



HSC Solent Series 2023
RACE INSTRUCTIONS
Crew Race to Cowes
Saturday 2nd September
HW Portsmouth 1356 BST

1. Rules

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 – 2024, modified as per “Sailing Instructions and Rules for Cruiser and Day Boat Racing 2021”. Available from <http://www.hardwaysailingclub.co.uk/cruisers/>

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. The race is open to all Hardway boats and will be scored using RYA NHC system, using latest adjusted handicaps, where possible.
2.2. The boat must be helmed throughout the race by a crew member, who does not normally steer the boat while racing.
2.3. Reminder: All competitors must sign on to race control on VHF channel P4/M2 at least 5 minutes prior to the warning signal - see Rule 21.

3. Schedule

- 3.1. Scheduled start time **1130**.

4. The Start

- 4.1. Racing will start using rule 26, and as described in the Sailing Instructions.
4.2. The start line will be between the committee vessel displaying a HSC flag, and **Portsmouth Sailing Club (5H)** Outer Distance Mark (ODM). N.B An inner distance mark (IDM) may be laid and in such circumstances all boats must pass between the IDM and the ODM. The IDM may not be on the start line.
4.3. If there is no committee vessel, the start line will be between a shore station on Haslar Wall displaying a Hardway SC burgee, and **Portsmouth Sailing Club (5H)** Outer Distance Mark (ODM).
4.4. A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her Start signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.
4.5. Start signals may be transmitted by radio, using the designated channel.

5. The Finish

- 5.1. The finishing line will be between **Royal London YC (4K)** and **due South to the Isle of Wight**, (Leaving Royal London YC (4K) to starboard).
5.2. Competitors are to record their own elapsed times in Hrs: Mins: Sec. If possible Competitors should also record names and times of boats finishing ahead and astern if possible.
5.3. Finish information should be passed via SMS (in the form: **Boat name, helm name, race number, elapsed time Hrs: Mins: Secs**, plus any information on boats ahead and astern) to Rob Herron 07770 544976 or via email to: raceofficer@hardwaysailingclub.co.uk .

5.4. Failure to provide finish information in the correct format by 21:00 on 2 September 2023 will lead to a DNF being recorded.

6. Courses

6.1. Courses are set out below, and these form part of the Sailing Instructions.

6.2. The number of the chosen course will be displayed, and will be announced by radio by the committee vessel no later than 5 minutes prior to the warning signal.

6.3. The time limit for the race will be 6 hrs.

Course 1

Mark	Leave to
Portsmouth Sailing Club (5H)	Port
Browdown (5C)	Port
Mother Bank (5B)	Starboard
Howden Fastnet (40)	Port
South East Ryde Middle (45)	Starboard
Norris (4T)	Starboard
Royal London YC (4K) - Finish	Starboard

Course 2

Mark	Leave to
Portsmouth Sailing Club (5H)	Port
Norris (4T)	Starboard
Royal London YC (4K) - Finish	Starboard

7. Safety

7.1. All boats taking part must carry a working VHF radio capable of transmitting/receiving on VHF channels 16, P4/M2 and 77 as a minimum.

7.2. As stated in section 2.2 above the race sign on and start will be conducted using VHF CH P4/M2.

7.3. Should CH P4/M2 suffer interference or talk-over then VHF CH 77 may be used instead.

7.4. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats in the fleet. This restriction also applies to mobile phone communications.