

Portchester Sailing Club

Cruiser Interclub In-harbour Race Sailing Instructions

11:30 BST Sunday 21st July 2024

HW Portsmouth BST 12:30

1. Rules.

- 1.1. Portchester Sailing Club is the Organising Authority for the 2024 Cruiser In-Harbour Race.
- 1.2. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the 2024 Portsmouth Harbour Interclub Sailing Instructions and the prescriptions of the RYA unless modified in this document.

2. Eligibility and Entry.

- 2.1. Racing is open to mono hull cruisers and day boats.
- 2.2. All competitors must sign on to the race by calling "**Portchester Race Control**" on VHF CH 37(M/M1) no later than 5 minutes prior to the warning signal.
- 2.3. A club burgee shall be flown from the backstay of each competing yacht and racing numbers shall be displayed clearly on both sides of the vessel. To aid identification, race numbers are required to be a dark colour on a light background, with a minimum text height of 200mm.
- 2.4. Boats failing to meet the requirements of SI 2.2 & 2.3 will be scored DNS without grounds for appeal.


3. Scoring.

- 3.1. For Interclub results, the YTC handicap system will be used. The PSCCH system will be used for internal results.

4. Schedule.

- 4.1. The warning signal will be no earlier than 11:25 and the scheduled start time will be 11:30 BST.
- 4.2. One race will be sailed.

5. Classes and Class Flags .

Class	Flag	
Cruisers	International Code Flag C	

Flag Sequence:

Minutes before Start	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Means
5	Class Flag Hoist	One blast	Warning signal
4	P Flag Hoist	One blast	Preparatory signal
1	P Flag down	One long blast	One minute
0	Class Flag down	One blast	Start

6. The Start.

- 6.1. Racing will be started using rule 26.
- 6.2. The Start will be in the area within a 1-mile radius of Portchester Castle and the position of the committee boat will be broadcast on VHF CH37 (M) no later than 15 minutes before the warning signal.
- 6.3. The start line will be between the mast of the Committee Vessel and the outer distance mark (ODM) which will be a large inflatable Buoy. N.B. An inner distance mark (IDM) may be laid which will be an inflatable Buoy and in such circumstances all boats must pass between the IDM and the ODM. The IDM may not be on the start line.
- 6.4. The time limit will be **2 hrs** extended by **1 hr** if the first boat in the class finishes within the time limit.

7. The Finish.

The Finish Line will be an imaginary line between the post on the Portchester SC race box and Pile 76 (Green) and beyond.

8. Courses.

Course 1	Course 2	Course 3	Course 4	Course 5	Course Z
Z2 (S)	FGN (S)	Z2 (S)	FGN (S)	91 (S)	Marks to be defined by the race committee
V3 (P)	85 (P)	Z1 (S)	Z1 (P)	85 (P)	
91 (P)	91 (S)	98 (P)	85 (P)	91 (S)	
Z1 (P)	85 (P)	Z1 (S)	80 (S)	80 (S)	
85 (P)	80 (S)	85 (P)	Finish	Finish	
91 (P)	Finish	80 (S)			
80 (S)		Finish			
Finish					

IMPORTANT: After the Start competitors must stay on the Channel side of all channel markers except those in Portchester Lake north of Pile 80 and except where the course instructions specify otherwise.

All marks of the course will be as defined by the 2024 Cruiser Harbour Race Chart can be downloaded from www.Portchestersc.org

The course designator will be broadcast by the race committee 5 minutes prior to the warning signal, failure to receive this broadcast may not be grounds for redress.

9. Radio Communication.

- 9.1. All boats taking part must carry a working VHF radio capable of transmitting/receiving on VHF channels 16, 37/M1 and 77 as a minimum.
- 9.2. As stated in section 2.2 above the race sign on and start will be conducted using VHF CH 37(M).
- 9.3. 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 relating to the race.

10. Protests and Requests for Redress.

- 10.1. Protest forms are available for download from:
<https://www.rya.org.uk/RACING/RACING-RULES/Pages/rya-protest-form.aspx>
- 10.2. Protests and request for redress or reopening shall be delivered by email to cruiser@portchestersc.org.uk or by hand within the time limit detailed within SI 9.2. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat finishes racing.
- 10.3. Notices will be posted as soon as possible after the protest time to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named witnesses. Hearings will be convened as soon as is practicable after the race.

11. Risk Statement.

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 inherently 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) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats (if any) and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover (if any) is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (g) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience, and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.
- (h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims.
- (i) The fact that the race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in any Notice of Race or Series or Sailing Instructions.