

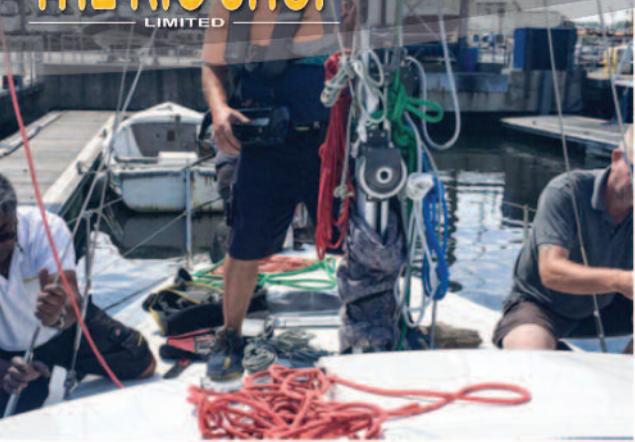
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The 2026 Programme - at a glance

Date	Race No.	Event	Series	Page
April				
Fri. 3rd	1	Poole – Lymington	Tour	16
Sat. 4th	2	Lymington – Haslar	Tour	16
Sun. 5th	3	Haslar – Yarmouth	Tour	16
Mon. 6th	4	Yarmouth – Poole	Tour	16
Sat. 18th	5	Poole – Weymouth	Pass A	18
Sun. 19th	6	Weymouth – Poole	Pass A	18
May				
Sat. 2nd	7	Poole – Alderney	Ch	18
Mon. 4th	8	Alderney – Poole	Ch	18
Sun. 10th	PBS 1	Poole Bay Summer Series	PBS	20
Sat. 16th	9	Poole – Cowes	Pass A	20
Sun. 17th	10	Cowes – Poole	Pass A	20
23/24th		VPRS Championships		21
June				
Sat. 6th	11	Poole – Lymington	Pass A	20
Sun. 7th	12	Lymington – Poole	Pass A	22
Sun. 14th	PBS2	Poole Bay Summer Series	PBS	22
Fri. 19th	13	Poole – Cherbourg	Ch	22
Sun. 21st	14	Cherbourg – Poole	Ch	22
Sat. 27th	15	Poole – Hamble	Pass B	24
Sun. 28th	16	Hamble – Poole	Pass B	24
July				
Fri. 10th	17	Poole – Cowes	Pass B	24
Sun. 12th	18	Cowes – Poole	Pass B	24
Sun. 19th	PBS3	Poole Bay Summer Series	PBS	26
Sat. 25th	19	Poole – Alderney	Ch	26
Sun. 26th	20	Alderney – Guernsey	Ch	26
August				
Sat. 8th	21	Two-Handed Series		26
Sun. 9th	PBS4	RNLI Pursuit Race	PBS	28
Fri. 21st	22	Poole – St Vaast	Ch	28
Sun. 23rd	23	St Vaast – Poole	Ch	28
September				
Sat. 5th	24	Poole – Cowes	Pass B	28
Sun. 6th	25	Cowes – Poole	Pass B	30
Sat. 19th	26	Poole – Weymouth	Pass B	30
Sun. 20th	27	Weymouth – Poole	Pass B	30
Sun. 27th	PBS5	Poole Bay Summer Series	PBS	30

*Starts:

Unless otherwise stated, first start is Class 4 followed five minutes later by Class 3 and 2. Followed five minutes later by Class 1 and 0. Followed five minutes later by Class 5.

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PART ONE: OFFICERS AND CONSTITUTION

I.0 - Officers 2026

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Be Aware
If circumstances or conditions dictate your Class Captain may make changes to a race on the day. This could be a change in timing, a change of destination, or even of finish line. You should listen on M2, don't just follow the boat in front!

2.0 Constitution

2.1. Objects

Poole Yacht Racing Association (The Association or PYRA) exists to promote, encourage, organise and co-ordinate racing for bona fide sailing yachts, herein after referred to as boats, in association with the member Yacht Clubs based on Poole Harbour, which support it. Currently these are the Parkstone, Poole and Royal Motor Yacht Clubs, plus any other club approved by the General Committee.

2.2. The Committee

A) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a General Committee, consisting of:-

The Captain of the Association
The Vice Captain of the Association
The Hon. Secretary
The Hon. Treasurer
The Hon. Records Secretary
The Rating Officer
The Hon. Social Secretary
The Hon. Web Master
The PR/Promotions Officer
The Captains and Vice Captains of each of the Racing Classes.
A representative appointed by each of the supporting clubs.

B) The club representatives, one from each of the supporting clubs shall be appointed by their respective General Committees.

C) The Captain and Vice Captain of each of the racing classes shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of their respective classes and their election submitted for confirmation at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. They shall not be eligible for re-election to that office in the one year immediately following four consecutive years therein.

D) All other officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

E) The Captain of the Association shall not be eligible for re-election to that office in the one year immediately following three consecutive years therein.

F) Nominations for any of these Offices may be submitted by any Full Member of the Association in writing to the Secretary at least 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Each nomination shall contain the names of the proposer and the seconder and shall confirm that the Member nominated has agreed to accept nomination.

When no valid written nomination has been received for any Office, the Chairman may accept a nomination at the Annual General Meeting. Should more than one nomination be received for any Office then the Chairman shall conduct a written ballot. If any Office remains unfilled, the Committee may at their discretion, co-opt a member to fill that position.

2.3. General Meetings

A) The Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Association shall be held each year at such time and place as the Committee shall appoint.

B) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at any time deemed necessary or desirable by the Committee or on receiving a Requisition, signed by no less than ten Members who are entitled to vote at General Meetings, such requisition shall state the object of the Proposed Meeting.

C) Notice in writing of any Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting setting out the Agenda of that meeting shall be sent to all members of the Association at least fourteen days before the date set for the meeting. The minutes of these meetings shall be made available to members.

D) At any General Meeting the Chair shall be taken by the Captain of the Association, or failing this by some other person appointed as Chairman by the Committee.

E) All Committee Members and every Full Member of the Association shall have one vote and, except as provided in Clause 2.5, resolutions will be decided by a simple majority of the votes properly cast. In the case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. Proxy votes will not be permitted.

F) Amendments to Resolutions included in the Agenda of any General Meeting will be accepted for debate, it is recommended that all such amendments be carefully worded and that notice of such amendments be given to the Secretary seven days before the Meeting.

G) Separate Annual General Meetings of the Members of each Racing Class shall be held before the date of the Annual General Meeting of the Association in each year. Any resolutions passed on recommendations at such Class Meetings shall be submitted to the Annual General Meeting of the Association for approval.

2.4. Membership

A) Association membership is renewable annually and expires on the 31st. of December.

B) FULL MEMBERSHIP is open to an owner of a bona fide boat who for Membership must submit:-

- i)** Form of Application for Membership (or renewal) and Boat Registration.
- ii)** The relevant annual subscription.

Membership is acquired when this document and subscription have been submitted to the Committee and approved by them. This approval may be withdrawn at any time at the discretion of the Committee

C) CREW MEMBERSHIP is open to any person or by application of a Full Member, and is acquired when such application is accepted by the Hon. Secretary.

D) HONORARY MEMBERSHIP may be conferred, by the Committee, on any person not for the time being actively engaged in racing with the Association.

The Commodores of the PYRA supporting clubs will be Honorary Members for the duration of their term of office.

- E)** Only Full Members may vote at the Association's Meetings, and only Full Members are eligible for election to the Offices of Captain of the Association or Captain or Vice Captain of the racing classes. Each boat carries only one vote.
- F)** The amounts of the Annual Subscriptions for all classes of Membership will be fixed annually at the Association's AGM. Membership forms are available from the Hon. Sec.
- G)** For the purposes of PYRA Membership the minimum requirements for a bona fide boat are defined in Part 2 Sections 2.0 and 3.0 of this book.
- H)** TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP is open to yachtsmen for the purpose of competing in a maximum of two weekend's racing per season. Temporary Membership subscriptions will include payment for a copy of the PYRA Handbook and Programme. Applicants should notify the Hon. Secretary two weeks before participation to enable any rating/handicapping procedure to be carried out.

Subscription Rates for 2026 are:

Full Member*: Mono-hull Class: £100 (Includes 2026 VPRS).
Multi-hull Class: £80.

Crew Member* (non-voting): £10.

Temporary Member Mono-hull class: £55 (Includes 2026 VPRS).

Temporary Member Multi-hull class: £35.

*New applicants (non membership of PYRA for the preceding 5 years)
for Full PYRA Membership:

Mono-hull class: £65 (Includes 2026 VPRS).

Multi-hull class: £50.

2.5. Constitution (Rules)

The Constitution and/or Rules of the Association may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution at any General Meeting of the Members of the Association providing that no such resolution shall be passed unless it is carried by a majority of two-thirds of the votes properly cast at the Meeting.

A Member wishing to propose any alteration to the constitution or Rules must give notice in writing to the Secretary of the Association of the Resolution at least 28 days before the date of the General Meeting, at which the proposal will be considered.

A copy of the resolution to be proposed shall be enclosed with, or incorporated in the Agenda of the General Meeting at which the proposal is to be considered, and such Agenda shall be circulated to all Members at least fourteen days before the date set for the Meeting.

PART TWO: SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & NOTICE OF RACE

The PYRA Race Committee for each event shall comprise the Starting Officer nominated by the representative of the supporting club, together with any members of the General Committee attending the event.

1.0 Rules

1.1. Racing will take place under the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 – 2028 (RRS), the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2026 – 2027, the prescriptions of the RYA, these sailing instructions and the appropriate class rules.

1.2. Racing at Night

The rules of RRS Part 2 shall not apply between the times of local sunset and sunrise and shall be replaced with the corresponding rules of IRPCS (International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea).

1.3. Advertising

Boats may advertise in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20 (Advertising Code).

1.4 Regattas

For regattas, separate instructions may be issued by the organising club.

2.0 Conditions of Entry

2.1 General

- A)** A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- B)** It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- C)** The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3m.
- D)** Nothing done by the organisers will 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, patrol boats and beachmasters.
- E)** The boat is responsible to ensure that it is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know how to use it.

2.2. Eligibility

Racing is open to boats, whose particulars have been accepted by the Association. In addition the owner, or owner's representative, on board whilst racing, shall be a member of PYRA.

2.3. Race Entries

Entry lists shall close at 1200 hrs. on the Wednesday prior to the day of the race concerned, or, in the case of a race which starts on a Friday, the Tuesday before.

A boat shall be entered either by:-

A) Making an entry via the PYRA Web site Enter PYRA Event Page -
<http://www.pyra.org.uk/sailing/enter-pyra-event/>

B) Making an entry via e-mail to PYRA Sec: secretary@pyra.org.uk

The subject of the e-mail shall be of the format:

Race Title, Race Number, Sail Number, Boat Name, Class and Number of Persons on Board

C) Making a line entry. A competitor finding it necessary to make a line entry as a result of failing to comply with **A**) or **B**) above shall report to the Starting Officer stating their wish to enter the race and notify their Boat Name, Sail Number, VPRS, Class and Number of Persons on Board. This shall be done before the first "warning signal" of their class. Line entries should only be used in exceptional circumstances. Be aware that the Starting Officer will be busy and may not respond. Also, be aware that line entries are not accepted for some races - see the Race Programme.

Note: For regattas, individual entries must be made directly to the organising club

2.4. Identification of Classes

MONO-HULLS

Class 0: Pennant 0

Open to boats having a current VPRS TCC rating.

Class 1: Pennant 1

Open to boats having a current VPRS TCC rating.

Class 2: Pennant 2

Open to boats having a current VPRS TCC rating.

Class 3: Pennant 3

Open to boats having a current VPRS TCC rating.

Class 4: Pennant 4

Open to boats to join for the whole of the sailing season having a valid VPRS rating for the current year and complying with these Sailing Instructions, qualified as defined in Class 4 notes.

MULTI-HULLS

Class 5: Pennant 5

Open to boats having a valid multihull rating.

Two Handed Class:

Class pennant over Q Flag

In addition to fully crewed boats there is a separate class for a maximum of 2 crew members only open to boats competing in the Poole Bay Summer Series in Classes 0,1,2 and 3.

NOTES

Classes 0 to 4:

1. A valid VPRS TCC rating is one registered on the VPRS Website calculated for the current year.

Class 4:

2. Mono-hull Class 4: Open to boats having a current VPRS rating and having declared their intention to sail without the aid of a spinnaker/flying headsail for the whole season.

If more than three persons are on board over the age of 7 years during a race each additional crew will incur a 5% time penalty per person. Number on board to be reported with finishing time.

Crew will be counted as 8 years old, or older, if they attained the age of 8 before the 1st September of the preceding PYRA sailing season (as per school years).

Class 5:

3. A valid multihull rating is one provided by the Class 5 captain for the current year.

Two Handed Class Boats

4. In the Poole Bay Summer Series boats may change crew for each race.

2.5 Division of Classes

The split between mono-hulled classes will be determined prior to the first race of the seasons based on VPRS ratings and will be posted with the list of PYRA boats maintained on the PYRA Website.

2.6. Rating/Handicapping

Results shall not count without a valid VPRS or multihull rating.

- A)** If at the time of returning a signed PYRA membership form a current rating is not available the PYRA Secretary is to be informed by the owner/co-owner when a rating has been recorded on the VPRS Website or provided by the Class 5 Captain.
- B)** The PYRA secretary shall be notified by the owner/co-owner if a rating changes during the PYRA racing season.
- C)** No results shall count retrospectively.

Note: The PYRA Secretary shall maintain on the PYRA website a list of PYRA boats in their respective class together with the current rating being used for PYRA results.

2.7. Identification of Boats

- A)** Each boat shall fly its Class distinguishing flag in a clearly visible manner from the backstay or similar position.
- B)** Boats not complying with SI.2.7A may not be recorded as starters or timed as finishers.

3.0 Safety

3.1. Race Categories

- A)** World Sailing Special Regulations for Inshore Racing will apply where the sailing area is confined to Poole Harbour, Poole and Swanage Bays.
- B)** World Sailing OSR Category 4 will apply to all races outside of the above limits between Portland Bill and Selsey Bill and within six miles of the shoreline.
- C)** World Sailing OSR Category 3 plus 'carriage of life rafts as per Cat 2', will apply to all races outside of the above limits and to races run between the hours of Sunset and Sunrise.

3.2. Basic Safety Requirements

In addition to para 3.1 above and the World Sailing OSR.

A) Identification of Persons on Board

At the time of entering skippers are required to notify PYRA of the number of persons on board (POB) and if necessary to update the information prior to the start of the race. Skippers should ensure that their shore contact, as defined to PYRA, has a list of the current crew on board with contact numbers.

B) Lifejackets / Harnesses

All persons on board are strongly recommended to wear lifejackets as a regular practise and in addition to use harnesses when reefed, at night or when alone on deck. At night it is recommended that life jackets are fitted with a position indicating light.

C) AIS

It is recommended that vessels are equipped with AIS and that transmission should not be turned off while racing.

D) RYA SafeTrx

Owners are strongly recommended to use the RYA SafeTrx system to aid Co-ordination Centres throughout the UK to mount a search and rescue operation should you get into difficulty

4.0 Communications with Competitors

4.1. Radio Communications

A) All boats shall be equipped with VHF radio capable of receiving Ch37 and Ch.M2 (161.425 MHzA which, on some systems, may be referred to differently, eg: P4 on Icom sets). A listening watch must be maintained until clear of the starting area. Competitors are advised to keep a listening watch for the duration of the race.

B) Radio communications with competitors will normally be by VHF radio Ch M2 (P4). In the event of this channel being blocked Ch M (37) may be used.

4.2. Alterations to Sailing Instructions

A) Notice of any alterations to the Sailing Instructions may be posted on the Notice Boards of the member clubs. It shall be the responsibility of the competitors to acquaint themselves with any such alterations.

B) Changes on the day may be made by Class Captains or their delegate if conditions dictate. This information will be conveyed to competitors as per S.I.4.1. (See also 7.8b)

4.3. Postponement and Abandonment

In the event of a race being postponed or abandoned signals shall be made in accordance with the RRS, except that:

In the event of abandonment competitors will be notified as per S.I.4.1. at approximately 60 and 30 minutes before the advertised first start time in that starting sequence and at that advertised time.



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5.0 Race Programme 2026

- A)** COURSES WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON VHF as per SI 4.1
- B)** The Race Officer may confirm the course after the 4-minute gun.
- C)** Courses may be based on the list of marks in SI 6.0 and any feature on a current Admiralty Chart, any other established racing mark, and a gate or gates between points clearly identified by both longitude and latitude.
- D)** For the Poole Bay Summer Series Classes 0 +1 will be combined and Classes 2+3 will be combined for both starting and results purposes. A two-handed section is available within each class. Results for the two-handed sections of each class will be scored separately as well as being scored in the class fully crewed results.

5.1 Schedule of Races. All times are BST.

Abbreviations used in this programme:

RC: Race Category – see 3.0 Safety

SC: Supporting Club

ST: Start Time

SL: Starting Line

FL: Finish Line

Pass A: Passage A

Pass B: Passage B

Ch: Channel

PtoP: Poole to Poole

Pass: Passage

PBS: Poole Bay Summer Series

RV: Location for results to be handed in when away from Poole

Sr: Series

TL: Time Limit

SH: Solent Hop

Reg: Regatta

TBA: To Be Announced

RACES ARE SELF-TIMING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SI 9.3,

EXCEPT FOR: Races in the Poole Bay Summer Series

IMPORTANT: Rendezvous – RV

The RV is where we meet to discuss the day's sailing.

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Remember you will still need to contact Rob Hescroft, the Records Secretary, on your return home.

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Friday April 3rd

PYRA Tour

Poole – Lymington

See - <https://www.pyra.org.uk/2026-events/>

Race No.1	Classes	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: PYRA	4	09:00	Tour	
SL: Swash	3	09:05	Tour	
FL: Lymington-1	2	09:05	Tour	
TL: 23:59	1	09:10	Tour	
RC: Cat 4	0	09:10	Tour	
	5	09:15	Tour	Berthing – None booked

Finish Time

Boat in front

Boat behind

Saturday April 4th

PYRA Tour

Lymington – Haslar

Race No.2	Class	ST	Sr	
SC: PYRA	4	09:30	Tour	
SL: Lymington	3	09:35	Tour	
FL: Gosport	2	09:35	Tour	
TL: 23:59	1	09:40	Tour	
RC: Cat 4	0	09:40	Tour	
	5	09:45	Tour	Berthing – None booked

Finish Time

Boat in front

Boat behind

Sunday April 5th

PYRA Tour

Haslar – Yarmouth

Race No.3	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: PYRA	4	13:00	Tour	
SL: Gosport	3	13:05	Tour	
FL: Yarmouth-2	2	13:05	Tour	
TL: 23:59	1	13:10	Tour	
RC: Cat 4	0	13:10	Tour	
	5	13:15	Tour	Berthing – None booked

Finish Time

Boat in front

Boat behind

Monday April 6th

PYRA Tour

Yarmouth – Poole

Race No.4	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: PYRA	4	13:30	Tour	
SL: Yarmouth	3	13:35	Tour	
FL: Poole	2	13:35	Tour	
TL: 23:59	1	13:40	Tour	
RC: Cat 4	0	13:40	Tour	
	5	13:45	Tour	Berthing – None booked

Finish Time

Boat in front

Boat behind

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Part Two - Race Programme

Saturday April 18th		Kemp Sails		Poole – Weymouth
Race No.5	Classes	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Poole	4	11:00	Pass A	Bill Basket Trophy
SL: Swash	3	11:05	Pass A	Beach Trophy
FL: Weymouth	2	11:05	Pass A	Yachts & Yachting Trophy
TL: 23:59	1	11:10	Pass A	Cheltenham Cup
RC: Cat 4	0	11:10	Pass A	Weymouth Bay Cup
	5	11:15	Pass A	
<i>RV - Weymouth SC 17:50</i>				
Finish Time	Boat in front		Boat behind	

Sunday April 19th		Kemp Sails		Weymouth – Poole
Race No.6	Classes	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Poole	4	07:30	Pass A	1/2 Tonne Challenge
SL: Weymouth	3	07:35	Pass A	Hagg Cup
FL: Poole	2	07:35	Pass A	Weymouth Bay Plate
TL: 23:59	1	07:40	Pass A	Weymouth Trophy
RC: Cat 4	0	07:40	Pass A	Jim Bradbury Cup
	5	07:45	Pass A	
Finish Time	Boat in front		Boat behind	

Saturday May 2nd		Poole Sailing		Poole – Alderney
Race No.7	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Poole	4	07:00	Ch	Scott Cup
SL: Swash	3	07:05	Ch	Tiddler Cup
FL: Alderney	2	07:05	Ch	Arnold Newman
TL: 12:00*	1	07:10	Ch	Coupe de Notaire
RC: Cat 3+	0	07:10	Ch	Island Cup
	5	07:15	Ch	
<i>RV - Alderney SC* 17:50*</i>				
Finish Time	Boat in front		Boat behind	

Monday May 4th		Poole Sailing		Alderney – Poole
Race No.8	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Poole	4	10:00	Ch	Alan Kerr Trophy
SL: Alderney	3	10:05	Ch	Coup D' Antiquaire
FL: Poole	2	10:05	Ch	Lively Cup
TL: 23:59	1	10:10	Ch	Ocean Challenge
RC: Cat 3+	0	10:10	Ch	PHYC Jubilee Cup
	5	10:15	Ch	
Finish Time	Boat in front		Boat behind	

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Part Two - Race Programme

Sunday May 10th Suttle Stone Quarries Poole Bay Summer Series

Race No. PBS I	Class	ST	Sr
SC: Parkstone	4	11:00	PBS
SL: Bay	3	11:05	PBS
FL: Committee	2	11:05	PBS
TL:	1	11:00	PBS
RC: Inshore	0	11:00	PBS
	5	11:05	PBS

RV: Parkstone YC – TBA

Saturday May 16th Poole – Cowes

Race No.9	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Parkstone	4	12:00	Pass A	B Island Mug
SL: Bay	3	12:05	Pass A	Christchurch Ledge
FL: Cowes	2	12:05	Pass A	Tartarin Cup
TL: 23:59	1	12:10	Pass A	Tilney Barton
RC: Cat 4	0	12:10	Pass A	Steve Yeo Memorial Trophy
	5	12:15	Pass A	One trophy for both races

RV - Cowes Corinthian YC 17:50

Berthing - Reserved - One Weeks notice

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Sunday May 17th Cowes – Poole

Race No.10	Classes	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Parkstone	4	11:00	Pass A	PYRA Poole Bowl
SL: Cowes	3	11:05	Pass A	B Class Island Mug
FL: Poole	2	11:05	Pass A	Mowlam Cup
TL: 23:59	1	11:10	Pass A	Regina Bowl
RC: Cat 4	0	11:10	Pass A	Salamander Cup
	5	11:15	Pass A	Class B Sat Points

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Saturday June 6th Savills Poole – Lymington

Race No.11	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Parkstone	4	11:00	Pass A	Starleap
SL: Bay	3	11:05	Pass A	Carbetti
FL: Lymington-I	2	11:05	Pass A	Grenadier
TL: 23:59	1	11:10	Pass A	Stampede Cup
RC: Cat 4	0	11:10	Pass A	Poole Beaulieu Class A
	5	11:15	Pass A	One trophy for both races

RV - TBA 17:50

Berthing - Reserved - Two weeks notice

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Part Two - Race Programme

Sunday June 7th		Savills		Lymington – Poole	
Race No.12	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy	
SC: Parkstone	4	08:00	Pass A	Island Hop Class 4	
SL: Lymington	3	08:05	Pass A	Island Hop Class 3	
FL: Poole	2	08:05	Pass A	Island Hop Class 2	
TL: 23:59	1	08:10	Pass A	Island Hop Class 1	
RC: Cat 4	0	08:10	Pass A	PYRA Solent Goblet	
	5	08:15	Pass A	Island Hop Class 5	
Finish Time		Boat in front		Boat behind	

Sunday June 14th		Ward Goodman		Poole Bay Summer Series	
Race No. PBS 2	Class	ST	Sr		
SC: Royal Motor	4	11:00	PBS		
SL: Bay	3	11:05	PBS		
FL: Committee	2	11:05	PBS		
TL:	1	11:10	PBS		
RC: Inshore	0	11:10	PBS		
	5	11:15	PBS		
<i>RV – Royal Motor Yacht Club</i>	<i>TBA</i>				
Finish Time		Boat in front		Boat behind	

Friday June 20th		Port Chantereine		Poole – Cherbourg	
Race No.13	Classes	ST	Sr	Trophy	
SC Poole	4	19:00	Ch	Bass Cup	
SL Swash	3	19:05	Ch	Eileen Challenge Trophy	
FL Cherbourg	2	19:05	Ch	Coup L'Amitee	
TL 12:00* (20/6)	1	19:10	Ch	Yacht Club de Cherbourg	
RC: Cat 3+	0	19:10	Ch	PYRA Channel Shield	
	5	19:15	Ch		
<i>RV – TBA</i>	<i>17:50* (21/6)</i>			<i>Berthing - None booked</i>	
Finish Time		Boat in front		Boat behind	

Sunday June 22nd		Port Chantereine		Cherbourg – Poole	
Race No.14	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy	
SC: Poole	4	07:00	Ch	Cherbourg Jumelage	
SL: Cherbourg	3	07:05	Ch	Bonaventure Candelabra	
FL: Poole	2	07:05	Ch	Eldridge Pope	
TL: 23:59	1	07:10	Ch	Magnum Trophy	
RC: Cat 3+	0	07:10	Ch	Poole Channel Cup	
	5	07:15	Ch		
Finish Time		Boat in front		Boat behind	



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Part Two - Race Programme

Saturday June 27th		Clark Construction		Poole – Hamble			
Race No.15	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy			
SC: Parkstone	4	11:00	Pass B	Lucy's Pup			
SL: Bay	3	11:05	Pass B	Gay Viking			
FL: Hamble	2	11:05	Pass B	Margaret Sewell			
TL: 23:59	1	11:10	Pass B	Swanage			
RC: Cat 4	0	11:10	Pass B	Dorset Cup Class A			
	5	11:15	Pass B	TBC			
<i>RV - Royal Air Force YC</i>	<i>17:50</i>	<i>Berthing - Reserved - 2 weeks notice</i>					
Finish Time	Boat in front		Boat behind				

Sunday June 28th		Clark Construction		Hamble – Poole	
Race No.16	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy	
SC: Parkstone	4	10:00	Pass B	Sula Tankard	
SL: Hamble	3	10:05	Pass B	PYRA Class 3 Pass. Series B	
FL: Poole	2	10:05	Pass B	Seafarer Challenge	
TL: 23:59	1	10:10	Pass B	Poole Yachting Week '57	
RC: Cat 4	0	10:10	Pass B	PYRA miniature Mug	
	5	10:15	Pass B	TBC	
Finish Time	Boat in front		Boat behind		

Friday July 10th		RTI Feeder		Poole – Cowes	
Race No.17	Classes	ST		Trophy	
SC: Parkstone	4	11:00		Contessa Best RDV	
SL: Bay	3	11:05		Chrysalis Cup	
FL: Cowes	2	11:05		Minoru Cup	
TL: 23:59	1	11:10		Weil Challenge	
RC: Cat 4	0	11:10		George Debenham	
	5	11:15		TBC	
<i>RV - TBA</i>	<i>Berthing - Individuals to book</i>				
Finish Time	Boat in front		Boat behind		

Saturday July 12th		Cowes – Poole			
Race No.18	Class	ST		Trophy	
SC: Parkstone	4	10:00		Chough Cup	
SL: Cowes	3	10:05		Morrison Challenge	
FL: Poole	2	10:05		Keen Memorial	
TL: 23:59	1	10:10		Avilion Cup	
RC: Cat 4	0	10:10		Hope & Glory Line Honours Bowl	
	5	10:15		TBC	
Finish Time	Boat in front		Boat behind		



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Sunday July 19th		Poole Bay Summer Series		
Race No. PBS 3	Class	ST	Sr	
SC: Poole	4	13:00	PBS	
SL: Bay	3	13:05	PBS	
FL: Committee	2	13:05	PBS	
TL:	1	13:10	PBS	
RC: Inshore	0	13:10	PBS	
	5	13:15	PBS	
<i>RV - Poole YC</i>	<i>TBA</i>			
Saturday July 25th		Poole – Alderney		
Race No.19	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Poole	4	07:00	Ch	Chrysalis Mug
SL: Swash	3	07:05	Ch	Wadsworth Cup
FL: Alderney	2	07:05	Ch	Waarschap Trophy
TL: 23:59	1	07:10	Ch	Walter Curry Tureen
RC: Cat 3+	0	07:10	Ch	Coupe Vaubin
	5	07:15	Ch	
<i>RV - Alderney SC</i>	<i>19:00</i>			<i>Berthing - None booked</i>
Finish Time	Boat in front		Boat behind	
Sunday July 26th		Alderney – Guernsey		
Race No.20	Classes	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Poole	4	10:00	Ch	No trophy
SL: Alderney	3	10:05	Ch	No trophy
FL: Guernsey	2	10:05	Ch	Dolphin Cup
TL: 23:59	1	10:10	Ch	David Maddox Cup
RC: Cat 3+	0	10:10	Ch	Henry Ryst Memorial
	5	10:15	Ch	
<i>RV - Guernsey YC</i>	<i>19:00</i>			<i>Berthing - No berthing booked</i>
Finish Time	Boat in front		Boat behind	
Saturday August 8th		Stoneways Marine	Two Handed Series	
Race No.21	Class	ST		Trophy
SC: Royal Motor	4	10:00		Glasswear
SL: Bay	3	10:05		Tarka Trophy
FL: Committee	2	10:05		Helmsman Trophy
TL: 15:00	1	10:10		Helmsman Trophy
RC: Inshore	0	10:10		RMYC Tankard
	5	10:15		Glasswear
<i>RV - Royal Motor YC*</i>	<i>9th August 15:30</i>			



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Part Two - Race Programme

Sunday August 9th		Stoneways Marine		RNLI Pursuit Race	
Race No.	PBS 4	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Royal Motor		4	11:00	PBS	RYMYC Trophy (2 of 2)
SL: Bay		3	11:05	PBS	Kenwood Trophy
FL: Pursuit		2	11:05	PBS	Nissan Trophy
TL: 13:00		1	11:10	PBS	Nissan Trophy
RC: Inshore		0	11:10	PBS	Nissan Trophy
		5	11:15	PBS	Lady Patricia Trophy
<i>RV - Royal Motor YC</i>		<i>15:30</i>			

Friday August 21st		Poole – St Vaast		
Race No.22	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Parkstone	4	17:00	Ch	
SL: Swash	3	17:05	Ch	
FL: St Vaast	2	17:05	Ch	
TL: 12:00*	1	17:10	Ch	
RC: Cat 3+	0	17:10	Ch	
	5	17:15	Ch	
RV - TBC	17:00*		Berthing – None booked	
Finish Time	Boat in front		Boat behind	

Sunday August 23rd				St Vaast – Poole
Race No.23	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Parkstone	4	06:00	Ch	
SL: St Vaast	3	06:05	Ch	
FL: Poole	2	06:05	Ch	
TL: 23:59	1	06:10	Ch	
RC: Cat 3+	0	06:10	Ch	
	5	06:15	Ch	
Finish Time	Boat in front		Boat behind	

Saturday September 5th				Poole – Cowes
Race No.24	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Parkstone	4	11:00	Pass B	Leo Toms Salva
SL: Bay	3	11:05	Pass B	Wendy Cup
FL: Cowes	2	11:05	Pass B	Wally Baker
TL: 23:59	1	11:10	Pass B	Lundy Lady
RC: Cat 4	0	11:10	Pass B	Class J Channel Srs Goblet
	5	11:15	Pass B	TBC
RV - Cowes Corinthian YC		17:50	Berthing - Cowes Yacht Haven	
Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind		



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Part Two - Race Programme

Sunday September 6th

Cowes – Poole

Race No.25	Classes	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Parkstone	4	09:00	Pass B	Lucy Trophy
SL: Cowes	3	09:05	Pass B	Dolphin Trophy
FL: Poole	2	09:05	Pass B	Poole Yachting Week 1970
TL: 23:59	1	09:00	Pass B	Cherbourg Cup
RC: Cat 4	0	09:00	Pass B	Class A Channel Srs Goblet
	5	09:05	Pass B	TBC

Finish Time

Boat in front

Boat behind

Saturday September 19th

Magnum

Poole – Weymouth

Race No.26	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Poole	4	08:00	Pass B	Windward Tankard
SL: Swash	3	08:05	Pass B	Twynham Trophy
FL: Weymouth	2	08:05	Pass B	Arripay Trophy
TL: 23:59	1	08:10	Pass B	Rustler Cup
RC: Cat 4	0	08:10	Pass B	Oriana Goblet
	5	08:15	Pass B	

RV - Weymouth SC

17:50

Berthing - Reserved - one weeks notice

Finish Time

Boat in front

Boat behind

Sunday September 20th

Magnum

Weymouth – Poole

Race No.27	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Poole	4	09:00	Pass B	Brass PYRA Cup
SL: Weymouth	3	09:05	Pass B	Tamarisk Trophy
FL: Poole	2	09:05	Pass B	Gillian Trophy
TL: 23:59	1	09:10	Pass B	Norlethe Cup
RC: Cat 4	0	09:10	Pass B	Zilla Trophy
	5	09:15	Pass B	

Finish Time

Boat in front

Boat behind

Sun. Sept. 27th

Shuttle Stone Quarries

Poole Bay Summer Series

Race No. PBS 5	Class	ST	Sr
SC: Parkstone	4	11:00	PBS
SL: Bay	3	11:05	PBS
FL: Committee	2	11:05	PBS
TL:	1	11:10	PBS
RC: Inshore	0	11:10	PBS
	5	11:15	PBS

RV - Parkstone YC

TBA

5.2 Races for Points Series

5.2.1 To win a series a boat must finish correctly in at least two races in that series.

5.2.2 A boat that does not start any race in a series shall not be scored in that series.

5.2.3 Races to Count in a Series

The Low Point scoring system of RRS

Appendix A4 will apply.

The number of races to count is as right;
this changes RRS Appendix A2

	Races Sailed in a Series	Races to Count	No. of Discards
1	1	1	0
2	2	2	0
3	2	2	1
4	3	3	1
5	4	4	1
6	4	4	2
7	5	5	2
8	6	6	2
9	6	6	3

5.2.4 Overall points winner in each Class and the Best Points Trophy

Best 10 race results to count from any Passage, or Channel series. A tie for first place between two or more boats will be broken in favour of the boat with the best score in the most recent race in a counting series in which any of the tied boats competed.

5.2.5. Boat with age allowance all classes winner

At the end of the season all of the boats on the PYRA class lists will be listed in order of their build date and the oldest 10% (rounded up) of those boats become eligible for this trophy. The criteria defined in Rule 5.2.4 is applied to the oldest 10% to determine the winner.

The build date used is that declared on a boat's VPRS or Class 5 Captain. If no build date is shown/known then the current year will be assumed. If other boats in the overall list have the same build date as the newest boat of the 10% they also become eligible.

6.0 Marks

Alum Chine Outfall	(50.42.32N 01.53.40W)	North Head	(50.42.69N 01.35.52W)
Atomic Buoy (was Arish Mell Outfall)	(50.35.07N 02.11.67W)	Peveril Ledge SRM1A	(50.36.37N 01.56.10W)
Poole Bar Buoy (No1) SRM 1B	(50.39.32N 01.55.17W)	Parkstone YC	(50.39.61N 01.55.20W)
Beaulieu Spit Dolphin (timber tripod) (F.R.5s).	(50.46.85N 01.21.76W)	Rig Buoy (CSC Race Mark)	(50.43.01N 01.38.02W)
Boscombe Outfall	(50.42.89N 01.50.39W)	Southbourne Outfall	(50.42.92N 01.49.11W)
*Berthon SRM2F	(50.44.20N 01.29.22W)	Stevenson Moorings	(50.39.45N 01.56.85W)
Bournemouth Outfall	(50.42.60N 01.52.31W)	Stoneways Marine Ins. SRM 1C	(50.40.31N 01.54.02W)
Branksome Outfall	(50.42.25N 01.54.31W)	Swash Channel No 2	(50.39.23N 01.55.24W)
*Charles Stanley SRM22	(50.42.86N 01.29.40W)	Swash Channel No 3	(50.39.76N 01.55.49W)
*Coronation SRM4B	(50.49.55N 01.17.62W)	Swash Channel No 4	(50.39.72N 01.55.60W)
*Cowes Week 2026 SRM3G	(50.46.58N 01.21.46W)	Swash Channel No.8	(50.40.50N 01.56.26W)
*Dunford Construction SRM2B	(50.43.38N 01.31.54W)	*South West Shingles SRM1G	(50.39.29N 01.37.52W)
DZB Buoy	(50.32.11N 02.05.92W)	*Test PHM SRM76	(50.52.59N 01.23.45W)
East Hook	(50.40.58N 01.55.23W)	*The Boss SRM3E	(50.46.13N 01.22.19W)
East Looe 2	(50.41.07N 01.55.83W)	Tony Brooks (was Chalys)	(50.38.61N 01.55.78W)
*Gurnard	(50.46.22N 01.18.84W)	The Rig Shop (was Vinyl Solutions)	(50.41.08N 01.54.26W)
Hengistbury Head	(50.42.55N 01.44.38W)	Warden SHM SRM1M	(50.41.48N 01.33.55W)
Jenkins Marine	(50.41.24N 01.52.67W)	*Warsash Sailing Club SRM 5E	(50.46.26N 01.08.76W)
Ledge Buoy	(50.41.60N 01.41.50W)	*Weston Shelf SHM SRM7D	(50.52.71N 01.23.26W)
Magnum (was Perenco Wych Farm)	(50.40.31N 01.52.45W)		
Mid Bay/EYE Marine/Christchurch SC			
SRM 12 (CSC Race Mark)	(50.42.60N 01.40.80W)		

Note:

All positions are referenced to the WGS84 datum and are approximate.

*Identifies Solent Marks

7.0 Starts

7.1 Starting System

Either a Line Start or a Gate Start may be used for monohull races. Gate Starts are not to be used for multihull starts. For a Line Start S.I. 7.2 will apply and S.I.7.5 will not; for a Gate Start S.I. 7.5 will apply and S.I. 7.2 will not.

When a Gate Start is to be used competitors will be informed in accordance with S.I. 4.1.

7.2 Starting Lines

A Committee Boat Line will be a line between the main mast of the Starting Committee Boat and an Outer Distance Mark (ODM). The boat may be identified by a PYRA battle flag and shall broadcast its location together with a description and location of the ODM to competitors on VHF as per S.I.4.1. The ODM may be laid specifically for the purpose, but could be any suitable mark or buoy used for racing or navigation.

This S.I. is over ruled if the Starting Officer elects to use an alternative line start method – see S.I. 7.3.1.

Alderney Starting Line:

A Committee Boat Line.

Bay Starting Line:

A Committee Boat Line in Poole Bay,

Alternative:

Brownsea Starting Line.

Beaulieu River Starting Line: A Committee Boat Line to the West of the Beaulieu River mouth.

Bembridge Starting Line: A Committee Boat Line.

Brownsea Starting Line: A line between No.15 (Bell) Buoy and the Starting Boat positioned to the west.

If it is thought necessary to start in Poole Harbour the Committee Boat Starting Officer must comply with the Poole Harbour Commissioners Yacht Racing Criteria. Note that the Poole VTS Officers (was Poole Harbour Control Officers) have the authority to prohibit racing through the entrance if they believe that the conditions and circumstances pose too great a risk.

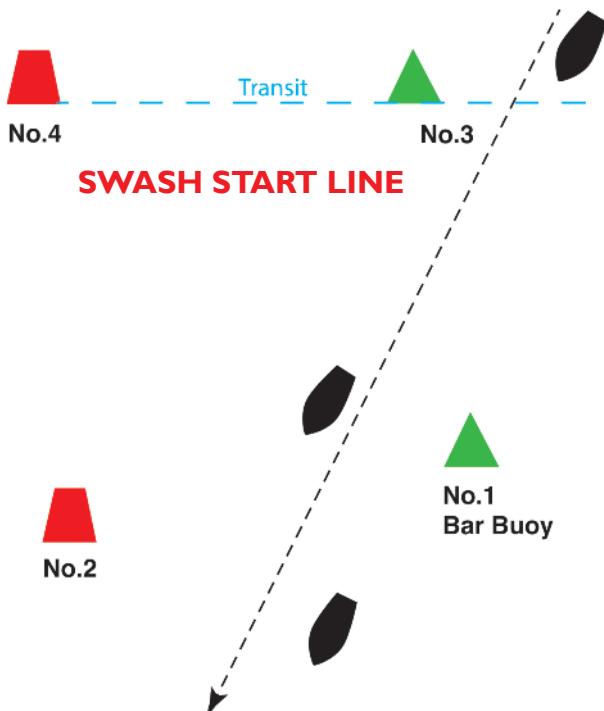
Cherbourg Starting Line: A Committee Boat Line in the Grande Rade in the vicinity of the Fort du Homet.

Cowes Starting Line: A Committee Boat Line in the vicinity of the Gunard Buoy.

Dartmouth Starting Line: A Committee Boat Line in the vicinity of the Dartmouth Finish line.

Gosport Starting Line: Committee Boat Line in the vicinity of Spit Sand Fort.

Guernsey Starting Line: A Committee Boat Line.



Hamble Starting Line: A Committee Boat Line.

Lymington Starting Line: A Committee Boat Line to the west of the Lymington river mouth.

North Head Starting Line: A Committee Boat Line using North Head Buoy as the ODM.

Regatta Starting Line: A Committee Boat Line.

Royal Motor Yacht Club Starting Line: A line between the Flagstaff on the RMYC veranda with an orange top section and a port hand marker.

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St Vaast Starting Line: A Committee Boat Line in the vicinity of the La Dent (South Cardinal) Buoy or Le Gavendest (South Cardinal) Buoy.

Swanage Bay Starting Line: A Committee Boat Line.

Swash Starting Line: Leave Swash Channel Buoy No 3 to starboard on a transit formed between Swash Channel Buoys No.3 and No.4. The Start Boat will act as the ODM but may not be on the line. All competitors shall then pass between Swash Channel Buoys No 1 and No 2.

<<< SEE ILLUSTRATION ON PAGE 32 <<<

Weymouth Starting Line: A Committee Boat Line.

Yarmouth Starting Line: A Committee Boat Line to the east of the pier.

7.3 Alternative Line Starts

7.3.1 Alternative line start methods

The Starting Officer may use an alternative strategy to minimise the time taken to start both the race and the Starting Boat, while providing a fair and clearly defined start for all competitors. These alternative line start methods may result in a lack of visual signals. This S.I. overrules the RRS Rule 26 requirement regarding visual signals when an alternative line start method is used as defined below.

7.3.1.1 Fixed Marks – Using a line between two points/buoys with the start boat hovering outside of the line.

7.3.1.2 Transit Start – Using 2 fixed marks/features to form a transit, with the start line along an extension of the transit limited by the Start Boat as ODM.

7.3.1.3 Hover Start – The Start Boat hovers at one end of a line set off a fixed mark, using the motor to stem the tide.

7.3.1.4 Convoy + Fender – On occasions of little or no wind, the start boat may signal by VHF to 'follow me' and set off towards the destination leading the fleet until a sailing breeze materialises. If the Starting Officer cannot then find a suitable fixed mark, a fender or dan-buoy will be floated and used as an ODM to define a line off the Start Boat. The Start Boat will then drift with the tide hopefully in harmony with the ODM.

7.3.2 Time for Starting

Any boat acting as a Starting Boat shall make every effort to start as soon as possible after the completion of her duties and to avoid all unreasonable delay in starting.

7.3.3 Away Starts

For starts other than from Poole, the Race Committee may vary all instructions to suit changed circumstances. Competitors must listen on VHF as per S.I.4.1. or check with the Starting Officer before the first warning signal.

PYRA Alternative race starts

In each case, the ideal start line length should equate to $1.5 \times$ total competing boat lengths.
For ease of calculation, assume 10m typical boat length; therefore for 10 competitors,
start line = $10 \times 15\text{m} = 150\text{m}$.

1. FIXED MARKS

Fixed mark A Fixed mark B

Start boat 'hovering' under motor



2. TRANSIT START (eg Poole Swash Line)

Fixed feature

Fixed mark

Start boat as ODM but not necessarily on line



3. HOVER START

Fixed mark

Start boat 'hovering' under motor



4. CONVOY + FENDER START

Fender or danbouy drifting with tide

Start boat drifting with tide



7.3.4 Poole Starts

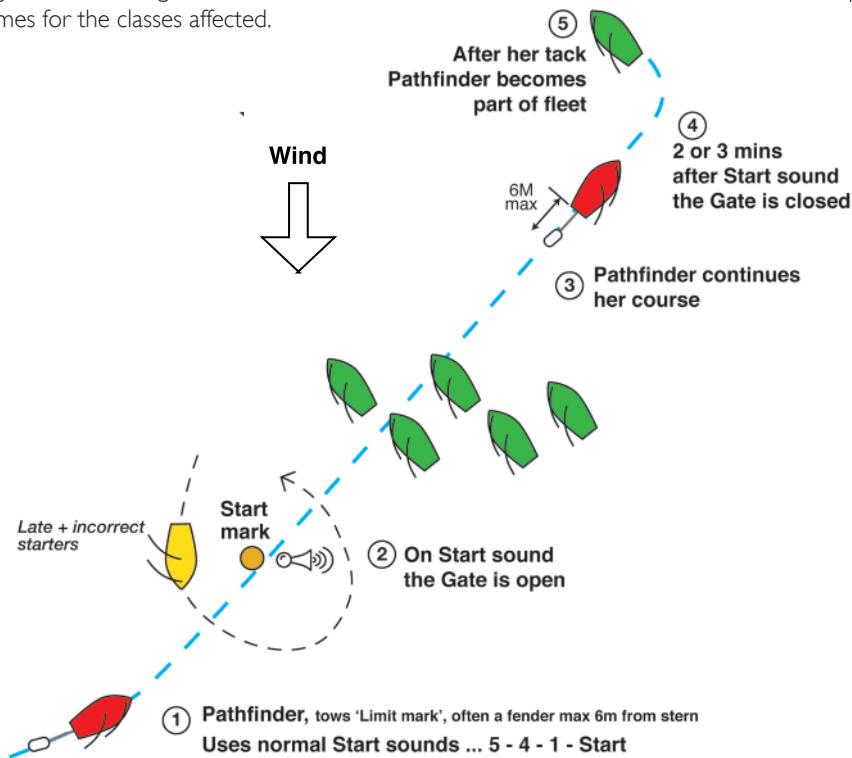
If the forecasted weather conditions dictate a race may be postponed to the following day. The postponement will be notified by e-mail by midday on the day before the scheduled race and also by VHF as per S.I.4.1 on the day of the race. The proposed start time of the postponed race will be announced with the notification of the postponement. Instructions regarding the postponed race may be varied from the original race by the Race Committee. If instructions regarding the postponed race change the published destination of the race no points from the race will count towards any race series.

7.4 Recalls

Recalls may be notified on VHF as per S.I.4.1. The start of a class, which has been signaled for a General Recall, will be postponed until after all other classes have started. This amends RRS 26 and 29.2 and the meaning of 1st. Substitute.

7.5 Gate Starts

Note -Gate starts are only to be used for monohull races as per S.I. 7.1. If a multihull start is required this shall be provided at the time stipulated in S.I 5.2 by the Starting Officer using S.I. 7.2. If one gate start is being used for all the monohull classes it will be at the latest of the subsequent start times for the classes affected.



A) Starting Area

This will be in the vicinity of the Start Mark. The identity of the Pathfinder and Start Mark will be announced to competitors in accordance with S.I.4.1

B) Starting Signals

These will be made by the Starting Officer. Sound Signals only will be made; there will be no visual signals. This amends RRS 26.

C) Pathfinder

The pathfinder may fly a PYRA battle flag from her backstay or similar position, from the Warning Signal until the closure of the gate, or such later time at her convenience.

D) Positioning of Pathfinder

Approximately 30 seconds before the starting signal, the pathfinder will commence a close-hauled port tack from the vicinity of the Start Mark. She may tow a limit mark behind her; no more than 6m astern of her.

E) Starting Line

The starting line for all boats, except the Pathfinder and those boats starting in accordance with S.I.7.5.8 is between the Start Mark and the Pathfinder. If the Pathfinder has elected to tow a limit mark the start line is between the Start Mark and the limit mark towed by the pathfinder. All starting boats shall cross the start line on starboard tack.

F) Length of Starting Line

The pathfinder will maintain her course for the length of time communicated in accordance with S.I.4.1, which shall be either 2 minutes or 3 minutes. At the sole discretion of the pathfinder, the Pathfinder may close the line before the stated time if she is satisfied that all competitors in the vicinity of the start have started correctly by the time she closes the line. The Pathfinder does not have discretion to lengthen the line beyond the stated time.

G) Closing the Line

After the required time the Pathfinder will make a sound signal, retrieve the limit mark, and tack. Once she has completed this tack she is deemed to have started. Any other competitor who is on the pre-start side of a line between the stern of the Pathfinder as she completes her tack, and the Start Mark, must start in accordance with S.I.7.5.H.

Note: If another class is to start following the current class, the pathfinder may release the limit mark to free float instead of retrieving it.

H) Incorrect and Late Starters

Any boat, not having correctly started, which passes on the port side of the pathfinder whilst the gate is being opened, or which is a late starter for any reason, shall start by rounding the Start Mark to port, such rounding to include a gybe. This rounding of the Start Mark shall be after, and in addition to, any penalty taken in accordance with S.I.7.7 Use of Engine at Start.

I) Interference with Pathfinder and/or limit mark

After the Preparatory Signal a boat shall not interfere with the unobstructed sailing of the pathfinder, or with the limit mark towed astern of her. Any boat that so interferes, or causes any other boat to interfere, shall retire from that race and any subsequent restarts of that race. Any boat so failing to retire shall be reported to the Race Committee by the Pathfinder and will be disqualified. Any such disqualification shall not be used as a boat's discard in that series. This amends RRS 63.1

J) Ranking as Marks

The Start Mark, the Pathfinder and the limit mark towed astern of her all rank as starting marks until the Pathfinder completes her tack on closing the gate.

K) Touching a Mark

When a boat cannot otherwise avoid touching a starting mark she may hail a right of way boat for room, and shall thereafter retire or protest as necessary.

L) General Recall

In the event of a significant error in the starting procedure of a gate start, or for any other reason, the Starting Officer may signal a general recall at any time before the closure of the Start Line.

7.6 Keeping clear of the Starting Lines

After the Warning Signal of a class, all other classes shall keep clear of the Starting Line.

7.7. Use of Engine at Start

A Boat, in order to arrive in the vicinity of the Starting Line after the Preparatory Signal, may use her engine or be towed into the vicinity of the Starting Line in order to rank as a starter. A boat availing herself of this privilege shall, before crossing the Starting Line, cease to use her engine or drop her tow and shall turn through not less than 360 degrees, keeping clear of all competing boats which are starting, or have started correctly, before regaining her right of way. A boat, which takes advantage of this privilege, shall report the circumstances with a Declaration to the Finishing Officer, Class Captain or Hon. Records Secretary immediately after the race. The Race Committee shall decide whether she is to be regarded as a bona fide starter. (This rule is for the benefit of Competitors who otherwise, genuinely, would not have been able to be at the Starting Line in time. It is not intended to be used to assist in manoeuvering at the start after the Preparatory Signal. Any boat so doing shall be subject to disqualification).

7.8. Adverse Conditions

A) The Race Committee will endeavour to start all races as shown in the programme.

Notwithstanding this instruction, the rights of the Race Committee under the RRS to abandon, cancel and re-sail races are not affected.

B) For all classes: at the discretion of the Race Committee, the start may be delayed and the course and destination of any race may be changed. Listen on VHF as per S.I.4.1. for details of revised course. In this event Code Flag 'C' may be flown either from the Starting Boat or Starting Station as appropriate. This amends the RRS meaning of Code Flag 'C'. If the advertised race was a Cross Channel and it is replaced with a passage race that does not cross the Channel then the results will not count toward the original series however the race may still be counted as a qualifying passage race for the various Overall Points Trophies.

C) For all classes: at the discretion of the Race Committee the return race from an 'away destination' may be brought forward to take advantage of a weather window before impending adverse conditions. Every effort shall first be made to inform all known entrants by VHF as per S.I.4.1 and by mobile phone where contact numbers have been supplied.

8.0 Additional Rules Whilst Racing

8.1. Use of engine During a Race

A) Attention is drawn to "INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA", rule 9(b), which 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*". Examples of narrow channels and fairways are the buoyed channels in the Solent between the Needles Fairway and the Nab Tower, the Swash Channel, the entrance to Poole Harbour, the buoyed channels within Poole Harbour and the entrances to Portland and Cherbourg. In order to avoid impeding commercial shipping that is under way in a narrow channel or fairway, a boat may use her engine, or any other means of propulsion, without retiring. This modifies RRS 42 as permitted under RRS 42.3h.

B) If the engine is used under 8.1a or during a race to recover crew or to render assistance or to avoid danger, details of the incident shall be reported to the Class Captain at the earliest opportunity and to the Hon. Records Secretary when reporting results. When a Committee Boat is employed; the incident shall be reported to the Committee Boat when finishing.

8.2. Automatic Steering

The use of automatic or mechanical steering devices is permitted.

8.3. Adjustable Keels

A boat with an adjustable keel must race with it fully extended. Adjustment during a race is not permitted.

8.4 Alternative Penalties

A) For Passage and Channel Races the Scoring Penalty RRS 44.3 shall apply. The number of places for calculating the penalty shall be 1.
B) For all other races one - turn and two - turn penalties, RRS 44.2 will apply.

8.5. Shortened Course

A) All Classes: RRS 32 will apply when a Committee Boat is in attendance and monitoring the finish.

B) The course may be shortened during the race at a predetermined waypoint by the race committee or the class captain. In the absence of the class captain, a representative elected before the warning signal for that class may shorten the course. This changes RRS Rule 32.

C) Shortened course information shall be announced via VHF on the channel used during the race start. No sound signals will be made, and no flags will be displayed. This changes RRS Rule 32.

D) In the event that the course is not shortened and intermediate timing marks have been included in the course, positions shall be awarded in "flights". For example three boats reaching the furthest intermediate waypoint shall have their corrected times calculated, and then be awarded positions 1-3, the next waypoint back, places 4-6 and so on. Boats failing to reach any intermediate waypoint shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS Appendix A A3.

E) In the event that sailing instruction 8.5 d) applies, competitors need only declare the time for the furthest waypoint they reached, but must state clearly in their declaration which waypoint they got to.

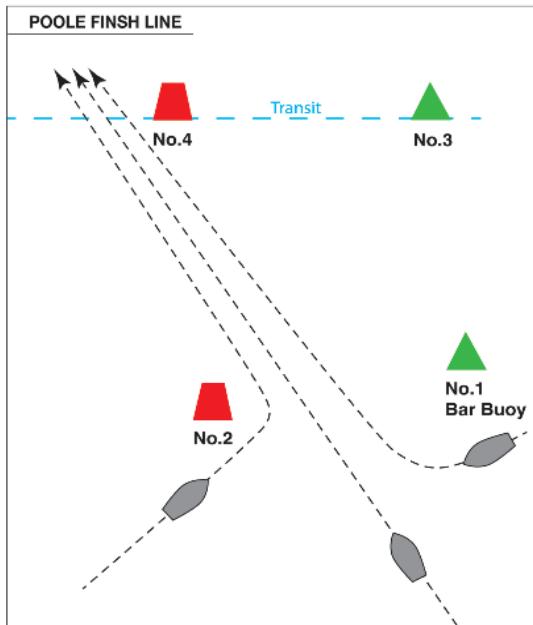
9.0 Finishing

The Poole Finish

No matter from which direction you come you must go between Bar Buoy (No.1) and No.2.

See illustration

Finish leaving Swash Channel Buoy No 4 to starboard with the finish line defined by a transit of buoys Nos 3 and 4



NOTE:
Informative, written SI takes precedence

9.1. Finish Lines

Alderney Finish Line: From inside Braye Harbour finish line formed when the end of the Admiralty Breakwater bears 300 deg.(M) by hand bearing compass.

Bay Finish Line: A committee boat line within Poole Bay as per section S.I.4.1.

Beaulieu Finish Line: Pass south of SRM 3G (Cowes Week 2026). Finish line formed by bringing SRM 3G into transit with Beaulieu Spit Dolphin (timber tripod) (F.R.5s). ODM is East Lepe Buoy.

Bembridge Finish Line: Pass east of the former tide gauge (Fl.Y.2s) (50,42.45N 01°05.02W). Finish line formed by bringing the former tide gauge into transit with White Seamark (50,42.09N 01,05.95W) on the shore.

Cherbourg Finish Line: When "LA Truite" PHM bears due east. The ODM is "Fort De L'est".

Committee Boat Finish line: A line between the main mast of the Finishing/ Committee Boat and an ODM. The boat may be identified by a PYRA Flag, and shall broadcast its location together with a description and location of the ODM to competitors on VHF as per S.I.4.1, if either differs from the start. The ODM may be laid specifically for the purpose, but can be any suitable mark or buoy used for racing or navigation.

Cowes Finish Line: Pass South of Gurnard North Cardinal Buoy. Finish when Gurnard North Cardinal Buoy bears 000 deg.(M).

Dartmouth Finish Line: When Mew Stone SHM bears 000 deg. The Outer Distance Latitude is 30.19.53N.

Gosport Finish Line: Pass north of SRM 5E (Warsash Sailing Club – was Stokes Bay East) yellow race mark and take time when SRM 5E bears 180 deg. (M) by hand bearing compass.

Guernsey Finish Line: Pass to the east of Reffee South Cardinal (49, 27.81N 02, 31.18W). Take time when Reffee bears 270 deg. (M) by hand bearing compass. ODM Alligande Beacon (Fl(3)G.5s).

Hamble Finish Line: Pass to the east of Hook SHM (Q.G.(l) 15s) and take time when Hook SHM bears 270 deg. (M) by hand bearing compass. ODM is SRM 4B (Coronation) yellow race mark (Fl.Y.5s).

Hurst Finish Line: Pass north of NE Shingles East Cardinal Buoy (Q(3)10s). Finish line formed by bringing into transit NE Shingles Buoy with SRM 1M (Warden) SHM Buoy (Fl.G.2.5s). ODM being Hurst Point.

Lymington-1 Finish Line: (From the west) Pass south of SRM 2B (Dunford). Finish is a transit of SRM 2B and Pennington Outfall beacon. The ODM is Lymington Bank PHM.

Lymington-2 Finish Line: (From the east) Pass north of SRM 2F (Berthon). Finish when SRM 2F (Berthon) bears 160 magnetic. ODM is race mark approx. 0.5 nautical miles NNW of SRM 2F.

Poole Finish Line: All yachts shall pass between Bar Buoy No.1 and No.2 and leave No. 4 to starboard. Finish line formed by transit of no. 4 and No.3 buoys.

<< SEE ILLUSTRATION OVER <<

Portland Finish Line: While passing through the Northern Ship Channel into Portland Harbour the finish line is a transit along the seaward face of the North Eastern Breakwater which is on your port side. The ODM is the Northern Arm (Oc.G.10s).

Pursuit Race Finish Line: A moving line that will be established at Finish Time in the vicinity of the leading boat.

Southampton Finish Line: Pass west of Test PHM (50 52.59N 01 23.45W) . Finish line will be a transit when Test PHM is in transit with SHM 7D (Weston Shelf) approx sighting 045 deg. (M). ODM is the post on Hythe Pier.

St Vaast Finish Line: Pass to the East of Le Gavendest South Cardinal Buoy. The finish line is when Le Gavendest is in transit with La Dent South Cardinal Buoy. The Line, approximately 5 cables long, is limited at Longitude 01.13.00W.

Swanage Bay Finish Line: A Committee Boat line in a position approximately 6 cables NE of Swanage Pier, using a suitable mark or buoy as the ODM.

Torquay Finish Line: Pass to the West of SHM (QG) 0.8 cables from Haldon Pier beacon. The finish line is when the SHM is in transit with Haldon Pier beacon (QG) on the end of Haldon Pier. Finish line is limited by the shoreline to the west.

Weymouth Finish Line: While passing through the Northern Ship Channel into Portland Harbour the finish line is a transit along the seaward face of the North Eastern Breakwater which is on your port side. The ODM is the Northern Arm (Oc.G.10s).

Yarmouth-1 Finish Line: (From the west) Leave Sconce North Cardinal Buoy (50 42.53N. 01 31.43W) to Port and finish on a line formed by bringing into transit the Church Tower flag pole and Black Rock SHM(Fl.G.5s) (50, 42.57N. 01, 30.59W).

Yarmouth-2 Finish Line: (From the east) Pass south of SRM22 Charles Stanley and take time when SRM 22 bears due north by hand bearing compass. ODM is the Historic Wreck Buoy.

9.2. Time Limit: RRS 35 shall not apply.

If the leading boat finishes within the last 1/2 hour before the stated time limit then the time limit shall be 1/2 hour from that finish time. For cross channel races the time extension shall be three hours. Boats not finishing within the time stated limit or its extension will receive retirement points. In the event of a delayed start, the time limit will be extended by the length of that delay.

9.3. Finishing Times and Self Timing

- A)** All competitors shall record their finishing times in all races in hours, minutes and seconds using BST.
- B)** All competitors are required, when circumstances permit, to identify and time the finish of the boat immediately ahead and astern as accurately as possible.
- C)** All competitors are required to give their times to the Records Secretary as soon as possible.

Two methods of submitting results are preferred over any others:-

- 1) Via the PYRA Web Site Submit PYRA Race Result page:
<http://www.pyra.org.uk/sailing/submit-race-results/>
For races finishing away from Poole, finishing times should be handed to the Class Captain as soon as possible
- 2) Via e-mail to results@pyra.org.uk
The e-mail should include:
The Race(s) competed in,
The Name, Class and Sail Number of the boat,
The Finish Time in BST Hrs/Min/Sec,
Where possible the name or sail number of the boat ahead and astern.
If racing in Class 4 and more than three persons were on board during the race you must include the number on board with the submission.

D) The time limit for handing in results is 18.00 on the day following the race. For a group of races such as Poole-Alderney-Poole it is the last race of the group. There shall be no exception. Failure to comply shall result in a boat being deemed to have retired.

9.4. Retirements

A) A boat, which has retired, shall strike her class flag and fly the appropriate ensign. She must keep clear of competitors who are still racing and advise the Records Secretary as per SI 9.3 having advised the Class Captain or Starting/Race Officer when appropriate, as soon as possible.

B) Failure to notify retirement, especially on Cross Channel or night races may result in the unnecessary deployment of search and rescue services. Competitors are therefore strongly recommended to enrol on the RYA SafeTrx system with a nominated Shore Contact who may alert HMCG in the event of non-arrival.

9.5. Race Results

A provisional result may be calculated and announced as soon as possible after the last boat has finished. Official results with corrected times shall be calculated by the Committee and a copy shall be displayed on the PYRA Website.

10.0. Protests

10.1. Protest Committee

The Protest Committee shall be appointed by the supporting club or in default by the General Committee.

10.2. Protests

Protests shall be delivered to the Hon. Secretary of PYRA within 48 hours of the finishing time of the protesting boat. If the race is one of a group then within 48 hrs of the finishing time of the protesting boat in the last race of that group.

In the case of a Regatta, protest forms are to be delivered to the regatta organisers in accordance with the Regatta Sailing Instructions.

11.0 Scoring System

11.1 Sailover

In the event of only one boat starting, providing she sails the course and finishes correctly, she shall be awarded the trophy and points for that race.

11.2 Races to count

The number of races to count shall be as detailed in SI 5.2.

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PYRA Challenge Trophies

CLASS 0

Pool to Poole Series	TBA
Passage Series A	Fraser D McLachlan Plate
Passage Series B	Rob & Kate Gibson Salver
Cross Channel	David 'Dangerous' Howell Goblet
Overall Points	Hope & Glory '0' Flag Trophy

CLASS 1

Pool to Poole Series	Cobham Cup
Passage Series A	Chrissy Trophy
Passage Series B	Breakaway Cup
Cross Channel	Bert Lockyer Memorial Trophy
Overall Points: higher rated boats	Wilson Walton Trophy

CLASS 2

Pool to Poole Series	Anvil Trophy
Passage Series A	Fore Bitters Trophy
Passage Series B	Leap Cup
Cross Channel	High Spirit Cup
Overall Points: higher rated boats	David Sadler Bowl

Overall Points: lower rated boats

Waarschip Trophy

Rating split to be advised once the class list is established.

CLASS 3

Pool to Poole Series	Marguerite Cup
Passage Series A	Chasse Maree Cup
Passage Series B	Class 3 Goblet Passage Series B
Cross Channel	Max Marine Challenge Bowl
Overall Points	Class 3 Goblet Overall Points

CLASS 4

Pool-to-Poole Series

	Pool Yachting Week Trophy
Passage series A	Portman Building Society
Passage Series B	B Class Saturday Points
Cross Channel	Pool Yachting Week Tankard
Overall Points	Jersey Trophy

CLASS 5 MULTIHULLS

Passage Series A	Class 5 A series Goblet
Passage Series B	Class 5 B series Goblet
Season Overall Points	Harry Evans Cup

ALL CLASSES

Pursuit Race Trophy	Morning Brig
Most contribution to PYRA	Rosemary Marsden Trophy
Best Newcomer	Walters Cup
Tenacious Award: Boat without a trophy competing in most races	Jack Goodricke Plate
Leading Yacht in the ISC Round The Island Race completing as an ISC rated boat, also completing in the PYRA	
Poole–Cowes Race.	Aimee Trophy
Best points all Passage and Channel Series	Yachting Monthly Trophy
Boat with age allowance	Taffrail Bowl

OTHER TROPHY (which will be presented with the Parkstone YC trophies)

Leading Parkstone Yacht in the ISC Round The Island Race completing as an IRC rated boat, which also competed in the PYRA Poole–Cowes Race Regent Cup

How to ensure that you get a result recorded

Results should be submitted via the PYRA Web Site - Submit Race Results Page -
<http://www.pyra.org.uk/sailing/submit-race-results/>

If you raced in Classes 4, and more than three persons were on board over the age of seven years during the race the number on board is to be reported with the finishing time. (Crew will be counted as 8 years old, or older, if they attained the age of 8 before the 1st September of the preceding year [as per school years])

The time limit for notification to the records secretary is 18.00 on the day following the race or group of races, so for a weekend away, e.g. Friday to Sunday the latest time to get your result in is 18.00 on the Monday.

SelfTiming - BST/GPS

All times in the Red Book are BST, BST is UTC+1 hour.

GPS is usually the most accurate time available on a boat but ensure that it has been corrected to BST by adding an hour to UTC.

It is the competitor's responsibility to report the boat's finish time accurately in BST to the nearest second so ensure that your finish time to the nearest second is recorded on your boat immediately after finishing.

If finish times have been requested prior to a rendezvous this is only for the awarding of sponsors prizes. It remains the competitor's responsibility to report finish times for each race to PYRA as instructed in The Red Book, before the time limit.

Acting as start boat

If you volunteer or are requested to act as Start Boat, as a minimum you will need:-

- Red Book
- PYRA flag
- Horn or Whistle
- Start list
- Pen/pencil
- VHF tuned to Ch M2
(ideally cockpit operated or handheld),
- Watch/timepiece (see Red Book notes above regarding Self Timing - BST/GPS)

Consider well in advance (in discussion with class captains) preferred courses and how the start is to be organised bearing in mind available marks, tide and wind conditions. There are a number of start options available to you as described in - Red Book, Part Two Sailing Instructions, 7.3.1 The Starting System. Class captains may request course changes up to 30 mins before the first start. Once on station, decisions must rest with the Starting Officer; i.e. you.

With decisions to be made and competitor radio traffic, it can get hectic in the lead up to the start so leave the dock in good time to be on station ideally 30 mins, not later than 20 mins (and certainly minimum 15 mins) before first Start do the following:

Fly the PYRA Flag and ensure sound signal can be heard via VHF

- 1 30 mins before 1st Start – Request radio check from any PYRA vessel.
- 2 Following confirmation advise fleet e.g. "All PYRA vessels, all PYRA vessels – This is your Start Boat (repeat boat name). We are on station at/en route to It is our intention to start the ... (sponsors name)race to..... with the 1st start at.....hrs in accordance with the Red Book. (If late advise that Flag AP is flying). We will repeat this message in approximately 10 minutes. In the meantime, if there are any line entries please advise as soon as possible. This is listening on channel M2"
- 3 If line entries are requested, note name, sail number, class and the number of persons on board (POB)..
- 4 20 mins before 1st Start – Repeat "All PYRA vessels, all PYRA vessels – This is your Start Boat (repeat boat name). We are on station at/en route to It is our intention to start the ... (sponsors name)race to..... with the 1st start at.....hrs in accordance with the Red Book. (If late advise that Flag AP is 'flying'). We will transmit a time check in approximately 5 mins at.....hrs. In the meantime, if there are any line entries please advise now. Line entries will not be accepted after the 1st Warning Signal. This is listening on channel M2"
- 5 16 mins before 1st Start – Time check warning - "All PYRA vessels, all PYRA vessels - This is your Start Boat (repeat boat name). A time check forhrs will follow in approximatelyseconds — pause — 15 seconds, 10 – 5-4-3-2-Mark. That was your time check forhrs. The Start Line is ... (describe Line and repeat clearly). The course for class.../all classes (as appropriate) will be (Please take your times at intermediate marks if appropriate). For away destinations confirm the RV arrangements and Sponsor name. Also request that Finish Times are submitted by the method you have agreed with the person doing the provisional results. Conclude "This is listening on channel M2"
- 6 10 mins before 1st Start - "All PYRA vessels, all PYRA vessels - This is your Start Boat The course for Class.../all classes (as appropriate) will be (Please take your times atintermediate marks if appropriate). The first warning signal for Class 4 will be at.....hrs. (Clarify that you will run through the start sequence for each class even if there are no competitors in a particular class). This is on channel M2"

- 7** 6 mins before 1st Start if AP has been 'flying', remove flag, - **2 x sound signals** and transmit - "That was the signal for AP Down"
- 8** 5 mins before 1st Start – **1 x sound signal** and transmit - "That was the Warning Signal for Class 4."
- 9** 4 mins before 1st Start – **1 x long sound signal** and transmit - "That was the Preparatory Signal for Class 4." Repeat the course for Class 4 if your situation permits – "The course for Class 4 is (Please take your times at intermediate marks if appropriate").
- 10** 1 min before 1st Start – **1 x sound signal** and transmit - "That was the 1 minute Signal for Class 4."
- 11** 1st Start/5 mins before 2nd Start – **1 x sound signal** (If any boat is OCS a 2nd sound signal is required. If too many boats are OCS to allow identification, a 3rd sound signal is required promptly to notify a General Recall).
- 12** 4 mins before 2nd Start – **1 x long sound signal and transmit** – "That was the Preparatory Signal for Classes 2 + 3." etc etc etc (Repeat the course for the class if your situation permits – "The course for classis (Please take your times at intermediate marks if appropriate").
- 13** As soon as possible following last start and clearance of line by any restarting OCS boats, hoist sails, stop motor and cross the start line noting your own Start Time.
- 14** Following race confirm number and names of competing boats with each class start time to the Results Officer. Remember to advise your own 'late start time'.

Social Arrangements

PRIZE GIVINGS

Poole YC & PYRA Prize Giving Saturday 7th November The Poole Yacht Club
Book tables by calling the bar: 01202 672687

Royal Motor & PYRA Prize Giving Thursday 12th November Royal Motor Yacht Club
Table Bookings 01202 707227

Parkstone YC & PYRA Prize Giving Saturday 21st Nov. Parkstone Yacht Club
Table Bookings: peteandbabs.t@gmail.com

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