

# Solent Cruising & Racing Association

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## Solent Racing Mark Changes 2016

5 February 2016

### New names for existing marks:

Code	Previous name	Name for 2016
<b>2A</b>	Echopilot	<b>Hurst</b>
<b>2H</b>	Paul Jackson	<b>Denisons</b>
<b>2K</b>	Quod Possumus!	<b>John Hollamby</b>
<b>2R</b>	Durns	<b>Powder Byrne</b>
<b>3B</b>	eDigital Research	<b>Newtown East</b>
<b>3P</b>	Bainbridge International	<b>Party</b>
<b>4F</b>	Wight Vodka	<b>Deloitte Sailing Club</b>
<b>4N</b>	Flying Fish	<b>QXI International</b>
<b>4Q</b>	Wilson Covers	<b>Jonathan Janson</b>
<b>4W</b>	Artemis the Profit Hunter	<b>Kilchoman</b>
<b>4X</b>	Rolly Tasker Sails	<b>Destination Cowes</b>
<b>43</b>	Chilgrove Gin	<b>Roger Swinney</b>

The 2-character codes and positions of the marks do not change, even though the names change.

### There is one new mark:

Code	Name	Latitude N	Longitude W
<b>27</b>	<b>Alitex</b>	<b>50 42.97</b>	<b>01 28.16</b>

### There are two new navigation marks:

Code	Name (colour)	Latitude N	Longitude W
<b>76</b>	<b>Test (R)</b>	<b>50 52.59</b>	<b>01 23.45</b>
<b>77</b>	<b>Fawley Deep (G)</b>	<b>50 50.42</b>	<b>01 19.19</b>

### There are changes in the co-ordinates for two navigation marks, to the following:

Code	Name	Latitude N	Longitude W
<b>7J</b>	Deans Elbow	<b>50 52.20</b>	<b>01 22.85</b>
<b>7A</b>	Gymp	<b>50 53.07</b>	<b>01 24.16</b>

SCRA and Cowes Week Ltd are grateful to all the sponsors. Enquiries about sponsoring buoys for future seasons are always welcome and there are always opportunities available. Marks are named by businesses, or in memory of someone, or with a favourite boat name.

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## SOLENT RACING MARK CODES & LIST

SCRA publishes a list of some 150 of the main racing marks in the Solent area. Each mark is described by a code containing just two characters - one digit & one letter, or two digits. The list is recommended to all clubs and race organisers for use especially when courses are given on the radio.

The SCRA list shows marks that are intended to be used for any suitable race. There are other local marks in the Solent, e.g. off Lymington and Yarmouth, Portsmouth and Bembridge, Cowes and Gurnard. These are intended for local use only. In most cases, the local clubs or associations who lay them do not want them used by "all and sundry" and are grateful for that to be respected.

The whole area has been divided into 9 zones, numbered 1 to 6 from west to east, plus Zone 7 for Southampton Water and Zones 8 & 9 for "specials." The zones are:-

Zone 1	Western Approaches to the Solent	Zone 5	East Solent
Zone 2	West Solent	Zone 6	Eastern Approaches to the Solent
Zone 3	Mid-Solent (Western part)	Zone 7	Southampton Water
Zone 4	Mid-Solent (Eastern part)	Zones 8 & 9	Laid Marks and Local Marks

Each buoy within a Zone has a letter or number to identify it. The unique designation for each mark is made up of the Zone number plus the buoy letter or number. Some examples:

2J	Zwerver	West Solent Zone	26	Hamstead Ledge	West Solent
3P	Party	Mid Solent (W)	4Q	Jonathan Janson	Mid Solent (E)
5C	Browdown	East Solent	6F	Bembridge Ledge Buoy	Eastern Approaches

Within each zone, the marks are in order of longitude from west to east, except for Zone 2 West Solent where they are further split into marks on the mainland side, marks in the middle, and marks on the Island side, to fit in with the pattern agreed between the Lymington and Yarmouth Clubs.

Zone 8 starts by listing some commonly used inflatable marks. Sometimes, the code alone may suffice (e.g. 8C Leeward Laid Mark). Otherwise, race committees will need to describe the mark and/or its position. There is also room in Zones 8 & 9 for local use by Clubs to add marks, or to give the positions where inflatable marks are often laid, so that only the buoy shape/colour needs to be announced. Zone 9 is used if/when race organisers have used up all the codes in Zone 8.

Clubs operating only in some of the zones can publish just those Zones. For much of the racing in the central Solent, only Zones 3 and 4 will be needed; Southampton Water racing where only Zone 7 is needed; and so on.

The Solent Mark Codes list is published afresh each February, with changes for the year ahead. The designated code for each mark will not alter, even if the name changes or if (occasionally) a buoy is moved slightly. This removes the need for extensive annual re-programming of GPSs; and the inadvertent use of last year's list will usually still allow boats to go to the intended mark. Any new marks will be given a code at the end of their zone. The list is published in Zones, and also as an alphabetical version so that a known buoy name can be located.

We welcome feedback - to [admin@scra.org.uk](mailto:admin@scra.org.uk) please.

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