



CHICHESTER CRUISER RACING CLUB - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2026

The organising authority is Chichester Cruiser Racing Club. www.ccrcc.co.uk

The Race Committee shall comprise the Sailing Secretary, the relevant Principal Race Officer and the relevant Race Officer.

1. RULES

All racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the Notice of Race (NoR), the Programme of Races, these Sailing Instructions (SIs), the Race Instructions (RIs), and the CCRC Rules.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. RIs for each race will be distributed to members by email and placed on the [CCRC website](http://www.ccrcc.co.uk). Information in the RIs may include the name or yacht name of the Principal Race Officer (PRO), the name or yacht name of the Race Officer (RO), the identification of any Committee Boat, the contact details of the Results Officer, the names of one or more possible starting marks, and the scheduled time of the first start.
- 2.2. Subsequent notices to competitors will be announced by VHF Ch M1(37A).

3. CHANGES TO SIs or RIs

Any change to the SIs or RIs will be by email to members at least 24hrs before the day it will take effect, except that any change to the Programme of Races may be emailed by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1. Visual signals ashore are made on the [CCRC website](http://www.ccrcc.co.uk), and confirmed by email to members.
- 4.2. Visual signals afloat are made from the RO's yacht or from the Committee Boat.
- 4.3. Radio signals are made on VHF Ch M1(37A).
- 4.4. Except in an emergency the RO may not respond to VHF calls from competitors from 5 minutes before the first warning signal until after the final starting signal of the sequence.

5. PROGRAMME OF RACES

- 5.1. The [Programme of Races](#) is published on the CCRC website. Information in the Programme of Races may include the date of each race, the number of races scheduled on that day, and the scheduled time of the first start.
- 5.2. Races not sailed as scheduled may be sailed on a subsequent date.
- 5.3. When there has been a long postponement, or when more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for the first race and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

6. FLEET FLAGS

As stated in NoR 4.

7. THE COURSES

- 7.1. Not earlier than 60 minutes before the scheduled first start the PRO may announce the name of the starting mark and other relevant information.
- 7.2. The course to be sailed will be announced by the PRO on VHF Ch M1(37A) with a starting mark, a list of course marks and a finishing mark. The course will normally be announced at 20 minutes before the warning signal and repeated at 10 minutes before the warning signal. The course may be posted on the CCRC Notice Board WhatsApp Group.
- 7.3. After a postponement the PRO may use an abbreviated announcement sequence. The time of the rescheduled start will be announced on VHF Ch M1(37A) a minimum of 15 minutes before it is to occur. The course will be announced a minimum of 5 minutes before the warning signal.
- 7.4. There will be no visual course signals

8. MARKS

- 8.1. Marks will be standard navigation marks or marks specifically designated as racing marks. Details of marks are included in the CCRC Mark List published on the CCRC website, or in the RIs. Errors or omissions in the CCRC Mark List or in the list of marks in the RIs are not grounds for redress.
- 8.2. Marks will be identified by their SCRA Code as published in the [CCRC Mark List](#), or as set out in the RIs.
- 8.3. All marks are rounding marks unless individually stated to be passed instead.

9. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

All yachts must comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions At Sea, and with the Southampton Harbour Byelaws 2003.

The following areas are prohibited and designated as obstructions for the purposes of RRS 19 and 20:

- 9.1. The submerged barrier between Horse Sand Fort and the Dolphins Passage and between the Dolphins Passage and the shore.
- 9.2. The row of iron piles off Durns Point, east of Lymington.
- 9.3. The moving prohibited zone defined by Southampton Harbour Byelaw 11.

10. POLLUTION AT SEA

In line with Merchant Shipping Regulations boats will AT NO TIME discard any form of litter into the sea but shall retain it until it may be deposited in suitable bins on land.

11. THE START

Starts will be a Rolling Start or a Fixed Line Start.

11.1. ROLLING START

- 11.1.1. Races will be started using these instructions which alter rule RRS26.
- 11.1.2. During a Rolling Start the Committee Boat may fly a CCRC burgee from her backstay. The Committee Boat may be racing, nevertheless she can use her engine between the warning signal and the start without penalty. During the start sequence the Committee Boat has total right of way over all competitors regardless of the tack she is on or whether she is motoring.
- 11.1.3. The start line is a line between the starting mark and the main mast of the Committee Boat at the start signal. One minute prior to the start the Committee Boat will be near the starting mark. She will then lay the start line by sailing away from the starting mark at approximately 90 degrees to the course to the first mark.
- 11.1.4. The approximate bearing of the start line from the starting mark may be announced as part of the course on VHF.
- 11.1.5. The Committee Boat will not make any visual starting signals, but may provide sound and/or VHF signals at 5, 4 and 1 minutes before the start, and at the time of the start.

11.2. FIXED LINE START

- 11.2.1. Races will be started using rule RRS 26.
- 11.2.2. The starting line will be between the mainmast of the Committee Boat flying an orange flag and a starting mark as announced (SI 7.2).

11.3. STARTS - GENERAL

- 11.3.1. There will be a single start for all classes.
- 11.3.2. Without contravening RRS 41 (outside help) yachts may be identified on VHF by the Committee Boat as being near to or in an OCS position during the final minute before the starting signal.

- 11.3.3. In addition to RRS 29.1, individual recalls will also be announced on VHF using the word 'XRAY'. Sail numbers of yachts identified as being OCS may be announced on VHF. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress.
- 11.3.4. In addition to RRS 29.2, general recalls will be announced on VHF using the words GENERAL RECALL.
- 11.3.5. A yacht starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal (or 3 hours for races with 24 hour or more time limit) may be scored DNS.

12. USE OF ENGINES PRIOR TO A START

A yacht not having crossed the start line and not being nearer than 400 metres from any part of the line may use her engine or be towed to a point not less than 400 metres from any part of the line.

This applies after the preparatory signal and the start. Late starters must pass within 20 metres of the start mark leaving the mark on the required side and should inform the RO or the PRO by VHF that they have started. See also SI 11.3.5.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line is a line between the main mast of a Committee Boat flying a blue flag or CCRC burgee and the last mark of the course (finishing mark). All yachts when finishing shall ensure that the sail number is clearly visible to the Committee Boat.
- 13.2. In the absence of a Committee Boat each yacht must:
 - 13.2.1. leave the finishing mark on the required side, and
 - 13.2.2. record her own finish time when the finishing mark is on a bearing that is at right angles to the direct course from the previous mark, and within 15 metres distance.
- 13.3. Each yacht shall post her finish time on the CCRC Notice Board WhatsApp Group within one hour of finishing. The post shall include the sail numbers and names of the yachts immediately ahead and astern, irrespective of class, and an estimate of the time intervals.
- 13.4. If for any reason it is not possible for a yacht to post the information required in SI 13.3 on the CCRC Noticeboard WhatsApp Group, she shall instead communicate it to the PRO by any available means.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 and 44.2 will apply for infringements to a RRS of Part 2 (other boats) and RRS 31.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1. Time limits are as shown in the RIs.
- 15.2. Yachts failing to finish within 2 hours for a bay race, and within 3 hours for a Solent passage race, of the first boat to sail the course and finish, will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 & A5.
- 15.3. The first yacht to finish in a race is requested, after finishing, to communicate her finishing time to the RO by VHF.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protest forms are available from the RYA website.
- 16.2. Protests must be received by the Sailing Secretary by 1800hrs on the day following the race. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 60.3 and 61.2.
- 16.3. Notices will be emailed within 3 days after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.4. Notices of protests by the Race Committee will be emailed to inform yachts under RRS 60.2.(b).
- 16.5. Breaches of SIs 12, 19, and 22 will not be grounds for a protest by a yacht. This changes RRS 60.1. Penalties for these breaches may be greater or less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.

17. SCORING

As stated in NoR 8.

18. RETIREMENT

A yacht that retires from a race shall notify the RO as soon as possible and should replace their class flag with an ensign.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A yacht or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with these SIs and the NoR.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

As stated in NoR 9.

21. AUTOPILOTS

The use of autopilots is permitted.

22. ENGINE USE

In accordance with RRS 42.3(g) and(h) when a yacht uses her engine to avoid collision or in a grave emergency, the facts shall be reported after the finish to the PRO or RO. The Race Committee may apply a penalty.

23. PRIZES

As stated in NoR 10.

24. RISK STATEMENT

As stated in NoR 11.