



ROOSTER



Sailing Instructions (SIs)

STOKES BAY OPEN for SINGLE HANDERS

5 & 6 September 2026

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the rules of the appropriate class(es), the prescriptions of the RYA and these sailing instructions. Competitors will also behave in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter. The event is designated Category 'C'.
- 1.2 For the Europe Class only: the Race Committee may permit pumping, rocking and ooching in accordance with Europe class rules. The signals will be made according to RRS P5. This changes RRS 42.2(a), RRS 42.2(b) and RRS 42.2(c).

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 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 race officials.
- 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.

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

Day	Date	First Warning Signal	Planned Races for the Day
Saturday	5 September	1255	3
Sunday	6 September	1025	3

- 6.2 Up to 4 races can be sailed on one day. At the discretion of the Race Officer race 4 may be brought forward to Saturday to allow for any inclement weather forecast.
- 6.3 When IC Flag W is displayed ashore no competitor may go afloat until the signal is removed. No starting signal will be given for at least 30 minutes after IC Flag W is removed.
- 6.4 In the event of a general recall, the fleet starts will remain in the same order.
- 6.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1425.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The composition of the Fleets and definition of Fast and Slow handicap shall be determined once the entry deadline has passed and will be posted on the Official Noticeboard.

Fleet:	Flag:
Handicap Fleet A	Orange Flag with Dark Stripe
Europe Class	Europe Class Flag 
Handicap Fleet B	Yellow Flag

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area is within a 3-mile 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 1-4 will be large yellow inflatable buoys. The start mark will be an orange inflatable cylinder or a mast displaying an orange flag on a RIB at the port end. The finish mark will be a blue small inflatable cylinder. Where necessary a mark may be replaced by an inflatable dumpy orange mark.

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 sailing to or from the slipway area off the Club

- 11.2 The prohibited area is an obstruction for the purpose of RRS Rule 18 and 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.

12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

- 12.3 The starting line is between a mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat an orange inflatable mark or a mast displaying an orange flag on a RIB at the port end.

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

- 12.5 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.

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 pillar 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 gate/mark it means "after passing through the gate/rounding the mark proceed directly to the finish line. Once on station the Committee Boat will display Flag S with two sounds signals.

- 14.3 RRS 35 is changed so that after the first boat has finished, boats may be finished based on their observed position on the course.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, including one tack and one gybe.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The time limit for the first finish of each race will be 1 hour.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office situated on the top floor of the clubhouse.
- 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.
- 17.4 A list of boats that have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 18.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

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 form 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 OF CREW**

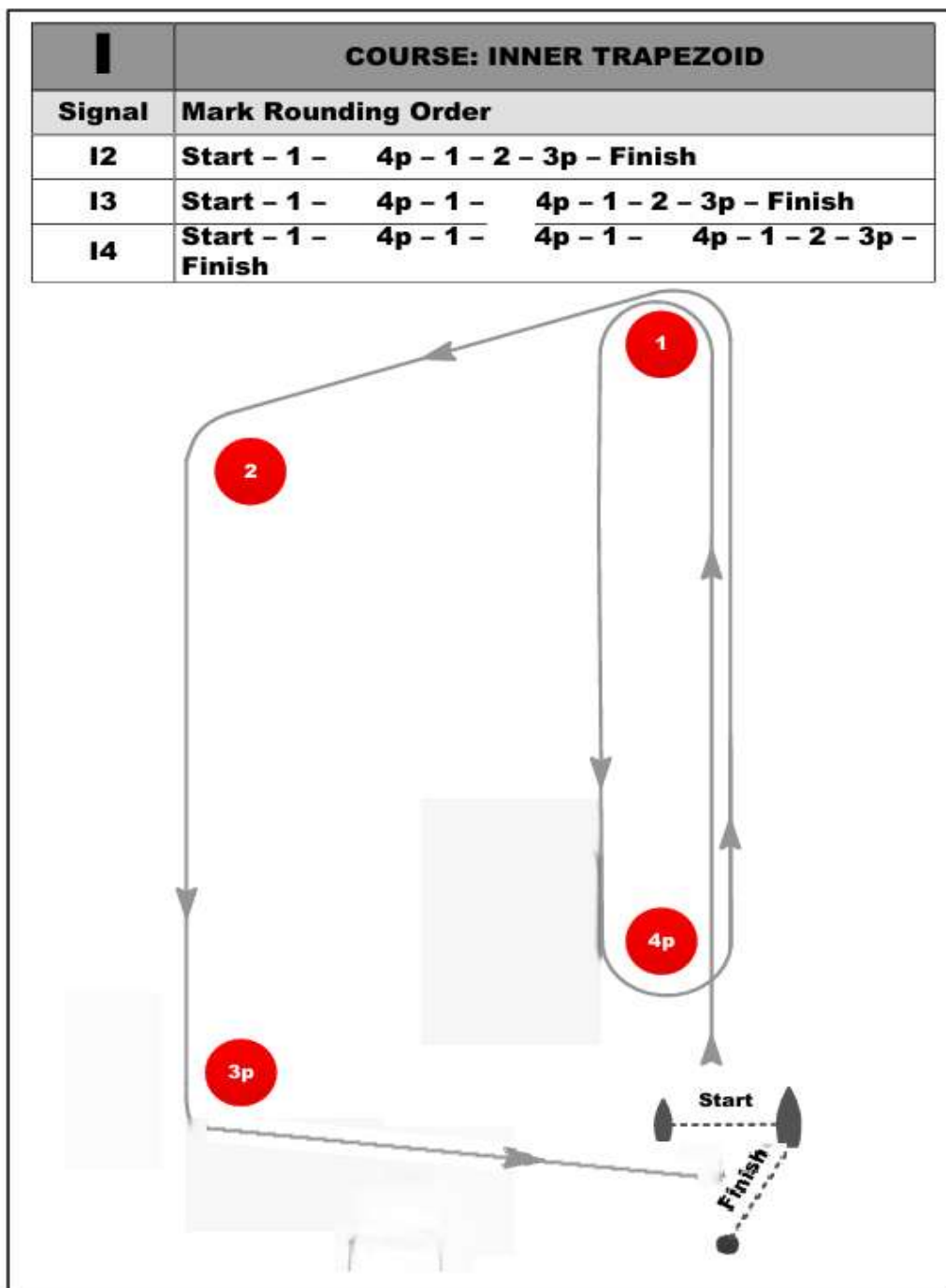
21.1 [DP] Boats must sail with the nominated helm and crew entered for the event. Any change to the nominated helm or crew must be requested in writing to the Race Officer before leaving the shore.

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.

APPENDIX A - THE COURSE DIAGRAMS



O	Outer Trapezoid with finish pin to leeward of finish boat
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
O2	Start-1p-2p- 3p-2p-3p-Fin
O3	Start-1p-2p- 3p-2p- 3p-2p-3p-Fin
O4	Start-1p-2p- 3p-2p- 3p-2p- 3p -2p-3p-Fin

