



VICTORY CLASS



## PORTSMOUTH CLUBS REGATTA & INTERNATIONAL TEMPEST CLASS NATIONAL AND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

19 - 21 JUNE 2026

PORTSMOUTH

ORGANISING AUTHORITY:  
HORNET SERVICES SAILING CLUB (HSSC)

# NOTICE OF RACE

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NoR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.*

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 International Tempest Class Rules.
- 1.3 Victory Class Rules.
- 1.4 Notices to Mariners for the Ports of [Southampton and Portsmouth](#).
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies.
- 1.6 RRS rule 40.1, wearing of Personal Flotation Devices, applies.
- 1.7 Where a skipper is using sails with a different sail number than that of the boat's hull, the skipper will inform the Organising Authority (OA) before commencement of racing on that day.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the online event noticeboard by 5 June 2026.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard (ONB) and event notice board will be located on the Event website at: [www.portsmouthregatta.co.uk](http://www.portsmouthregatta.co.uk).
- 3.2 All boats must carry a Marine VHF Radio capable of receiving all normal International VHF Channels. All VHF communication shall be on International VHF channels. Communication is required for unescorted boats entering and leaving Portsmouth Harbour. This is due to the

constraints of operating from a busy military and commercial port.

- 3.3 On the water the Race Committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF Radio. The channel used will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 [DP] Whilst racing (From the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day), except in an emergency, a competitor shall not make voice or data transmissions nor receive voice or data transmissions that is not available to all boats.
- 3.5 The Race Committee (RC) intends using a "WhatsApp" or similar group to communicate with Competitors. Details will be available on the event website and in the SIs. Failure to receive information broadcast via these means will not be grounds for redress.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Tempest Class holding a measurement certificate.
  - (a) One member of each team (crew) shall be a current member of an International Tempest Association (ITA) recognised National Tempest Association (NTA).
  - (b) The Class will race under its ITA handicap system.
- 4.2 The Victory Class.
- 4.3 Open Meeting for yachts with a draught of 2.5m or less.
- 4.4 To be eligible yachts must comply with OSR Appendix B ([WS Offshore Special Regulations](#)).
- 4.5 Boats will be handicapped using the YTC system. Boats that do not have a valid 2026 YTC certificate may apply for one on-line, using the procedure set out within the YTC website ([www.ytc.rorcrating.com](http://www.ytc.rorcrating.com)). A copy of a boat's valid 2026 RYA YTC certificate shall be received before 16 June 2026.
  - (a) Boats racing under YTC shall declare by this time the YTC sail configuration with which they will compete.
  - (b) No alteration in a boat's handicap will be permitted after this date, except as a result of a protest or to correct YTC rating errors.
- 4.6 Eligible boats must enter by completing the online entry form available from the Event website, no later than 1200 on 16 June.
- 4.7 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

### 5. FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees cover race management and prizes and are:

Class	Early Bird (by 0900 1 Mar)	Standard (by 0900 1 May)	Late (by 0900 16 Jun)
Yachts under 10M	£25	£40	£50
Yachts 10m and over	£35	£50	£60
Victory Class	Paid for by the Class		
Tempest Class	£90		

5.2 In addition to the provision of racing, the entry fee for Tempests includes:

- (a) A berthing fee for 19 and 20 June at Hornet Services Sailing Club, Gosport.
- (b) Trailer storage and launching at HSSC.
- (c) 2 tickets for the social at HSSC on Saturday 20 June.

5.3 Payment for socials, other than that NoR 5.2 (c), is not included and will be arranged separately by the host clubs (HSSC and Portsmouth Sailing Club).

5.4 Berthing at HSSC other than at NoR 5.2 (a) is not included in the entry fee but is offered subject to availability. This should be arranged by skippers with the Club.

5.5 The entry fee shall be paid via the online payment system (direct debit or credit card) upon entering at [www.hornetservicesailingclub.org.uk](http://www.hornetservicesailingclub.org.uk). The fee is non-refundable, except for the event being cancelled by the organising authority or if the entry is rejected.

## 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 ITA and Victory class rules apply.

## 7. ADVERTISING

7.1 [DP] Boats may be required to display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority.

## 8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

8.1 Not used.

The Schedule		(UTC+1 / BST)
Day	First Warning Signal	Notes
Wed - Thu 17-18 Jun	Timings to be advised	Tempest Class training / coaching may be provided. Details and costs are not included in the NoR.
Friday 19 Jun	1630	Race 1 - Tempests
	1645	One off Race for the 'Pompey Trophy' for Yachts and Victory Class. Start sequence to be advised in the SIs.
	1900	Welcome drinks and supper at HSSC
Saturday 20 Jun	1030	YTC - Div 1 (2 races)
	1040	YTC - Div 2 (2 races)
	1050	Tempest (3 races)
	1100	Victory (2 races)
	1830 1830	BBQ at Portsmouth SC Tempest Social at HSSC
Sunday 21 Jun	1000	YTC - Div 1 (2 races)
	1010	YTC - Div 2 (2 races)
	1020	Tempest (3 races)
	1030	Victory (2 races)
	1600	Prize giving at HSSC asap o/c racing

All correspondence should be directed to:

Hornet Services Sailing Club, Haslar Road, Gosport, PO12 2AQ [hornetsailing@hornetservicesailing.org.uk](mailto:hornetsailing@hornetservicesailing.org.uk)

## 9. SCHEDULE

9.1 The Schedule of Racing is shown in the table above. The Race Committee intends to run races as shown in the table below. This may be amended to take account of weather and other factors.

9.2 No warning signal will be given after 1400 on the last scheduled day of racing.

## 10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 For the Tempest Class:

- (a) Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate if requested by the RC.
- (b) Boats may be inspected at any time.
- (c) All sails intended to be used at the regatta must have been pre-measured before the event. Only the correct sail number shall be used on all sails except with the prior written permission of the RC.

10.2 For other classes boats may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules, rating and safety equipment.

## 11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1 Does not apply.

## 12. VENUE

12.1 The Portsmouth Club Regatta Organising Committee consists of the following clubs: HSSC, PSC, Chichester Cruiser Racing Club, the Victory Class and the Royal Naval Sailing Association.

12.2 The venue for the event is Hornet Services Sailing Club, Haslar Road, Gosport, PO12 2AQ ([Hornet Home Page \(hornetservicesailing.org.uk\)](http://Hornet_Home_Page(hornetservicesailing.org.uk))). A social event will be held at Portsmouth Sailing Club ([Home : Portsmouth Sailing Club](http://Home: Portsmouth Sailing Club)).

12.3 Racing will take place from a Committee Vessel in the eastern Solent.

## 13. COURSES

13.1 Courses will be a mix of Round The Cans and Windward/Leeward as determined by the RC.

13.2 Details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44.1 and P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## 15. SCORING

15.1 For the Tempest and Victory Class

- (a) One race is required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- (b) When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- (c) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15.2 For yachts one race is required to constitute a series.

15.3 Where 3 or more races have been completed in the series for yachts, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 All support boats shall carry marine VHF radios (operating channel to be advised in the SIs) and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so. *[DP]*

16.2 Support person vessels shall comply with local legislations and keep clear of the race area during racing. Crew shall wear Personal Flotation Devices.

## 17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

17.1 Does not apply.

## 18. BERTHING

18.1 Berthing has been reserved at Hornet Services Sailing Club for the Tempest Class. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbour.

18.2 For yachts, see NoR 5.4.

## 19. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1 Vessels may not be hauled out from 1200 on 19 June without prior written permission of the Race Committee.

## 20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

20.1 *[DP]* Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats during the event.

20.2 *[DP]* No person shall undertake any swimming, underwater or diving activities of any kind within the harbour without a valid permit to dive from the King's Harbour Master and the written approval of the RC.

## 21. DATA PROTECTION

21.1 The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the Event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the Event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the Event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

21.2 Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the Event provided that they do not infringe the privacy rights of participants.

## 22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

22.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the Event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the Event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the Event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, and other officials and volunteers by the Event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or these Event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or Event and to attend any competitor or safety briefing held for the Event;
- (h) Competitors under the age of 18 years shall be under the responsibility of their parent or legal guardian throughout the event.

Before a competitor under 18 years of age is permitted to participate, the parent or legal guardian shall accept and agree to be bound by the Risk Statement included in this Notice of Race and shall sign the appropriate Parent/Guardian Consent and Supervision declaration.

By permitting the competitor to participate, the parent or legal guardian acknowledges that they are satisfied that the competitor has the necessary skill, experience and competence to participate in the event and to cope with the prevailing and expected conditions.

The parent or legal guardian further acknowledges that it is their responsibility to ensure that the competitor's boat and equipment are in a safe condition, properly maintained, and suitable for the event.

The Organising Authority, race officials, volunteers and sponsors accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or death suffered by a competitor under the age of 18 years, whether ashore or afloat, as a result of participation in this event.

## 23. INSURANCE

All entrants shall be covered by a minimum Third Party Liability indemnity of £3 million and declare that such cover will be maintained in full force throughout the event.

## 24. PRIZES

24.1 Tempest National (and Open) Championship prizes are as follows:

- (a) Winner and Runner Up
  - (b) Prizes will be awarded to the highest place overall finisher and the best placed Mk 1 Tempest (built pre-1985).
  - (c) Class prizes as required.
- 24.2 Prizes for the Victory Class will include winner and runner up.
- 24.3 Prizes for Yachts (for each Division if more than one) will be for first place and runner up.
- 24.4 Daily prizes may be awarded with details in the SIs.
- 24.5 An inter-club prize may be awarded. Details in the SIs.
- 24.6 Prizegiving will be held at HSSC (clubhouse) as soon as possible after the last race has been completed and after any protest hearings. The target time is 1600.

## **25. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 25.1 Further information, including details of craneage, berthing, accommodation and social activities as well as entry forms will be available on the Event website.

- 25.2 Specific rules apply for vessels exiting and entering Portsmouth Harbour. These are likely to require competitors without engine to be towed in and out of the harbour entrance or sailed under escort. Details will be provided on the event website at the same time that the SIs are posted. These may be changed at short notice by the OA.
- 25.3 Derek Budden is available on 07917 204773 / [derekofofcraxyhorse@sky.com](mailto:derekofofcraxyhorse@sky.com) to assist with entry administration for the Tempest Class.
- 25.4 Provisional dates for the 2027 Portsmouth Clubs Regatta are 25-27 June 2027 and the provisional OA is Chichester Cruiser Racing Club (CCRC).

## **Notice of Race Ends**