



**Hardway Sailing Club**  
**Risk Statement for all Cruiser and Day Boat Racing 2020**

**Rule 4 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 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 events and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, support boats, and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of any support boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risk specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue;
- h) (For offshore races, including Solent and Wight Races) 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 crew sufficient in number and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.
- i) Their boat is adequately insured, as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

## **Additional and Particular Risks for the HSC race area.**

- 1) Large cross channel Ferries and Fast Cats restricted to shipping lanes.
- 2) Hovercraft and Fast Cats, fast moving between Portsmouth and Ryde IOW.
- 3) Car Ferries whose course may be unpredictable and dependant on the state of the tide.
- 4) Fast Cargo and Container Ships, restricted by their draught and with a restricted view ahead, along with associated tugs and pilot vessels.
- 5) The ABP Precautionary Area bounded by Gurnard, Prince Consort, South Bramble, West Bramble, NE Gurnard, and Northwards towards Southampton is a particularly dangerous area. Vessels over 150 metres within this area have a Moving Prohibited Zone around them. (See ABP Southampton Notices to Mariners and Harbour Bye Law 11)
- 6) **Maintain a good look out at ALL times.** There are likely to be large numbers of cruising yachts, fleets of racing yachts and fast power boats, some of which may be rounding the same marks as HSC yachts.
- 7) Tides are often strong and complex, weather and sea conditions are often quick to change and can be very different in the East Solent compared with the West Solent.
- 8) A Risk Assessment for club races is submitted to the QHM and ABP. Copies are available in the club house and will be posted on the club web site.

### **DECLARATION and ENTRY FORM 2020**

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing, and all other rules that govern these events. In particular, I confirm that I have read the above, and any Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions and accept their provisions and agree my boat will conform to the requirements set out in these documents throughout all HSC events.

I confirm that the details provided below are applicable for the current season, and I accept that these details may be shared between the officers of the club, and between the Inter-Club committee, in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations.

**I also agree to comply in all respects with current Covid-19 Government Guidelines and RYA recommendations, on and off the water, as they affect my boat and crew.**

Signed:

Boat name:

Print Name:

Race No.:

Date:

Email:

Mobile No.:

Usual helmsperson: