

Hamble Valley Regatta 2024 Sunday 8th September 2024

Sailing Instructions – Yacht Races





1. Rules: Races will be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Notice of Race, the RYA Prescriptions, any other Class Rules which apply and these Sailing Instructions.

2. Notices to Competitors: Notices to competitors will be posted on the Regatta website (www.bursledonregatta.org)

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions: Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 18.00 on Saturday 7th September 2024

4. Signals made Ashore: Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Hamble River Sailing Club.

5. Schedule of Races and Flags: The regatta will comprise the following races:

Race	Class	Warning	Flag	Flag
1	Old Gaffers	10.35	T	
2	X One Design	10.45	X	
3	Yachts and keeled dayboats rated 0.880 and above	10.55	U	
4	Yachts and keeled dayboats rated 0.879 and below	11.05	V	

6. Handicaps: Handicaps will be allocated by the Sailing Committee on an elapsed time basis.

7. Racing Area: The races will take place on Southampton Water and The Solent.

8. The Courses: Details of the courses are shown on the Course Card which will be available on the Regatta website. The course letter for each class will be displayed on the Committee Boat no later than the warning signal and will be broadcast over the VHF Channel 37 (M1).

9. The Start: The start line will be between the staff of an orange flag flown from the race committee vessel and Bald Head Buoy (green). Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26, this provides a 5-4-1-Go sequence.

After the first warning signal is displayed, competitors in later races are requested to stay well clear of the starting line until their warning signal is displayed.

Individual recall numbers will not be shown or broadcast. Boats declared OCS which do not return to the start may receive a time penalty at the discretion of the Race Officer.

10. The Finish: The Finish line will be between the staff of a blue flag displayed on the race committee vessel and Bald Head buoy (green).

The course may be shortened at the Race Officer's discretion. If the course is shortened the Race Officer will make an announcement on VHF Channel M1(37) and the Committee Boat will take up station at one of the marks of the course, the finish line will be between the staff on the Committee Boat displaying flag S and this mark.

Boats not prominently displaying numbers at the finish may be excluded from the results.

11 Time Limit: The time limit is 14.30. Boats that have not finished before that time will be scored DNF. This changes RRS35.

12. Retirements: A boat that retires must notify either the Committee Boat by hail or VHF channel 37 (M1) before the time limit.

13. Protests: Protests may be handed to the Race Committee within 1 hour of completing the race accompanied by a fee of £25 (non returnable if the protest is deemed frivolous).

14. Results: Provisional results will be posted as soon as possible on the Regatta website (www.bursledonregatta.org). Final results will be available once confirmed.

15. Prizes: The prize giving will take place at Hamble River Sailing Club at 1700 on Sunday 8th September 2024. Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each class. Prize winners will be informed by text, phone call or email.

16. Safety Regulations: Any boat infringing the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) or local bylaws in respect of commercial shipping may be disqualified.

17. Disclaimer of Liability: Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta.

18. Insurance: Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

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