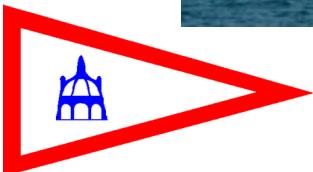


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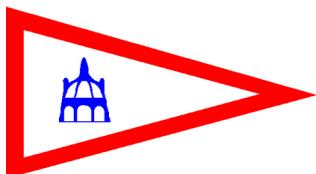


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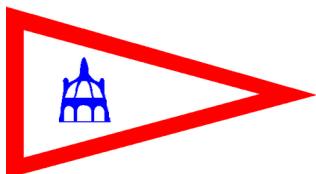
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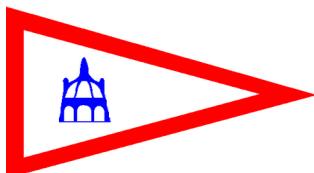
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- Race Officer (RO)
 - Manages the rolling start
 - Manages the shortening of the course
- Principal Race Officer (PRO)
 - Supports the Race Officer
 - Sets and announces the course
 - NEW - Collects finish times from WhatsApp and calculates results
 - Makes key decisions e.g postponement, abandonment
- Results and Handicapping Officer
 - Manages the handicapping and results system



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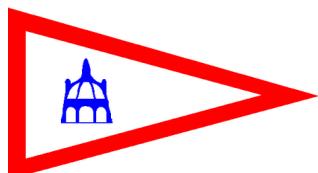
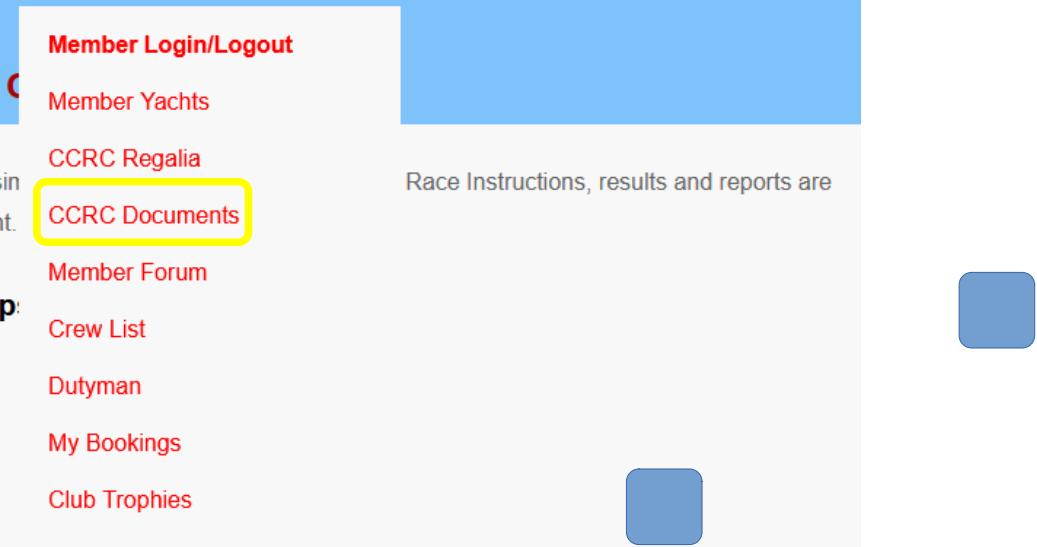
Membership Application and Handicap:

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Racing Documents

- [CCRC Notice of Race \(2024\)](#)

Race Instructions, results and reports are



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Key documents to download:

- Notice of Race
- Sailing Instructions
- CCRC Solent Marks – Alphabetical and SCRA Code Order

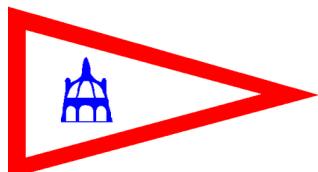
Plus, for Race Officers and Principal Race Officers:

- Suggested Courses for PROs
- Suggested Rolling Start Timetable for PROs

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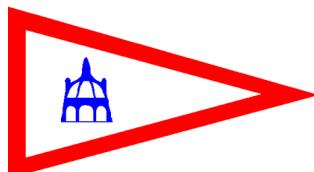
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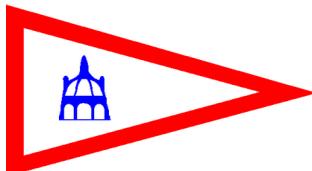
Changes to the SIs and NoR 2026

- NoR 3: New section on Eligibility and Conditions of Entry
- NoR 5, 9, 10, 11: some detailed changes to the wording
- SI 13: Reorganised the section on Finishing
- SI 13.3 and 13.4: All yachts now to post their finish time on the CCRC Notice Board WhatsApp Group
- Numerous small corrections and wording improvements



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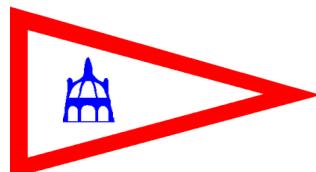
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Timetable – Overview

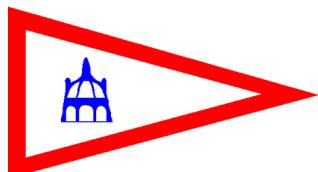
Time to start	
60 minutes	Start mark announced on VHF Channel 37A
45 minutes	RO and PRO arrive in start area and finalise the course. PRO may also put a provisional course on WhatsApp around this time.
25 minutes	PRO announces course on 37A. RO repeats it.
15 minutes	PRO repeats the course again.
5 minutes	RO gives Warning signal on 37A. (May also hoot.)
4 minutes	RO gives Preparatory signal on 37A. (May also hoot.)
1 and a bit minutes	RO passes the start mark on the startline bearing, no later than one minute before the start.
1 minute	RO gives One Minute signal on 37A. (May also hoot.)
0 minutes	Start the race



Suggested Timetable for RO/PRO

Suggested Rolling Start Timetable: 2024 Issue 1

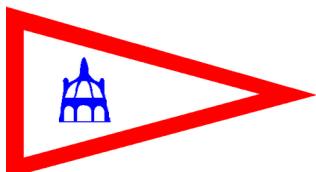
From Race Instructions:	Hour	Min	Source *
Time of START	11	00	RI
Time LIMIT	4	00	RI
	Time, assuming no postponement	Countdown to start	
This timetable is for a Rolling Start, with all signals given by VHF. The only flag necessary is for the RO to fly a CCRC burgee from the backstay (in addition to their own class flag).			SI 11.2.1
Earliest time for starting mark to be announced by PRO. For Bay races, this is chosen from Chi, Hard, Rizzi, Sparkes and WE.	10:00	-60	SI 7.1
The RO and PRO should aim to arrive in the start area at least 45 minutes before the start, in order to check the sailing conditions and finalise the course. If one of them does not make it, the other will need to assume both duties.	10:15	-45	GNRO p2
PRO and RO to make a list of the yachts competing and their class flag.	10:15	-45	GNRO p3
Course announced by PRO (20 mins before warning). The PRO should include the approx. bearing of the start line from the start mark, i.e. the course to the first mark minus 90 degrees. He must also announce that the RO will be making all the starting signals by VHF only (although a accompanying sound signal is helpful).			SI 7.2, SI 11.2.3, VHF only by PRO convention
If insufficient wind to set course, PRO will advise waiting for wind.	10:35	-25	
Course repeated by RO (20 mins before warning)	10:35	-25	GNRO p4
Course repeated by PRO (10 mins before warning).			
If the course was not announced 20 mins before warning, the PRO should announce it now, and ask the RO to repeat it.			
If still insufficient wind to set course, the RO should postpone (by announcing the virtual raising of the AP + 2 hoots) at this point.			



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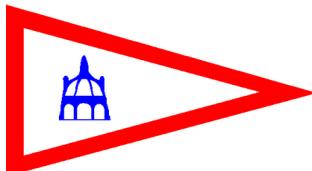
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Marks

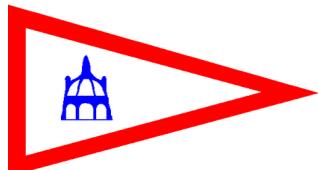
- We designate about 80 of the 200 Solent Cruiser Racing Association marks as CCRC marks, along with 10 local marks (e.g. Chi, Hard, Sparkes)
- Every year several of the SCRA marks change name, but the SCRA **code** stays the same.
- The first character of the SCRA code tell you the area the mark is in. E.g 2 - West Solent, 3 & 4 – Mid-Solent, 6 – Eastern approaches.
- Our 10 local marks have a local '8' code, e.g. 8C = Chi, 8H = Hard, 8S = Sparkes.
- We intend to issue all courses as SCRA codes - by VHF and on WhatsApp.
- The CCRC Mark List is published in Alphabetical order and also in SCRA Code order, so that you can easily look them up either way.



Marks List - Alphabetical

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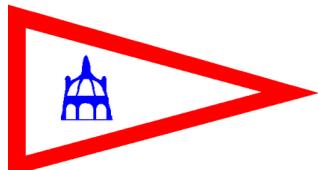
SCRA	Name	Colour	Lat (N)	Long (W)	Changes from 2024 list
6R	Nab Tower	B	50 40.08	000 57.15	
5P	Naomi House & Jacksplace	Y	50 46.36	001 06.08	Name was Linington
6P	New Grounds	BYB	50 41.84	000 58.49	
3B	Newtown East	Y	50 44.36	001 23.80	Name was MDL Marinas
6A	No Man's Land Fort	B	50 44.40	001 05.70	
46	North East Ryde Middle	R	50 46.21	001 11.88	
4Y	North Ryde Middle	R	50 46.61	001 14.31	
5F	North Sturbridge	BY	50 45.33	001 08.23	
24	Now Students	Y	50 42.86	001 28.42	
48	Paul Heys	Y	50 48.21	001 16.68	
42	Peel Bank	R	50 45.49	001 13.35	
3Q	Polly's Challenge	Y	50 45.97	001 19.45	
5H	Portsmouth Sailing Club	Y	50 46.82	001 07.35	
33	Prince Consort	BY	50 46.41	001 17.56	
5A	Quarr	Y	50 45.03	001 11.89	
8R	Rizzi	Y	50 45.52	000 59.61	
30	RORC	Y	50 47.12	001 17.72	
4K	Royal London YC	Y	50 46.15	001 16.65	
4S	Royal Southern	Y	50 48.86	001 15.43	
4F	Royal Thames	Y	50 47.20	001 17.00	
44	Royal Yacht Squadron	Y	50 47.31	001 12.10	
3D	Salt Mead	G	50 44.51	001 23.04	
31	South Bramble	G	50 46.98	001 17.72	
45	South East Ryde Middle	YB	50 45.93	001 12.10	
4Z	South Ryde Middle	G	50 46.13	001 14.16	
8S	Sparkes	Y	50 45.52	000 58.50	



Marks List – by SCRA Code

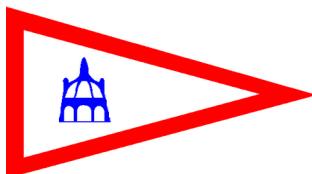
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5A	Quarr	Y	50 45.03	001 11.89	
5B	Mother Bank	R	50 45.49	001 11.21	
5C	Browndown	G	50 46.57	001 10.95	
5D	Kemps Quay	Y	50 45.18	001 09.65	
5E	Warsash Sailing Club	Y	50 46.26	001 08.76	Name was Stokes Bay East
5F	North Sturbridge	BY	50 45.33	001 08.23	
5G	Baker Trayte Marine	Y	50 46.42	001 07.90	
5H	Portsmouth Sailing Club	Y	50 46.82	001 07.35	
5J	KB Dry Stack	Y	50 46.61	001 07.29	
5K	Yola	Y	50 47.08	001 06.78	Name was Suffolk Sails
5M	Gleeds	Y	50 46.11	001 06.52	
5N	Mary Rose	Y	50 45.80	001 06.20	
5P	Naomi House & Jacksplace	Y	50 46.36	001 06.08	Name was Linington
6A	No Man's Land Fort	B	50 44.40	001 05.70	
6B	Horse Sand Fort	B	50 45.01	001 04.34	
6C	Warner	R	50 43.87	001 03.99	
6D	Horse Elbow	G	50 44.26	001 03.88	
6F	Bembridge Ledge Buoy	BYB	50 41.15	001 02.81	
6G	St Helens Buoy	R	50 43.36	001 02.41	
6H	Dean Elbow	G	50 43.69	001 01.88	
6J	Nab East	R	50 42.86	001 00.80	
6K	Horse Tail	G	50 43.23	001 00.23	
6L	Winner	YB	50 45.10	001 00.10	



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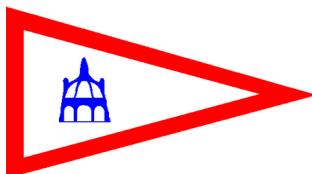
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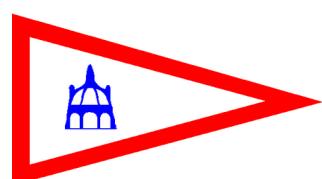
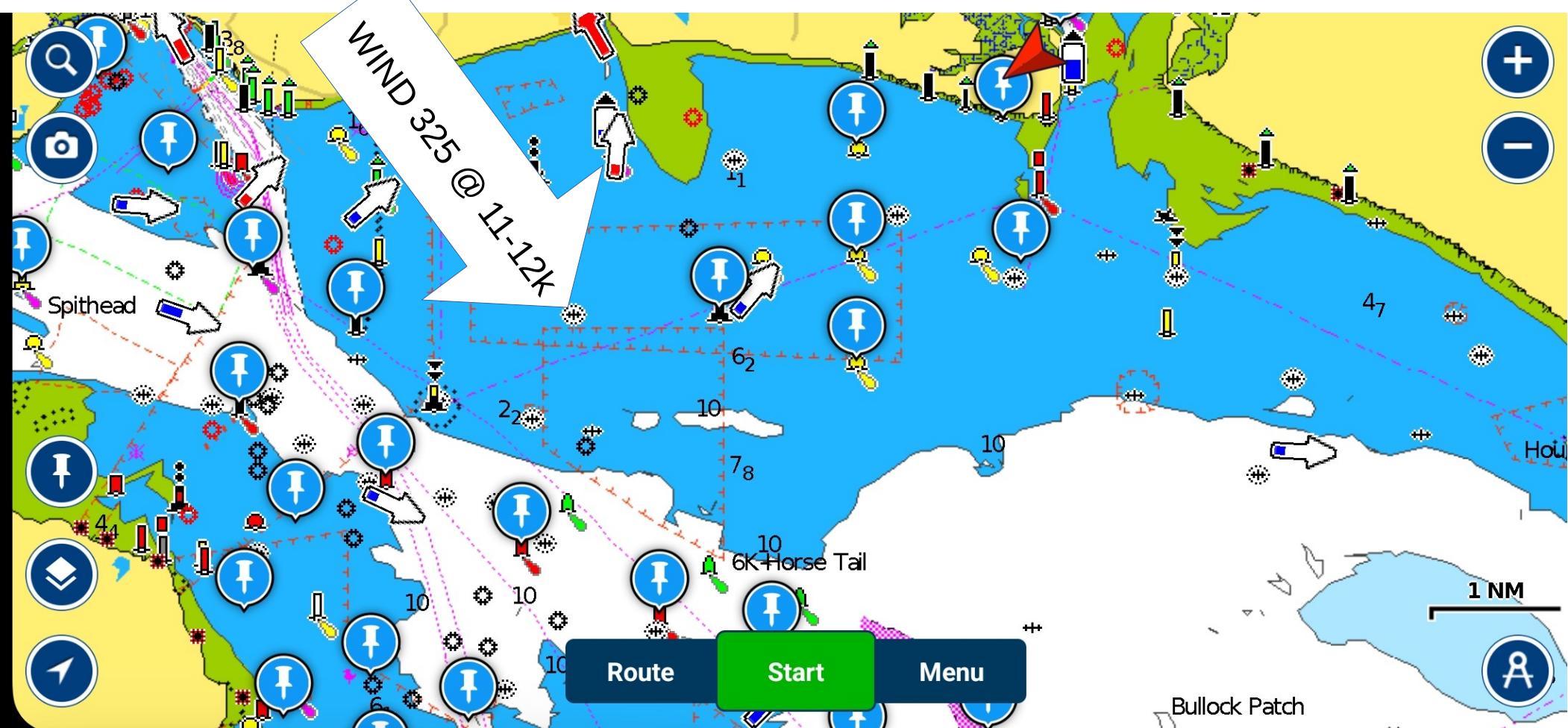


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Course setting considerations

- Yachts will complete the course in the same time as a crow flying at the following speed:
 - Larger / faster yachts: 4.5 knots
 - Smaller / slower yachts: 3.25 knots
- Much slower in light winds
- Light winds – 7-8 miles, able to shorten at 4-5 miles
- Medium / strong winds – 10-13 miles
- Two race day – no more than 4 miles each race
- First mark to windward and to be left to port





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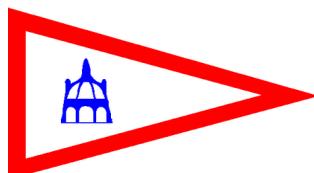
Suggested Courses

- Look through the course list to find one with approximately the right wind direction and length.
- Change one or more marks to get the course axis, shape, and length that you want.
- Don't announce the distances and bearings – just the mark names and Port or Starboard

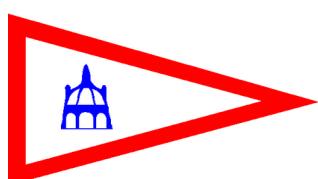
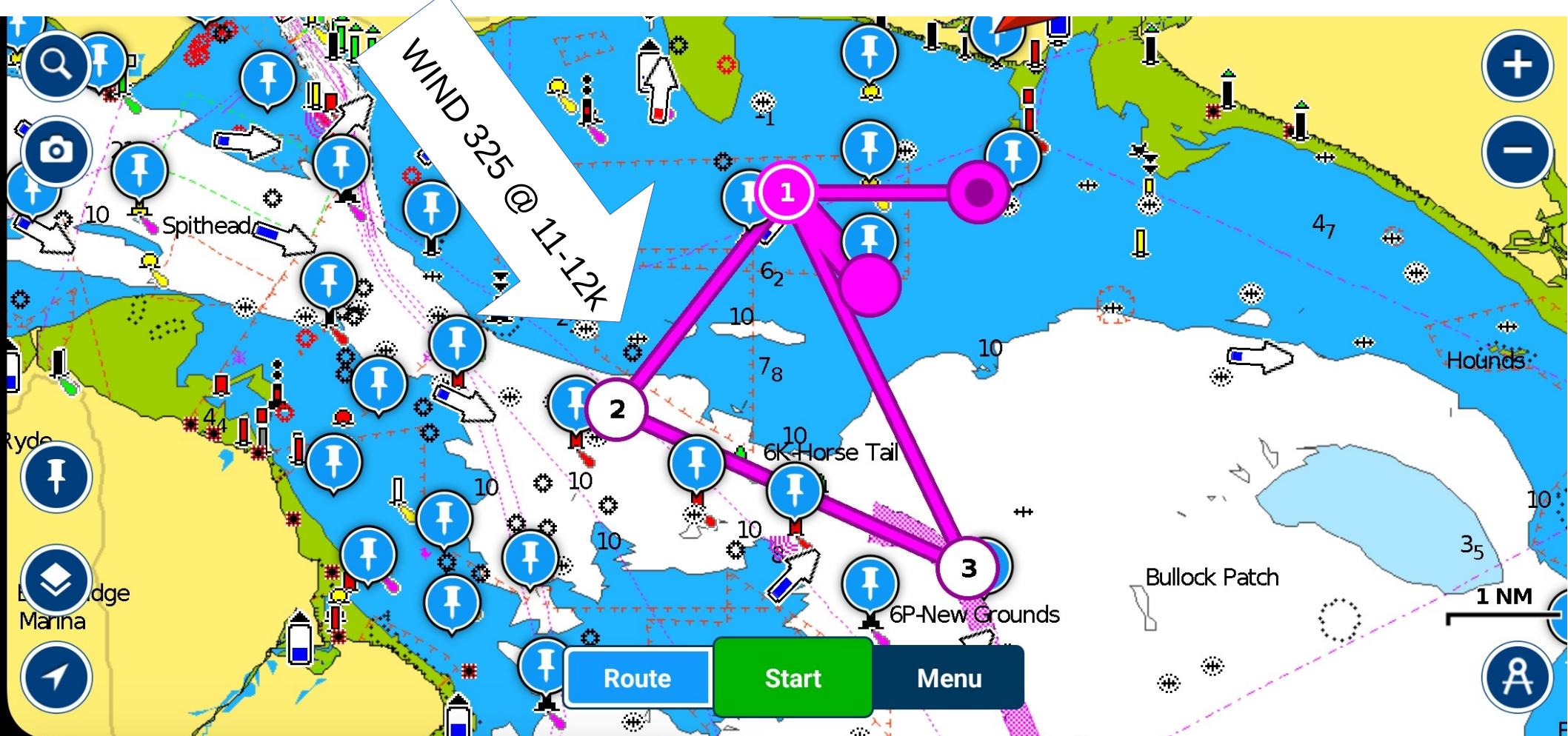
291	Bay 290 to 330 5.4 nm	Start	8C	Chi				
			8W	WE	P	1.22	312	
			8S	Sparkes	P	0.81	180	
			8C	Chi	P	0.91	090	
			8W	WE	P	1.22	312	
		Finish	8C	Chi	P	1.22	132	

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Course Number	Course Title	Start/Finish	SCRA code	Mark name	Hand	NM	Course
321	Bay 320 to 340 11.8 nm	Start	8H	Hard			
			8R	Rizzi	P	1.06	318
			6H	Dean Elbow	P	2.33	218
			87	Nab 7	P	3.25	114
			8R	Rizzi	S	3.52	334
		Finish	8C	Chi	P	1.61	090



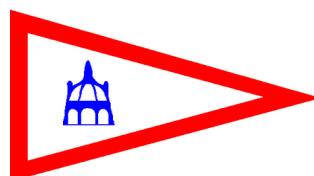
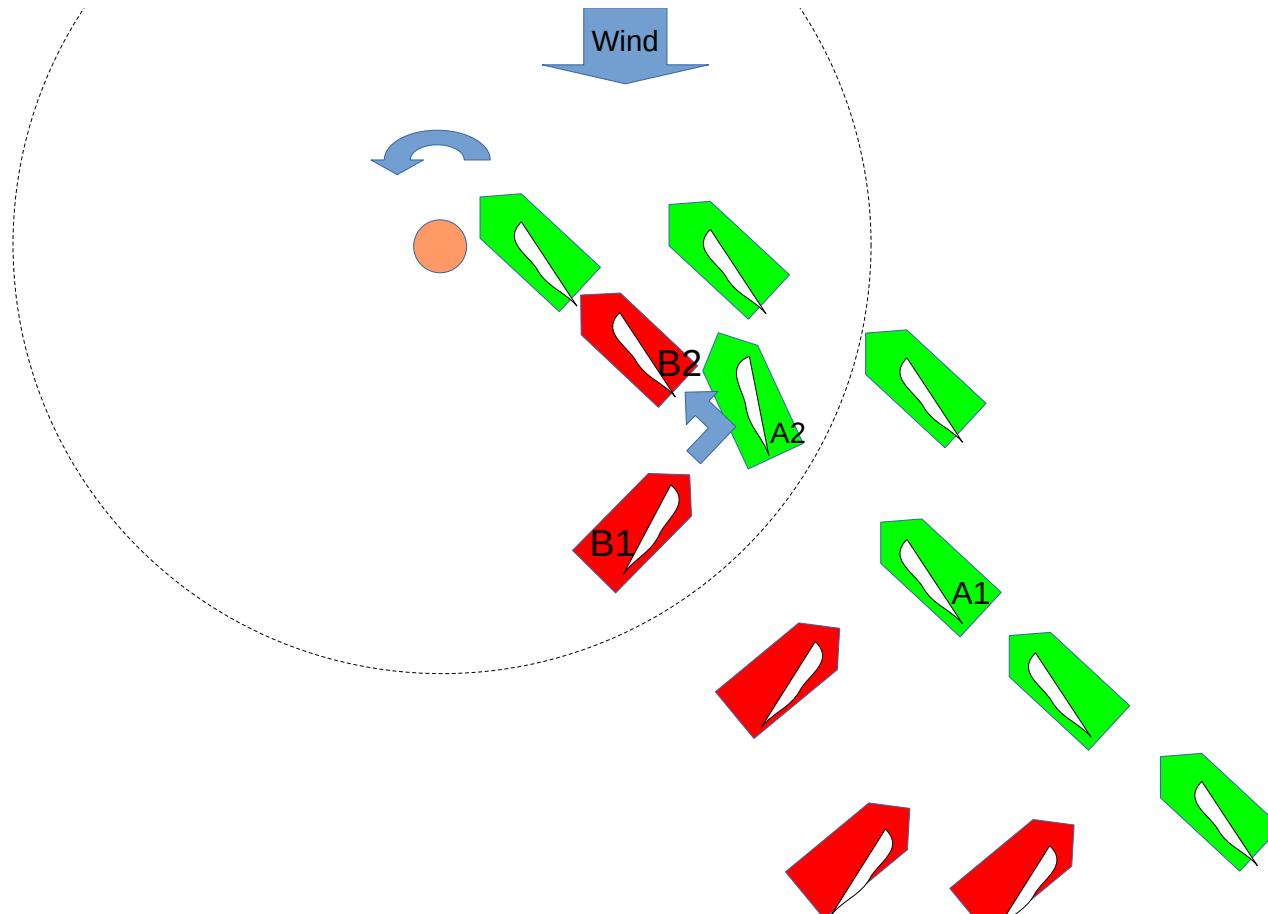
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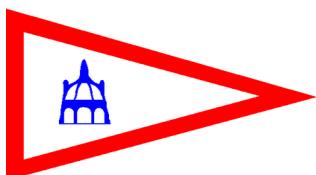
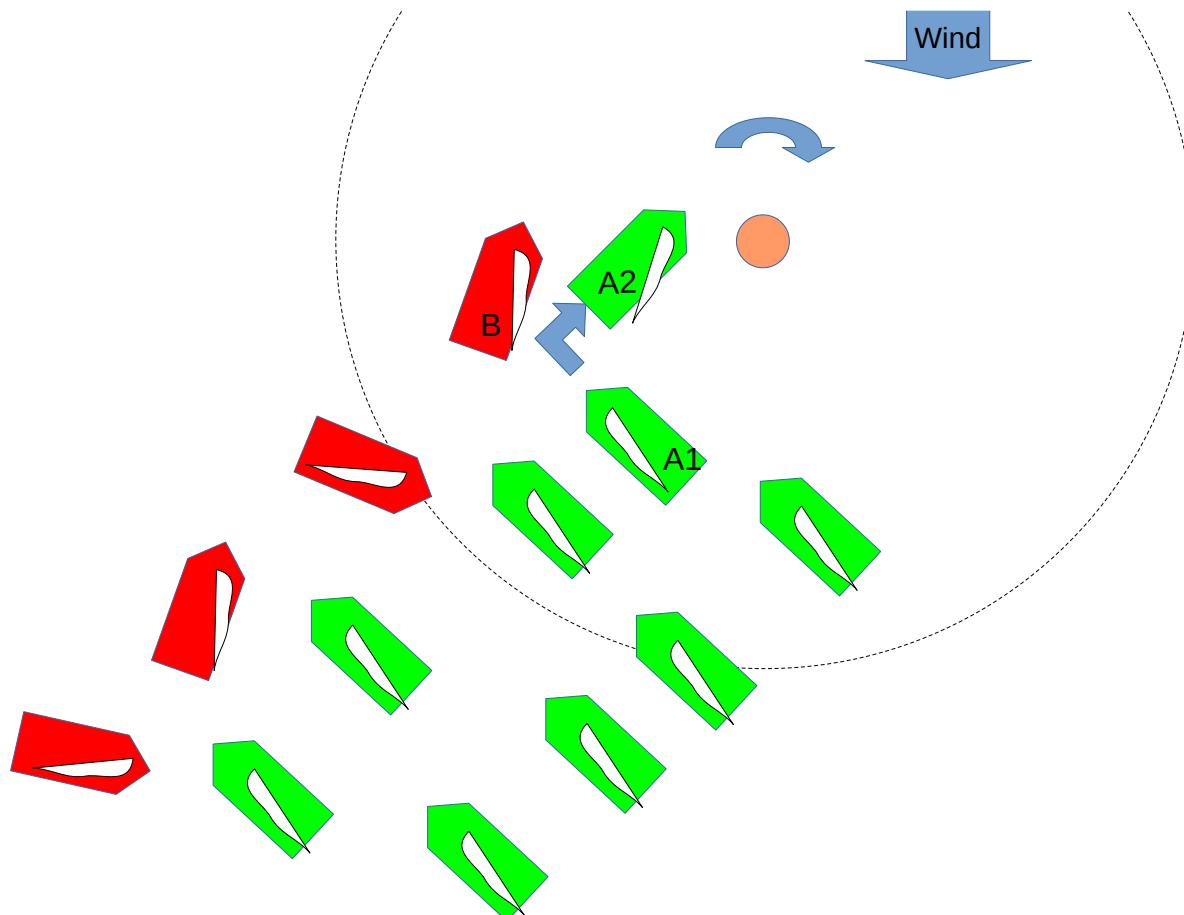
Course Setting – Port rounding is fine

- Port tackers have to find a safe place to tack and join the stack.
- B tacks in the zone. This does not give her an entitlement to mark-room, and B must not cause A to luff above close-hauled (Rule 18.3). B is in the wrong.



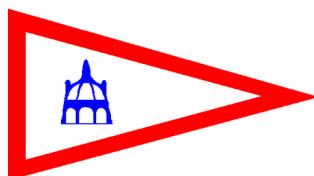
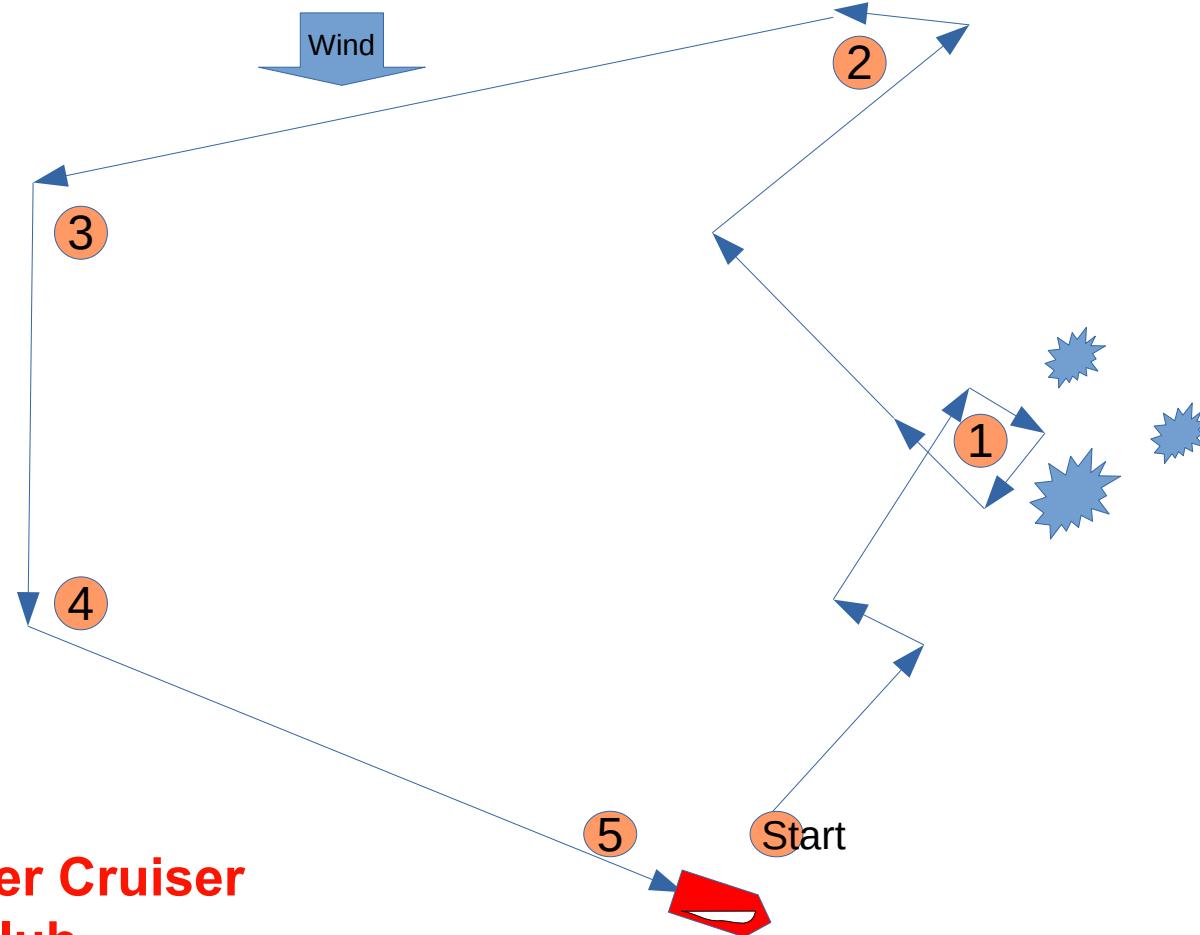
Avoid Starboard rounding

- Port tackers cannot form an orderly stack
- Many close quarters situations
- A tacks in the zone. A can cause B to luff above close-hauled because Rule 18.3 does not apply to Starboard roundings. This encourages the late tack (but beware Rule 13, 14, 15, 16).



Course Setting – avoid corkscrew rounding

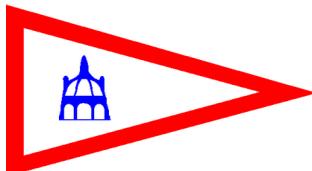
- Start, 1(S), 2(P), 3(P), 4(P), 5(P) (finish)
- String drawn taut must touch every rounding mark, which is the default in the CCRC SIs.
- For a “safety pass” – 1(S) needs to be specified as a “Passing mark”



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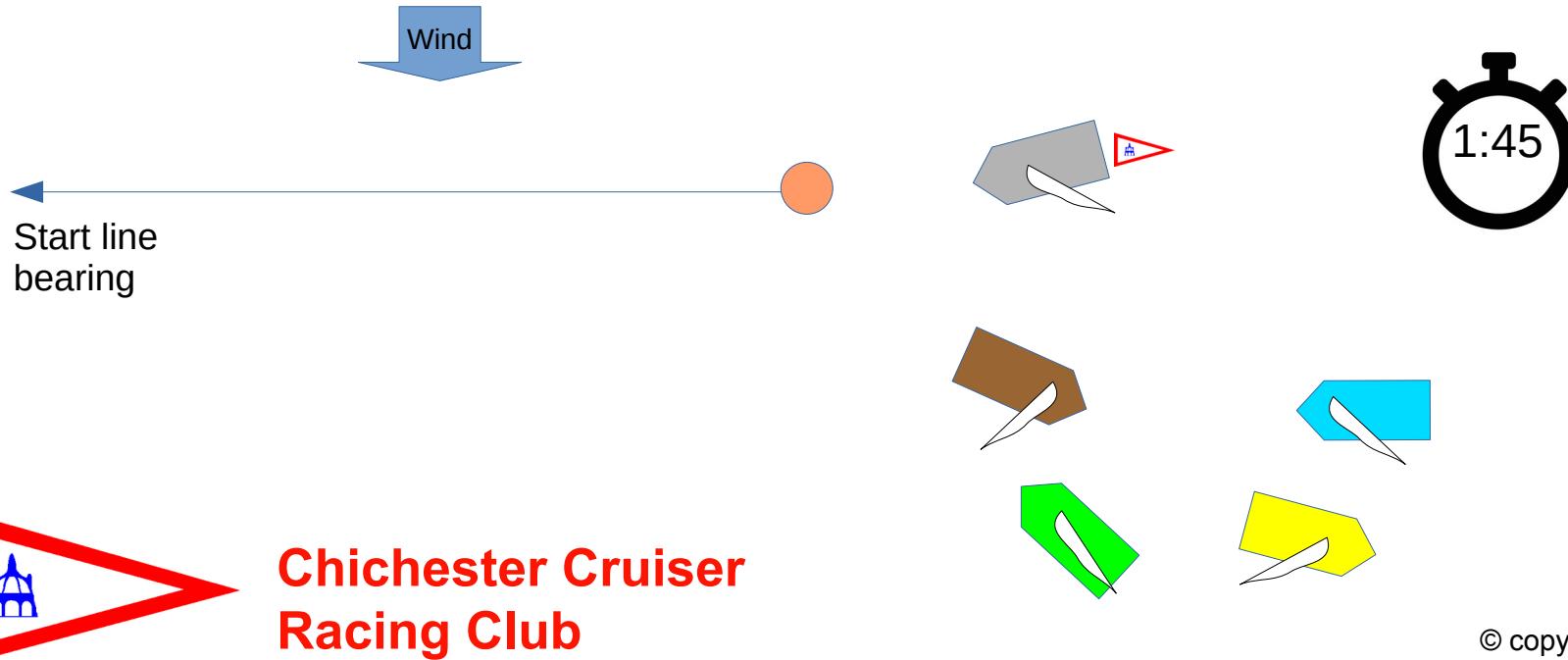
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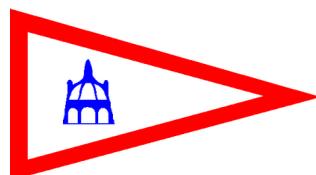
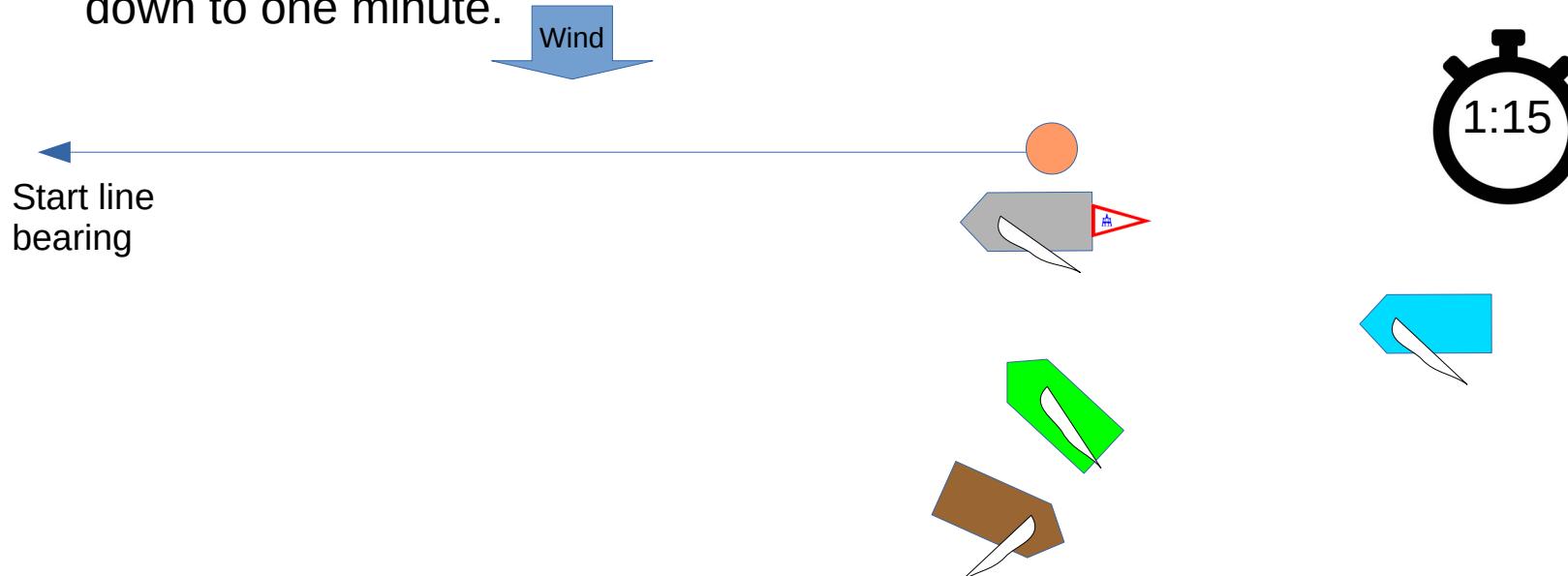
Running a CCRC race: Rolling Start

- PRO will announce the bearing along which the start line will be laid as part of the course on VHF.
- This will be at 90 degrees to the course to the first mark. If the first mark is to windward, it will be at 90 degrees to the wind.
- RO (with CCRC burgee on backstay) approaches the start mark at about 2 minutes to go before the start...



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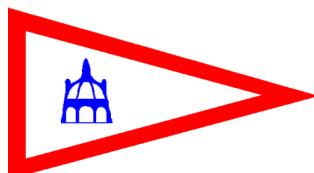
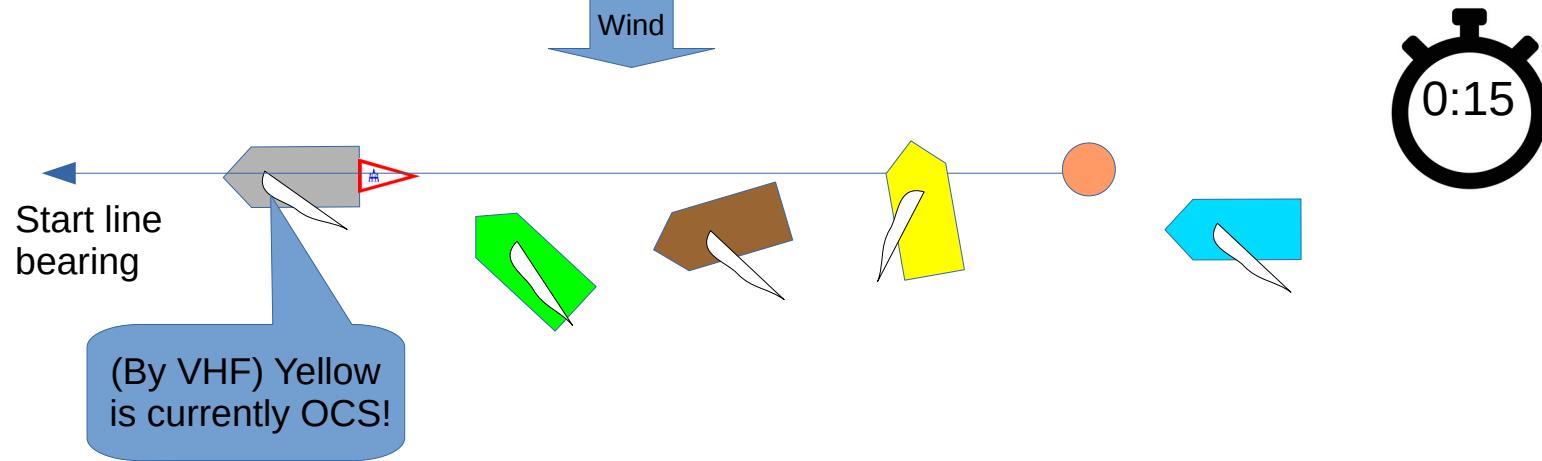
- Just before one minute to go, the RO passes the start mark and starts to head along the start line bearing...
- ... not forgetting to issue the one minute signal by VHF when the clock ticks down to one minute.



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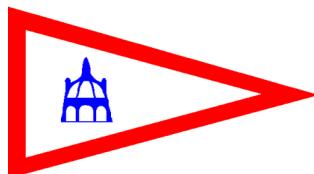
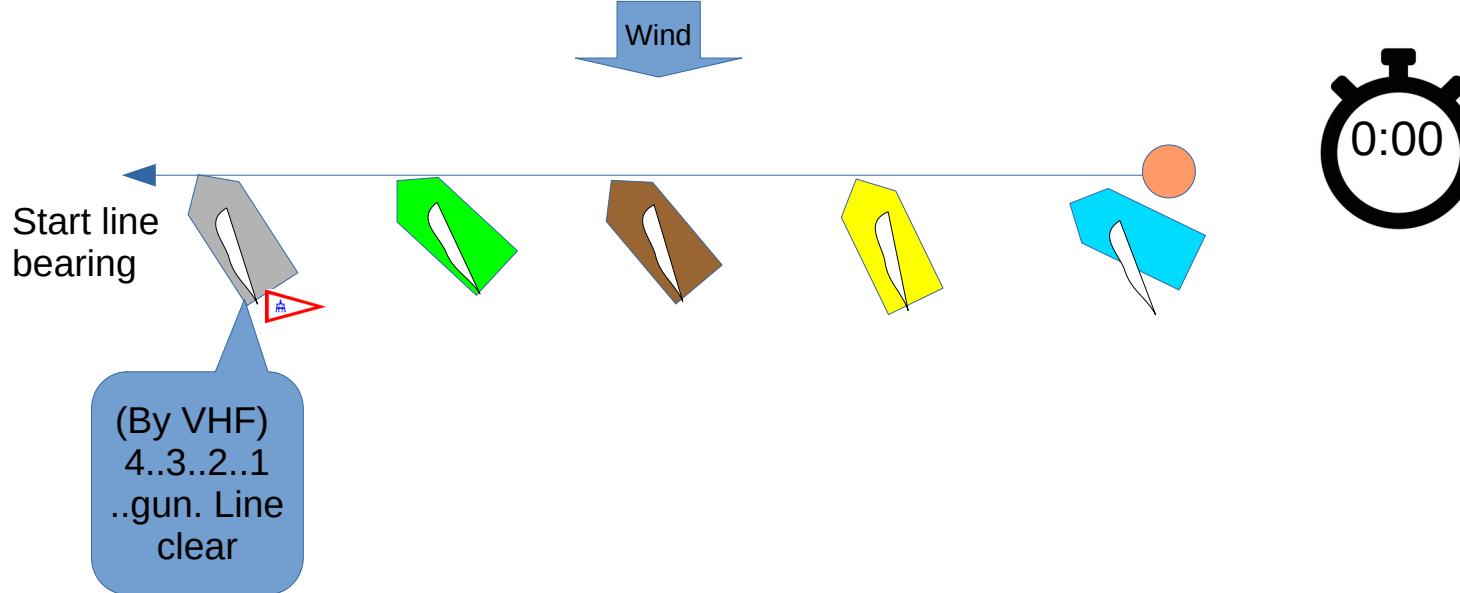
Running a CCRC race: Rolling Start

- With a few seconds to go before the start, the RO has almost finished laying out the start line ...
- ... she keeps an eye on the fleet and warns any OCS boats by VHF



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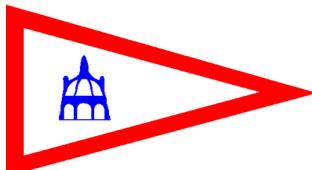
- At start time, RO issues the start signal by VHF. All yachts head up and begin the race...
- The RO transmits “Line clear”, “General Recall” or “Xray [sail number]”



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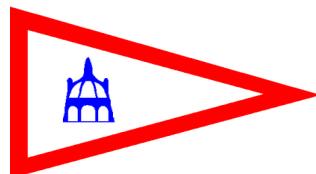
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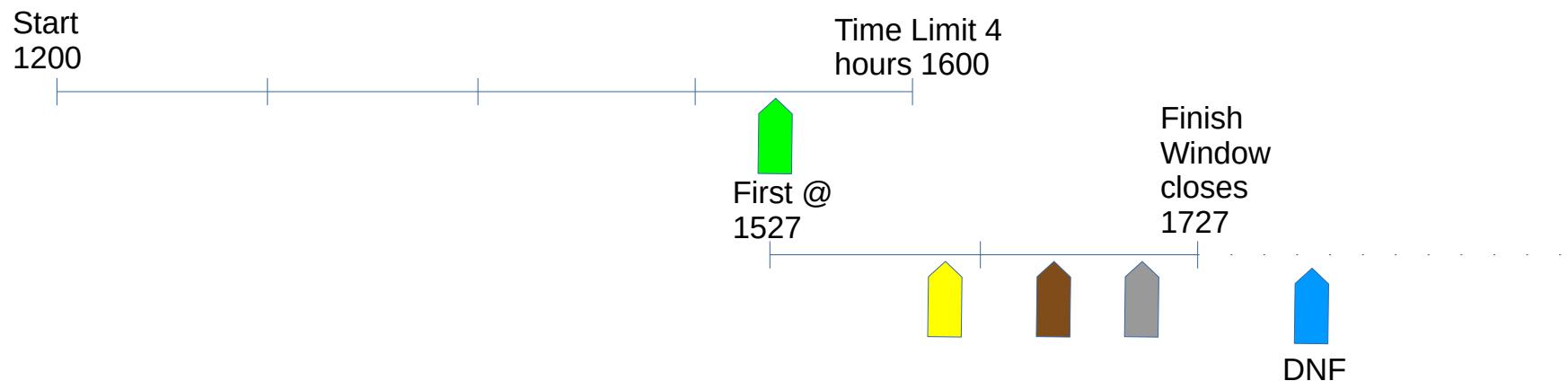
Postpone, Abandon or Shorten?

	Postpone 	Abandon (last resort) 	Shorten 
When can it be used?	Race not yet started	Any time after the start	Rndng. mark
Wind too light or too strong	Y	Y	Y
No finishers inside time limit	N/A	Y (automatic R35)	N
Mark missing or drifting	Y	Y	Y
Terrible start line	Y e.g. in last 10 sec	N	N
Safety or fairness reason	Y e.g. can't get there	Y e.g. big shift 1 st beat	Y
To get on with another race	N/A	N	Y
Error in start procedure	Y	Y (NOT if any finishers)	N
Resume or resail shortly	Y, unless with A or H	Y, unless with A or H	N
Effectively cancels race?	Maybe, with A or H	Maybe, with A or H	N

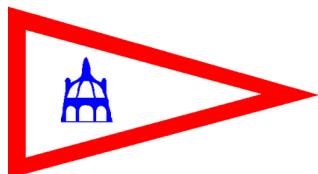


Running a CCRC race: Shorten course?

- At least one yacht needs to finish within the “Time Limit”. Otherwise the race is automatically abandoned for everyone. (Rule 35)
- As soon as the first yacht finishes, the “Time Limit” becomes irrelevant.
- A “Finish Window” opens at the finish time of the first boat, and closes 2 hours (Bay race) or 3 hours (passage race) later. (CCRC SI 15.2)
- The rest of the fleet must finish within the Finish Window, otherwise they are DNF.



Should the RO have shortened course?



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