



Hurst Castle Sailing Club

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – OPEN REGATTA 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024**

### **1. Rules**

- 1.1 Regatta Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021 – 2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) appropriate Class Rules and/or the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme (except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions).
- 1.2 No yacht may take part in HCSC racing unless it is covered by Third Party Insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident.
- 1.3 Rule RRS 40(Personal Flotation Devices) is deleted in its entirety, and replaced by: “All competitors must wear adequate personal buoyancy to at least EN 50 standard whilst racing. A wet-suit or dry suit does not constitute adequate buoyancy.”

### **2. Classes to be raced and Handicapping**

- 2.1 Races 1 and 3 are open to all sailing dinghies. Race 2 is open to oared craft with a minimum beam of four feet.
- 2.2 All craft taking part shall comply with their Class Rules, except as varied by these Sailing Instructions.
- 2.3 Results for Race 3 will be calculated using Portsmouth Yardstick handicaps as modified and supplemented by Local Handicaps posted in Hurst Castle Sailing Club in advance of the Regatta. Where no Number is published, competitors will be allocated Trial Numbers by the Race Committee. These same handicaps will be used to calculate the start times of Race 1.

### **3. Safety**

- 3.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility. It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 3.2 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death, or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the Race Committee, the Race Officer, support boat(s) and slipway marshals. The provision of support boat(s) does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities. The fact that the Race

Committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in these Sailing Instructions.

- 3.3 The helmsman or crew of each boat must sign on prior to racing and must sign off within 15 minutes of coming ashore or 60 minutes after the end of the last race of the day, whichever is the earlier. Failure to sign on may be scored DNS and failure to sign off within the designated time may be scored DNF.
- 3.4 It is a pre-requisite for Junior members to take part in racing that a Parental Disclaimer Form is completed by a responsible adult. Such forms are valid only for the year in which they are completed.
- 3.5 Any boat in the Keyhaven River shall not cause Hurst ferries to take avoiding action.
- 3.6 All boats shall comply with instructions given by the HCSC Official Committee Boat or Support Boat. Failure to do so may lead to disqualification from a race or the series.
- 3.7 All boats shall comply with their class rules and prescriptions as appropriate with regard to safety.

#### **4. Notices to Competitors and Changes to Sailing Instructions**

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted in the Clubhouse
- 4.2 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the blackboard adjacent to the front door of the Clubhouse at least one hour before the scheduled start time.

#### **5. Racing Area and Course**

- 5.1 The racing area will be the Keyhaven creeks and the Western Solent immediately outside Keyhaven River.
- 5.2 The courses for each race will be defined at the briefing for the respective races.
- 5.3 All marks will be rounding marks unless the alteration of course is clearly less than 45 degrees when they shall be passing marks.

#### **6. Schedule of Races, Class Flags and Series Scoring**

- 6.1 Races will be scheduled as shown in the Notice of Race poster:

| <b>Race No.</b> | <b>Class</b> | <b>Class Flag</b> | <b>Warning Signal</b> | <b>Preparatory signal</b> | <b>Start</b> |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| 1               | Pursuit Race | Letter "A"        |                       |                           |              |
| 2               | Rowing Race  |                   |                       |                           |              |
| 3               | Fleet Race   | Flag "Y"          |                       |                           |              |

- 6.2 Series results for sailing dinghies will be calculated using both races 1 & 3.

## **7. Starting and Finishing**

7.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 for Race 3 and RRS 26 as modified below for Race 1. Times shall be taken from the flag signals. The absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

The Warning signal (Class Flag as shown in Instruction 6.1 above) will be 5 minutes before the starting signal.

The Preparatory signal (Flag "P" with Class Flag for Race 3, Letter "B" for Race 1) will be 4 minutes before the Starting signal.

At one minute before the start, Flag "P" will be removed (Race 3) or Letter "B" will be replaced by Letter "C" (Race 1).

7.2 A start may be postponed at any time before the Start signal. Postponement will be indicated by the display of Flag "AP" accompanied by two sound signals. When Flag "AP" is taken down, accompanied by one further sound signal, the next Warning signal will be made one minute later. In the event of a Postponement, all races and starts subsequent to the postponement will be postponed by the same amount of time.

7.3 The Start Line for Race 1 and Finish Line for Race 3, will be between the post with the triangular topmark adjacent to the KYC/HCSC Pontoon access ramp and the red and white chequerboard marking on the eastern seawall opposite the pontoon. The Finish Line for Race 1 and the Start Line for Race 3 will be between the mast erected on Hurst Beach and an adjacent Crewsaver orange inflatable mark.

7.4 Recalls: RRS 29 will apply ( Flag "X" for Individual Recall, First Substitute for General Recall)

7.5 For Race 1, the list of Class start times with associated signal letters and numbers, will be communicated to competitors at the briefing prior to the start. A Class start will be when its defined signal letter/number is displayed.

## **8. Racing Area and Course**

8.1 The racing area will be the Keyhaven creeks, the Pool inside Keyhaven River entrance or the Western Solent immediately outside the creeks. The course will be set up using Crewsaver inflatable race marks and/or Keyhaven River navigation marks. The approximate layout of the marks will be posted on the course board at the Clubhouse prior to going afloat. Competitors should obtain confirmation of the sequence and direction of rounding the marks.

8.2 All marks shall be rounding marks unless the alteration of course is clearly less than 45 degrees when they shall be passing marks.

## **9. Penalty System and Protests**

- 9.1 Rules RRS 44.1 (Taking a Penalty) is changed so that only **one** turn including one tack and one gybe, is required for infringements of Part 2 or Rule 31 (Touching a Mark).
- 9.2 Protest shall will be written on forms available from the Clubhouse and delivered there within thirty minutes of the protesting boat coming ashore. RYA Rules Dispute Advisory and Mediation Hearings are available.

## **10. Tides**

- 10.1 In the Western Solent, the tidal stream will turn and run westward at approximately .....BST on 7<sup>th</sup> September.
- 10.2 The stand of High Water in Keyhaven River will be from approximately ..... until ..... on 7<sup>th</sup> September.