

Victory Class 2026

NOTICE of RACE

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

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.

The Organising Authority is the Board of Directors of the Victory Class Ltd.

1. RULES

- 1.1. These series are governed by:
 - 1.1.1. The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
 - 1.1.1.1. [https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/RRS20212024Finalwithbookmarks-\[27255\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/RRS20212024Finalwithbookmarks-[27255].pdf)
 - 1.1.2. The prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA)
 - 1.1.2.1. https://bit.ly/RYA_Prescriptions
 - 1.1.3. The rules of the Victory Class
 - 1.1.3.1. https://bit.ly/VC_Handbook
 - 1.1.4. The byelaws for The Port of Southampton and Portsmouth Harbour
 - 1.1.4.1. <https://bit.ly/4jaen0F>
 - 1.1.4.2. <https://bit.ly/3QUR7I1>

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions (SIs) applicable to each race will be specified in the racing programme.
- 2.2. The Sailing Instructions (SIs) A will be available on the official notice board from 9th April 2026
- 2.3. For races where the Sailing Instructions are designated as "Ext", the Sailing Instructions of the Organising Authority conducting that race shall apply

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://victoryclass.org.uk/racing#docs>

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. These races are open to all boats of the Victory Class that comply with the eligibility rules detailed in the Class Handbook

5. FEES

- 5.1. There are no additional fees to pay to compete in these races

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. Crew limitations are detailed in the members handbook

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. Advertising rules are detailed in the members handbook.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1. Races to be sailed, the series that they are part of and the sailing instructions to be used for that race will be listed in the racing program.
- 8.2. The racing program will be available on the Official Notice Board from 30th March 2026
- 8.3. The racing program may be changed from time to time.
- 8.4. Changes will only be made to races scheduled to start 7 or more days from the date that the change is published.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1. Authorised officials from the race committee or technical committee members may inspect boats at any time
- 9.2. A boat that is found to be in contravention of any regulations or rules or fails to comply with any reasonable request of an official scrutineer may be protested by a committee.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. Courses will be located in the Solent and surrounding waters
- 10.2. Full lists of marks, preset courses and chartlets will be published with the sailing instructions and will be available for download from the official notice board

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. The scoring penalty, RRS 44.3, does not apply.
- 11.2. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. The scoring system to be used will be published in the Sailing Instructions

13. RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1. 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".
- 13.2. 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:
 - 13.2.1. 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;
 - 13.2.2. they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 13.2.3. they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions and omissions;
 - 13.2.4. their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - 13.2.5. provision of a race management team and/or Committee Boat does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - 13.2.6. it is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the race or drawn to their attention.
- 13.3. Member's attention is drawn to the Sailing/Racing Risk Assessments which will be available on the Class website.

14. INSURANCE

- 14.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of Three Million Pounds Sterling per incident or the equivalent

15. RACE OFFICIALS

- 15.1. Race official roles will be performed by members.
- 15.2. The boat that is responsible for performing race official roles in a particular race will be published in the racing program.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. The prizes that may be awarded are listed in the classes "Trophy Details" document that is available on the Class Website.