

VICTORY CLASS EVENING MULTI-RACE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2022 (V1)

1 Rules

Racing shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024, the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the Victory Class, the standard 2022 Victory Class Sailing Instructions except those that are changed by these sailing instructions, the bylaws for The Port of Southampton and Portsmouth Harbour.

CLASS MEMBERS ATTENTION IS BROUGHT TO THE LEGAL
REQUIREMENT TO ENTER AND LEAVE PORTSMOUTH HARBOUR USING
THE SMALL BOAT CHANNEL

2 Schedule of Races

The programme of multi-races is published in the Victory Class 2022 racing programme.
Evening multi-races will consist of two races maximum.
No race will be started after 20:30 on an evening.

3 Insurance, Class fees and Self Check List

No Boat may race and no results will count unless;

- a) Covered by third party indemnity including cover for racing, this must be at least £3,000,000 sterling per incident.
- b) All her owners are members of the Victory Class and have paid all subscriptions and dues.
- c) The 2022 Victory Class Racing Declaration and Safety Checklist has been completed and returned.

4 Compulsory Equipment

In addition to the compulsory equipment listed on the 2022 Victory Class Racing Declaration and Safety Checklist, boats shall carry for all races covered by these sailing instructions, a functional engine and sufficient 'fuel' (to include battery capacity in the case of an electric engine) to complete 2 transits of Portsmouth Harbour entrance under power in the tidal conditions expected on the day of the race (regardless of whether such transits need to be made under power).

5 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to Sailing Instructions will be signalled by flying IC Flag "L" from the committee boat. Signals will not be made ashore.

6 Course Area

Racing will take place in the vicinity of Suffolk Sails, Portsmouth SC, KB Dry Stack, Baker Trayte Marine, Gleeds & Linington buoys or within Portsmouth Harbour.

7 Information

Courses, Committee boat location and other information may be broadcast on VHF Channel 15.

8 Courses

The course to be sailed will be broadcast on VHF Channel 15 and/or will be displayed on the committee boat. At all times while racing, boats shall pass to the SOUTH and WEST of a line from the Red Post, near the Harbour Entrance, through No 4 Bar Buoy and onto No 2 Bar Buoy. This line is designated as an OBSTRUCTION as per RRS Definitions.

9 Starting Time

The warning signal for the first race on a Multi-race evening will not be made before 18:55.
Further starts will be made not less than one minute after the finish of the last boat in each race.

10 Starting Procedure

Races will be started as per RRS Rule 26

Warning	Class Flag ICF Z flown	1 Sound
Preparatory	Flag P flown	1 Sound
Start -1	Flag P removed	1 LONG Sound
Start Class	Flag ICF Z removed	1 Sound

Between races an Answering Pennant may be flown from the committee boat.

11 Starting Line

- 11.1 The starting line will be between the mast or staff bearing an orange flag on the committee boat and the course side of an outer distance mark (ODM) which may be an inflatable mark or a nearby racing or navigation mark.
- 11.2. Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1. Sail numbers of boats deemed to be “on the course side” at the starting signal may be broadcast on VHF. Failure to broadcast or receive such sail numbers, or the timing of, shall not be grounds for redress.
- General recalls will be in signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2.
- 11.3. Starting Penalties - RRS 30.2 will not apply

12 Finishing

The finish line shall be between the mast or staff flying a blue flag on a nearby committee boat (which may not be the same vessel that started the race) and the last mark of the course or if code L is displayed between Suffolk Sails and the Haslar Signal Station mast.

For a shortened course the finish shall be the middle gate or between a committee boat and a nearby rounding mark.

13 Alternative Penalties

- 13.1. If a boat infringes either a rule of RRS Part 2 or RRS 31 a ‘one turn’ penalty (to include one tack and one gybe) will apply. This modifies RRS 44.1.
- 13.2 .If a boat infringes a rule of RRS Part 2 within the three-boat length zone a ‘Two Turns’ penalty will apply as defined in RRS 44.2 and RRS 44.1 applies unmodified.

14 Scoring

- 14.1 The scoring system shall be as in RRS Appendix A A4 Low points system.
- 14.2 Series discards are as follows (modifies RRS Appendix A2):
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| 1 to 3 races completed | No discard |
| 4 or more races completed | 1 discard |

15 Time Limits

The time limit for each race shall be forty minutes. When the first boat finishes within the time limit, the race will be valid for those boats finishing within fifteen minutes of the first boat or within the time limit whichever is the later. Boats not finishing within this time will be scored Out of Time’ (OOT). This changes RRS Rule 35.

16 Abandonment

- 16.1 **If a committee boat is on station:** - Abandonment of multi-racing will be signalled by flags ‘N’ over ‘A’ flown by the committee boat and accompanied by 3 sound signals.
- 16.2 **Ashore:** - the OOD or the Racing Secretary may communicate Abandonment of multi-racing ashore to competitors.
- Alternative racing arrangements will be given verbally or broadcast by VHF Channel 15.

17 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in Victory Class Races entirely at their own risk. See rule RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Victory Class will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the racing.

18 Risk Statement

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” .

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:

1. 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;

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2. they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
3. they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions and omissions;
4. their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
5. provision of a race management team and Committee Boat does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
6. it is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the race or drawn to their attention.

Member's attention is drawn to the Sailing/Racing Risk Assessment which is available on the Class website.