

Sailing Instructions (SIs)

STOKES BAY SAILING CLUB

ILCA 4, ILCA 6 & ILCA 7 OPEN MEETING

Saturday 16th May 2026

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. Guidelines for discretionary penalties are available on the World Sailing website.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the rules of the ILCA Class Rules, the prescriptions of the RYA and these sailing instructions. Competitors will also behave in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter> The event is designated Category 'C'.
- 1.2. Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. (This changes RRS 63.5c).

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the SIs will be posted for 30 minutes before the advertised starting time of the race or races concerned, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00hrs on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the entrance lobby of the clubhouse.
- 3.2. The race office is located on the Bridge.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors shall comply with reasonable requests from the Race Committee.
- 4.2. [DP] Competitors shall place advertising provided by the organising authority with care, seamanship, and in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.
- 4.3. [DP] Competitors shall comply with the bye laws of SBSC <https://www.stokesbay-sc.co.uk/club-rules/>

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

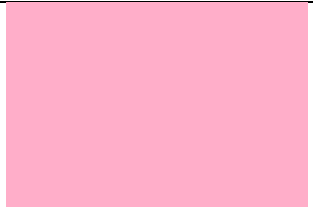
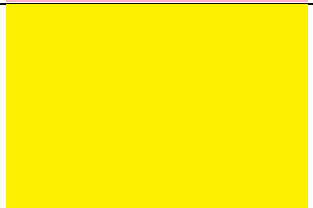
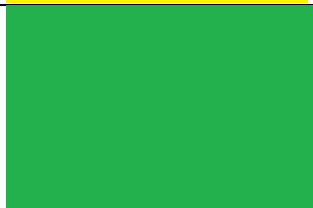
- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be hoisted on the clubhouse mast.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. See NoR 7.

7. CLASS FLAGS

The class flags for each class will be as follows:

Fleets	Class Flag	Intended Start sequence. (May change)
ILCA 7		May start in any order
ILCA 4		May start in any order
ILCA 6		May start in any order

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. The racing area is within a 3 miles radius of the clubhouse.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. See Appendix A. The choice of course (I or O) will be signalled on the Committee Boat.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 9.3. The start line is not a mark of the course after the start.

10. MARKS

10.1. Marks will be orange or yellow inflatable buoys.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1. Shoreline Prohibited Area

No boat shall sail within 50 metres of the Gosport shoreline or to the landward side of the line parallel to the shoreline which joins any yellow Prohibited Area buoys or its extensions (whether more or less than 50 metres from the shoreline) except:

- if a boat is capsized or disabled or requires attention ashore or is helping those in danger
- if a boat is launching or recovering within the slipway area off the Club.

11.2. The prohibited area is a continuing obstruction for the purpose of RRS Rule 19.

11.3. The Race Committee will monitor the prohibited area and will disqualify any boat seen infringing this Instruction without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and RRS A5.

11.4. The Race Committee may direct a patrol boat to monitor rule 11.1 (the "50m rule") if deemed necessary.

12. THE START

12.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.

12.2. The starting line is between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and mark 'S' or a mast displaying an orange flag on a RIB at the port end.

12.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12.4. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12.5. The intended starting order will be specified at the briefing and on the official notice board. The starting order may be changed for race efficiency at any time.

12.6. In the case of a general recall the Start sequence will be suspended and then re-started with the recalled fleet first.

12.7. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least one minutes before the first warning signal is made.

12.8. It is the intent to have a one minute gap between and the succeeding warning signal.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position and signal in accordance with RRS 33.

13.2. Minor mark moves, up to approximately 150m in any direction, may be made without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. The finishing line is between a mast displaying a blue flag on the Committee Boat and a blue buoy.
- 14.2. A boat flying Flag F at a mark and making repeated sound signals means "after rounding this mark boats should proceed directly to the finish line". If flown at a leeward mark it means "after passing through the rounding the mark proceed directly to the finish line. Once on station the Committee Boat will display Flag S with two sounds signals. This adds to RRS 32.2.
- 14.3. RRS 35 is changed so that (1) after the first boat has finished, boats may be finished based on their observed position on the course, and (2) the Race Committee may remove the finish line and/or may record boats crossing the line more than 20 minutes after the first boat.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1. No change.

16. TIME LIMITS

- 16.1. The time limit for the leading boat for each race will be 70 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1. Hearing request forms are available from, and returnable to, the race office situated on the top floor of the clubhouse.
- 17.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. It is the responsibility of the competitors to check the notice board. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located on the top floor of the clubhouse.

18. SCORING

- 18.1. See NoR 9.

19. TALLY SYSTEM

- 19.1. Competitors will be allocated a tally number, a list of which will be displayed on the official notice board.
- 19.2. Competitors are required to collect their tally from outside the clubhouse garage before they go afloat and to return the tally promptly on their return

to shore.

19.3. Failure to tally on or off will result in disqualification.

20. SAFETY REGULATIONS

20.1. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Promptly after returning to shore, the boat shall complete a retirement declaration form located on the official notice board in the lobby of the clubhouse.

20.2. All non-competing vessels (small or large) are to be accorded their rights under the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS). In particular, IRPCAS 9(b) states:

“A vessel of less than 20 metres in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway”.

The racing area may cross or go near a channel. All commercial shipping is to be treated as being in a narrow channel or fairway.

21. REPLACEMENT CREW

21.1. [DP] Boats must sail with the nominated helm entered for the event

22. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

22.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

22.2. The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

23. RISK STATEMENT

23.1. See NoR 13.

24. INSURANCE

24.1. See NoR 14.

