

DINGHY SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Applies to:

Solent Dinghy Series

Long Distance Races 31st March, 14th July, 13th October 2024 Pursuit 19th May 2024

Eligibility Open to all club members sailing boats with a PN of 1180 or less. Members with boats with a PN greater than 1180 may compete in the Pursuit Race but their result cannot count to the Solent Series.

Long Distance Races

- Starting Line Baverstock
- **Warning Signal** 5 Minutes before the start (RRS 26 signals at 5,4,1 start)

Class Groupings, start sequence and Flags

Fleet	PN range	Start Time	Warning Flag
Fleet 1	PN <= 1010	10:30	Numeral 1
Fleet 2	PN >= 1011 and PN <= 1180	10:35	Numeral 2

Course: The courses for both classes will be displayed on a blackboard or whiteboard outside the front of the clubhouse at least 45 minutes before the advertised start time.

The course set may use marks not normally used in club racing. The additional marks are shown on the "West Solent Race Marks" Chart".

The race area may extend to Mark A to the west, Mark 6 to the East and to the Isle of Wight in the South. The Race Officer may change the course on the committee boat if conditions change in which case the following will apply:

• Code flag L will be flown

• The new course will be displayed on the side of the committee boat before the 5 minute signal for that class.

• The class 2 start will be automatically postponed and will start not sooner than 10 minutes after Class 1

• The marks used in the new course may only include:

o Any of the marks from the original course

o Any mark on the Inshore Racing Marks (River) map

Target time for first boat90 Minutes

Time Limit180 Minutes

Prizes 1st, 2nd, 3rd in each fleet

All count towards the club championship

Count towards the crews points trophy

Trophies may be awarded to the winners in each class

	Fleet 1	Fleet 2
Long Distance Race 1	tba	tba
Long Distance Race 2	tba	tba
Long Distance Race 3	tba	tba

These races will count towards the Solent Trophy. The trophy will be awarded to the competitor with the lowest points score irrespective of which fleet they sail in.

Charity Pursuit

This race is open to all boats with a PN = < 1377.

Pursuit races involve boats starting at different times depending upon their handicap with the aim that all boats sailing to their handicap finish at the same time.

- **COURSE** The course to be sailed will be displayed on a blackboard or whiteboard outside the front of the clubhouse at least 1 hour before the advertised start time. The course will be the same for all competitors.
- **BRIEFING** There will be a briefing for all competitors 1 hour before the advertised start time.
- **START TIME** The race start time for the first start (00) is 10:35 am on a committee boat line. The committee boat will be identified in the briefing and may be close to the entrance of the river.

The start number of each boat will be displayed on the Official Notice Board at least one hour before the first start.

START The start will be signaled in accordance with RR26 and SI 12.2. The class flag will be code flag "A".

At the start signal a number board showing 00 will be displayed. Thereafter a sound signal will be made on every minute and the number board will be incremented by 1. The number board will show the number of minutes since the actual start.

There will be no additional flag signals. Competitors should sail close to the committee boat to see the currently displayed minute. They can then set their watches from this and start on the minute at which their number is displayed.

It is the competitors' responsibility to start on the correct minute.

Example of setting your watch/starting. Your start minute is 31. Your watch is set for 5, 4, 1, start. Start your watch for 5 minutes as number 26 appears. Start when 31 appears.

FINISH Pursuit Race Finishing Procedure In order that the leading boat finishes near the prescribed finishing time the course will be shortened as prescribed in RRS race signals "S", SI 14 or as detailed below:-

A Committee Boat flying flag "S" and a mark boat Flying Flag "M" will take up station near the rhumb line of the leg of the course to the next mark forming a finish line approximately at right angles to the rhumb line. These boats will not be anchored and will proceed back round the course whilst finishing boats. At a mark of the course the finishing line may be changed to be between the Committee Boat and the mark by the mark boat lowering her flag "M" and going off station.

Boats will be ranked in the order in which they cross the finish line. Competitors are advised to make a note of the Class and sail number of the boats immediately in front and behind at the finishing time

TIME LIMIT SI 16 will not apply. All boats still racing at the finishing time will be scored as a finisher.

Postponement If a race is postponed and then started on the scheduled day, then the race officer may display a start number at the warning signal. This number will then be incremented on each minute and will be the start numbers to be used in the race. The start number displayed at the warning signal will normally be 5 less than the start number of the slowest class entered. The actual start for each group shall not be earlier than that advertised for the original race.