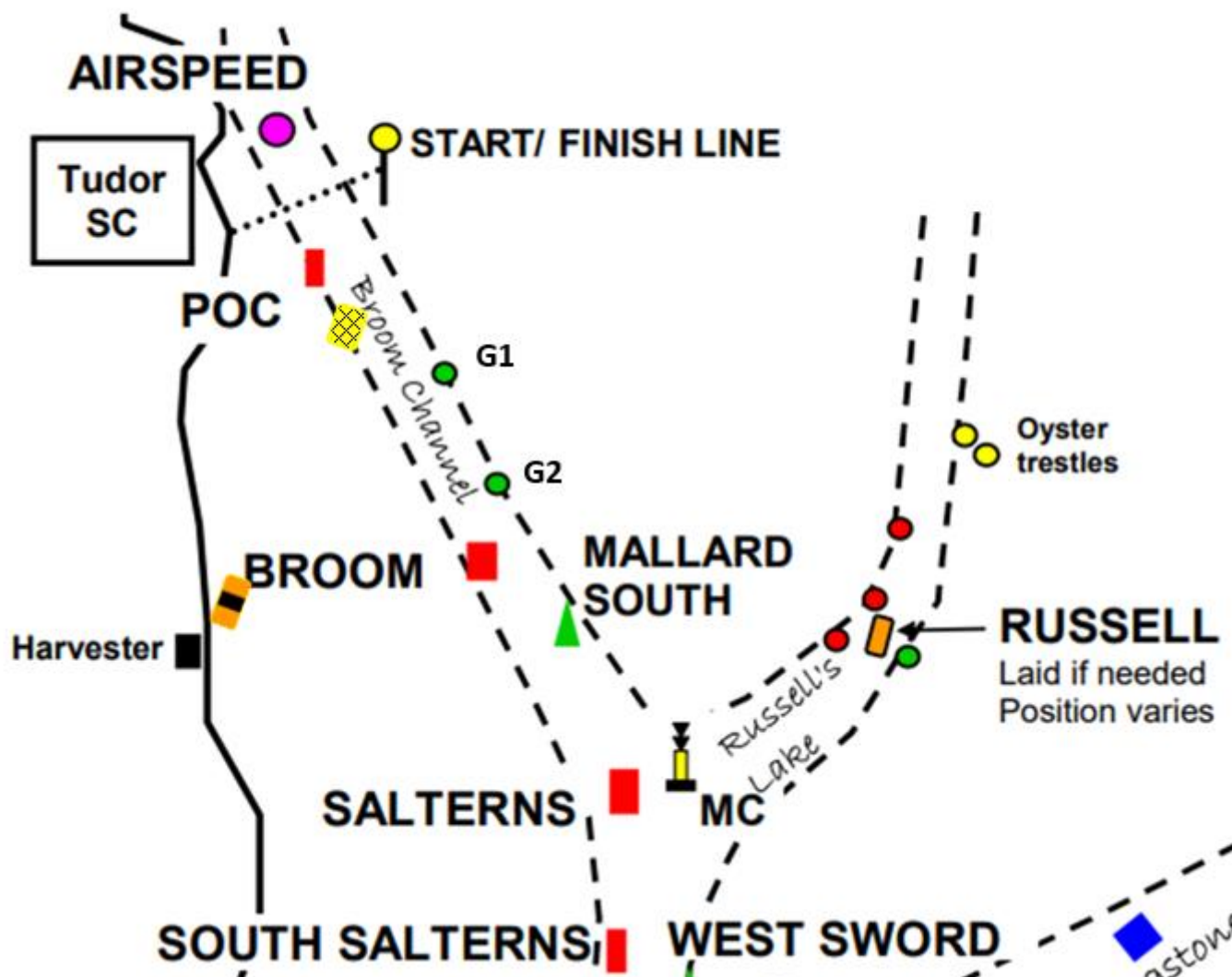
18.0 SPORTSMANSHIP & THE RULES

- 18.1 Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty, which may be to retire



ADDENDUM A

Example Courses



Example Courses

Course A

Broom S
Orange Inflatable S
Yellow Inflatable P
Airspeed P
Line

Course B

Broom S
Orange Inflatable S
Broom S
Orange Inflatable S
Yellow Inflatable P
Airspeed P
Line

NOTES:

- The number and colour of marks used in this diagram are purely for illustration purposes only.
- Fast and slow handicap fleets may sail different courses.