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The 2025 Programme - at a glance

Date	Race No.	Event	Series	Page
April				
Sun. 6th	1	Pursuit Race	PtoP	15
Fri. 18th	2	Tour to Folly Inn	Tour	15
Sat. 19th	3	Tour to Hythe	Tour	15
Sun. 20th	4	Tour to Lymington	Tour	15
Mon. 21st	5	Tour to Poole	Tour	16
Sat/Sun. 26/27th		Spring Regatta		
May				
Sat. 10th	6	Poole – Lymington	Pass A	16
Sun. 11th	7	Lymington – Poole	Pass A	16
Sat. 24th	8	Poole – Dartmouth	Ch	18
Mon. 26th	9	Dartmouth – Poole	Ch	18
June				
Fri. 6th	10	Poole – Cowes RTI Feeder		18
Sun. 8th	11	Cowes – Poole		18
Sat. 14th	12	Poole – Weymouth	Pass A	20
Sun. 15th	13	Weymouth – Poole	Pass A	20
Fri. 20th	14	Poole – Cherbourg	Ch	20
Sun. 22nd	15	Cherbourg – Poole	Ch	20
July				
Sat. 5th	16	Poole – Portland	Pass A	22
Sun. 6th	17	Portland – Poole	Pass A	22
Fri. 18th	18	Feeder to the VPRS Nationals		22
Sat/Sun. 19/20th		VPRS Nationals		
August				
Sat. 2nd	19	Poole – Buckler's Hard	Pass B	22
Sun. 3rd	20	Buckler's Hard – Poole	Pass B	24
Sat. 16th	21	Two-Handed Series	PtoP	24
Sun. 17th	22	RNLI Pursuit Race	PtoP	24
Sat. 23rd	23	Yarmouth Dash (alternative race)		24
Sat. 23rd	24	Poole Dash (alternative race)		26
Sat. 23rd	25	Poole – Alderney	Ch	26
Mon. 25th	26	Alderney – Poole	Ch	26
September				
Sat. 6th	27	Poole – Cowes	Pass B	26
Sun. 7th	28	Cowes – Poole	Pass B	28
Sat/Sun. 13/14th		Poole Autumn Regatta		
Sat. 27th	29	Poole – Weymouth	Pass B	28
Sun. 28th	30	Weymouth – Poole	Pass B	28

*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

1.0 - Officers 2025

Association Captain

Rob Gibson

Captains of Classes

Class 0 Captain	Rob Hescroft
Class 1 Captain	Martin Wadsworth
Class 1 Vice Captain	Mark Titterington
Class 2 Captain	Stuart Terry
Class 2 Vice Captain	Martin Aldridge
Class 3 Captain	Ken Morgan
Class 3 Vice Captain	Ian Aitken
Class 4 Captain	Paul Warrell
Class 4 Vice Captain	David James
Class 5 Captain	Di Broadbent

Hon Treasurer

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Julie Camm

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Helen Annels

PYRA Trophies Custodian

Jackie Hale

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Royal Motor YC	Keith Lovett

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Ruth Kelly

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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 2025 are:

Full Member*:
Mono-hull Class: £100 (Includes 2025 VPRS).
Multi-hull Class: £80.

Crew Member* (non-voting): £10.

Temporary Member Mono-hull class: £55 (Includes 2025 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 2025 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 2024 – 2025, 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.

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/loose luffed downwind head sail 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.

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: 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 Sl.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 4 Plus PYRA special requirements will apply to all races outside of the above limits or between the hours of Sunset and Sunrise.

3.2. PYRA Special Requirements

- A)** Adequate Liferrafts shall be carried.
- B)** Adequate means of anchoring shall be carried.
- C)** A fixed VHF radio with capacity to transmit at 25 watts shall be fitted.
- D)** An engine plus fuel sufficient to motor in moderate sea conditions at four knots for the length of the course shall be carried.

3.3. Stability

- A)** Monohull boats
 - i) When sailing under World Sailing OSR Category 4 a minimum SSS of 12 shall apply.
 - ii) When sailing under World Sailing OSR Category 4 Plus PYRA special requirements a minimum SSS of 15 shall apply.

Note - The SSS value can be found on the VPRS certificate.

- B)** Multihull Stability can only be ensured by using the appropriate sail plan suitable for the prevailing weather and sea state. Owner skippers must request and comply with manufacturer's recommendations with respect of suitable sail plans for different wind strengths. This should include a reduction factor to be applied when sailing in rough conditions, when sailing down wind, when sailing in gusty winds and when sailing with novice crew.

3.4. Basic Safety Requirements

In addition to para 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 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 MHz) 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 2025

- 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.

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

Sr: Series

SL: Starting Line

FL: Finish Line

TL: Time Limit

Pass A: Passage A

Pass B: Passage B

SH: Solent Hop

Ch: Channel

PtoP: Poole to Poole

Reg: Regatta

Pass: Passage

TBA: To Be Announced

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

**RACES ARE SELF-TIMING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SI 9.3,
EXCEPT FOR RACE Nos: 1, 21 & 22**

IMPORTANT: Rendezvous – RV

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

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Ensure that your finish time & TMF are delivered to the start boat prior to the RV so that provisional results can be calculated.

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

Sunday April 6th

Pursuit Race

See Separate notice of race - <https://www.pyra.org.uk/2025-pursuit-race/>

Race No.1	Classes	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: PYRA	ALL	First Start	PtoP	Morning Brig for first overall
SL: Bay		10:00		
FL: Pursuit				
TL: 12.30				
RC Inshore				
<i>RV - PooleYC 15:00</i>				<i>Berthing – None required</i>

Friday April 18th

Tour to Folly Inn

See - <https://www.pyra.org.uk/2025-events/>

Race No.2	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: PYRA/Royal Motor	4	08:00	Tour	One tour trophy
SL: Bay	3	08:05	Tour	One tour trophy
FL: TBA	2	08:05	Tour	One tour trophy
TL: TBA	1	08:10	Tour	One tour trophy
RC Cat 4	0	08:10	Tour	One tour trophy
	5	08:15	Tour	One tour trophy
				<i>Berthing – None booked</i>

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Saturday April 19th

Tour to Hythe

Race No.3	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: PYRA/Royal Motor	4	10:00	Tour	One tour trophy
SL: TBA	3	10:05	Tour	One tour trophy
FL: TBA	2	10:05	Tour	One tour trophy
TL: TBA	1	10:10	Tour	One tour trophy
RC Cat 4	0	10:10	Tour	One tour trophy
	5	10:15	Tour	One tour trophy
				<i>Berthing – None booked</i>

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Sunday April 20th

Tour to Lymington

Race No.4	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: PYRA/Royal Motor	4	11:00	Tour	One tour trophy
SL: TBA	3	11:05	Tour	One tour trophy
FL: TBA	2	11:05	Tour	One tour trophy
TL: TBA	1	11:10	Tour	One tour trophy
RC Cat 4	0	11:10	Tour	One tour trophy
	5	11:15	Tour	One tour trophy
				<i>Berthing – None booked</i>

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Monday April 21st**Tour to Poole**

Race No.5	Classes	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: PYRA/Royal Motor	4	08:00	Tour	Glassware
SL: TBA	3	08:05	Tour	Challenge Cup
FL: Poole	2	08:05	Tour	RMYC Trophy
TL: TBA	1	08:10	Tour	RMYC Trophy
RC: Cat 4	0	08:10	Tour	Challenger Cup
	5	08:15	Tour	Glassware

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Sat/Sun April 26/27th**Spring Regatta**

See Separate Notice of Race -

https://www.parkstoneyachtclub.com/Sailing/Open_Sailing_Events

Saturday May 10th**Marqco Marquees****Poole – Lymington**

Race No.6	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Parkstone	4	11:00	Pass A	Starleap
SL: Bay	3	11:05	Pass A	Carbetty
FL: Lymington-I	2	11:05	Pass A	Grenadier
TL: 17:30	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

Berthing – Dan Bran Pontoon

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Sunday May 11th**Marqco Marquees****Lymington – Poole**

Race No.7	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Parkstone	4	10:00	Pass A	Island Hop Class 4
SL: Lymington	3	10:05	Pass A	Island Hop Class 3
FL: Poole	2	10:05	Pass A	Island Hop Class 2
TL: 18.00	1	10:10	Pass A	Island Hop Class 1
RC: Cat 4	0	10:10	Pass A	PYRA Solent Goblet
	5	10:15	Pass A	Island Hop Class 5

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Saturday May 24th

Poole – Dartmouth

Race No.8	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Parkstone	4	07:30	Ch	Leo Toms Salver
SL: Swash	3	07:35	Ch	Wendy Cup
FL: Dartmouth	2	07:35	Ch	Wally Baker
TL: 23:59	1	07:40	Ch	Lundy Lady
RC: Cat 4	0	07:40	Ch	Class J Channel Srs Goblet
	5	07:45	Ch	TBA

RV: Dartmouth YC

17:50 (25/5)*

Berthing – Dart Harbour

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Monday May 26th

Dartmouth – Poole

Race No.9	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Parkstone	4	07:00	Ch	Lucy Trophy Cup
SL: Dartmouth	3	07:05	Ch	Dolphin Trophy
FL: Poole	2	07:05	Ch	Poole Yachting Wk 1970
TL: 23:59	1	07:10	Ch	Cherbourg Cup
RC: Cat 4	0	07:10	Ch	Class A Channel Srs Goblet
	5	07:15	Ch	TBA

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Friday June 6th

Round The Island Feeder

Poole – Cowes

Race No.10	Classes	ST	Trophy
SC: Parkstone	4	10:00	Contessa Best RDV
SL: Bay	3	10:05	Chrysalis Cup
FL: Cowes	2	10:05	Minoru Cup
TL: 18:00	1	10:10	Weil Challenge
RC: Cat 4	0	10:10	George Debenham
	5	10:15	TBA

RV – N/A

Berthing – Individuals to book

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Sunday June 8th

Cowes – Poole

Race No.11	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: 18:00	1	10:10	Avilion Cup
RC: Cat 4	0	10:10	Hope & Glory Line Honours Bowl
	5	10:15	TBA

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Saturday June 14th

Kemp Sails

Poole – Weymouth

Race No.12	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Poole	4	12:00	Pass A	Bill Basket Trophy
SL: Bay	3	12:05	Pass A	Beach Trophy
FL: Weymouth	2	12:05	Pass A	Yachts & Yachting Trophy
TL: 18:00	1	12:10	Pass A	Cheltenham Cup
RC: Cat 4	0	12:10	Pass A	Weymouth Bay Cup
	5	12:15	Pass A	

RV – TBA

Berthing - Weymouth Harbour

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Sunday June 15th

Kemp Sails

Weymouth – Poole

Race No.13	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Poole	4	09:00	Pass A	1/2 Tonne Challenge
SL: Weymouth	3	09:05	Pass A	Hagg Cup
FL: Poole	2	09:05	Pass A	Weymouth Bay Plate
TL: 18:00	1	09:10	Pass A	Weymouth Trophy
RC: Cat 4	0	09:10	Pass A	Jim Bradbury Cup
	5	09:15	Pass A	

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Friday June 20th

Port Chantereyne

Poole – Cherbourg

Race No.14	Classes	ST	Ch	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* (21/6)	1	19:10	Ch	Yacht Club de Cherbourg
RC: Cat 4+	0	19:10	Ch	PYRA Channel Shield
	5	19:15	Ch	

RV – TBA

17:50 (21/6)*

Berthing - None booked

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Sunday June 22nd

Port Chantereyne

Cherbourg – Poole

Race No.15	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 4+	0	07:10	Ch	Poole Channel Cup
	5	07:15	Ch	

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Saturday July 5th**Poole – Portland**

Race No.16	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Royal Motor	4	09:00	Pass A	One trophy both races
SL: Bay	3	09:05	Pass A	One trophy both races
FL: Portland	2	09:05	Pass A	One trophy both races
TL: 17:30	1	09:10	Pass A	One trophy both races
RC: Cat 4	0	09:10	Pass A	One trophy both races
	5	09:15	Pass A	One trophy both races

*RV - TBA**Berthing - Portland Marina*

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Sunday July 6th**Portland – Poole**

Race No.17	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Royal Motor	4	10:00	Pass A	Nissan Trophy
SL: Weymouth	3	10:05	Pass A	Kenwood Trophy
FL: Poole	2	10:05	Pass A	Nissan Trophy
TL: 18:00	1	10:10	Pass A	Nissan Trophy
RC: Cat 4	0	10:10	Pass A	Glassware
	5	10:15	Pass A	Lady Patricia Tankard

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Friday July 18th**Feeder to VPRS Nationals****See - <https://vprs.org/index.html>**

Race No.18	Classes	ST	Trophy
SC: PYRA	4	10:00	Bill Basket Trophy
SL: Bay	3	10:05	Beach Trophy
FL: Hamble	2	10:05	Yachts & Yachting Trophy
TL: 18:00	1	10:10	Cheltenham Cup
RC: Cat 4	0	10:10	Westward Cup
	5	10:15	

*RV - TBA**Berthing - None booked*

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Saturday August 2nd**Savills****Poole – Buckler's Hard**

Race No.19	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Royal Motor	4	10:00	Pass B	One trophy both races
SL: Bay	3	10:05	Pass B	One trophy both races
FL: Beaulieu	2	10:05	Pass B	One trophy both races
TL: 17:30	1	10:10	Pass B	One trophy both races
RC: Cat 4	0	10:10	Pass B	One trophy both races
	5	10:15	Pass B	One trophy both races

*RV - TBA**Berthing - Buckler's Hard Yacht Harbour*

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Sunday August 3rd

Savills

Buckler's Hard – Poole

Race No.20	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Royal Motor	4	08:00	Pass B	Glasswear
SL: Beaulieu	3	08:05	Pass B	Glasswear
FL: Poole	2	08:05	Pass B	Glasswear
TL: 18:00	1	08:10	Pass B	Glasswear
RC: Cat 4	0	08:10	Pass B	Glasswear
	5	08:15	Pass B	Glasswear

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Saturday August 16th

Stoneways Marine

Two Handed Series

Race No.21	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Royal MotorYC	4	10:00	PtoP	RMYC Tankard
SL: Bay	3	10:05	PtoP	Tarka Trophy
FL: Bay	2	10:05	PtoP	Helmsmans Trophy
TL:	1	10:10	PtoP	Helmsmans Trophy
RC: Inshore	0	10:10	PtoP	Glasswear
	5	10:15	PtoP	Glasswear

RV - Royal MotorYC 16:00 17th August

Berthing - None required

Sunday August 17th

Stoneways Marine

RNLI Pursuit Race

Race No.22	Classes	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Royal Motor	4	10:00	PtoP	Wine
SL: Bay	3	10:05	PtoP	Wine
FL: Pursuit	2	10:05	PtoP	Wine
TL: 14:30	1	10:10	PtoP	Wine
RC: Inshore	0	10:10	PtoP	Wine
	5	10:15	PtoP	Wine

RV - Royal MotorYC 16:00

Berthing - None required

Saturday August 23rd

Alternative: Yarmouth Dash

Race No.23	Class	ST	Trophy
SC: Royal Motor	4	09:00	Gillian
SL: Bay	3	09:05	Gillian
FL: Yarmouth I	2	09:05	Gillian
TL: 13:30	1	09:10	Gillian
RC: Cat 4	0	09:10	
	5	09:15	Diamond Plate

RV - TBA

Berthing - None Booked

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Saturday August 23rd

Alternative: Poole Dash

Race No.24	Class	ST	Trophy
SC: Royal Motor	4	14:30	Nissan
SL: Yarmouth	3	14:35	Nissan
FL: Poole	2	14:35	Kenward
TL: 19:00	1	14:40	Nissan
RC: Cat 4	0	14:40	
	5	14:45	Lady Patricia

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Saturday August 23rd

Pool Sailing

Poole – Alderney

Race No.25	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: 23:59	1	07:10	Ch	Coupe de Notaire
RC: Cat 4+	0	07:10	Ch	Island Cup
	5	07:15	Ch	

RV - Alderney SC

17:50 (24/8)*

Berthing – None booked

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Monday August 25th

Pool Sailing

Alderney – Poole

Race No.26	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Poole	4	07:00	Ch	Alan Kerr Trophy
SL: Alderney	3	07:05	Ch	Coup D' Antiquaire
FL: Poole	2	07:05	Ch	Lively Cup
TL: 23:59	1	07:10	Ch	Ocean Challenge
RC: Cat 4+	0	07:10	Ch	PHYC Jubilee Cup
	5	07:15	Ch	

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Saturday September 6th

PFK Francis Clark

Poole – Cowes

Race No.27	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Parkstone	4	12:00	Pass B	B Island Mug
SL: Bay	3	12:05	Pass B	Christchurch Ledge
FL: Cowes	2	12:05	Pass B	Tartarin Cup
TL: 18:00	1	12:10	Pass B	Tilney Barton
RC: Cat 4	0	12:10	Pass B	Steve Yeo Memorial Trophy
	5	12:15	Pass B	One trophy for both races

RV - Cowes Corinthian YC

17:50

Berthing - Cowes Yacht Haven

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Sunday September 7th PFK Francis Clark Cowes – Poole

Race No.28	Classes	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Parkstone	4	10:00	Pass B	PYRA Poole Bowl
SL: Cowes	3	10:05	Pass B	B Class Island Mug
FL: Poole	2	10:05	Pass B	Mowlam Cup
TL: 18:00	1	10:00	Pass B	Regina Bowl
RC Cat 4	0	10:00	Pass B	Salamander Cup
	5	10:05	Pass B	Class B Sat Points

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Saturday/Sunday September 13/14th Autumn Regatta

See Separate notice of race:

https://www.parkstoneyachtclub.com/Sailing/Open_Sailing_Events

Saturday September 27th Magnum Poole – Weymouth

Race No.29	Class	ST	Sr	Trophy
SC: Poole	4	10:00	Pass B	Windward Tankard
SL: Bay	3	10:05	Pass B	Twynham Trophy
FL: Weymouth	2	10:05	Pass B	Arripay Trophy
TL: 19:00	1	10:10	Pass B	Rustler Cup
RC Cat 4	0	10:10	Pass B	Oriana Goblet
	5	10:15	Pass B	

RV TBA

17:50

Berthing - Weymouth Harbour

Finish Time	Boat in front	Boat behind
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Sunday September 28th Magnum Weymouth – Poole

Race No.30	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: 18:00	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
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Magnum IV: sponsor of the Weymouth Weekend

SEE: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PmOEAAEd0yk>



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

	Races Sailed in a Series	Races to Count	No. of Discards
The Low Point scoring system of RRS	1	1	0
Appendix A4 will apply:	2	2	0
The number of races to count is as right;	3	2	1
this changes RRS Appendix A2	4	3	1
	5	4	1
	6	4	2
	7	5	2
	8	6	2
	9	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 (No.1) SRM 1B (50,39.32N 01,55.17W)	Parkstone YC (50,39.61N 01,55.20W)
Beaulieu Spit Dolphin (timber tripod) (FR.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)
Boumemouth 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.

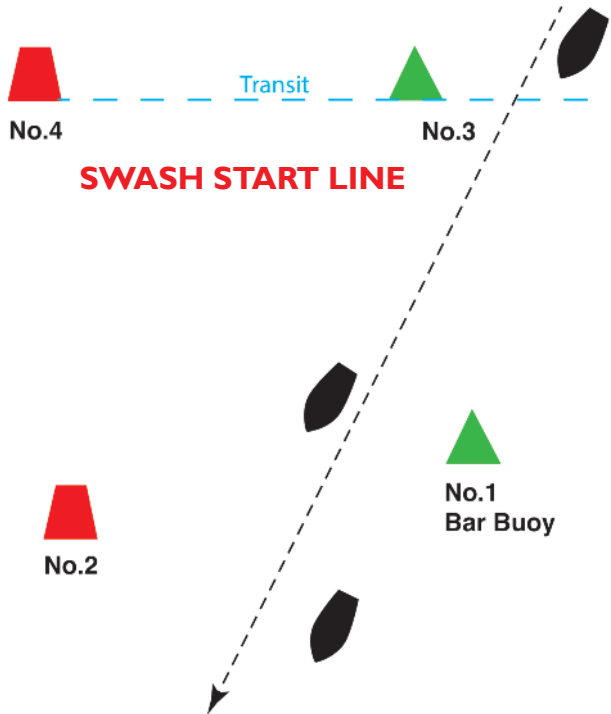
Cherbourg Starting Line: A Committee Boat Line in the Grande Rade in the vicinity of the Fort du Homet.

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.



START LINES CONTINUED >>>>>>

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.

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.

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 31

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. overrides 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

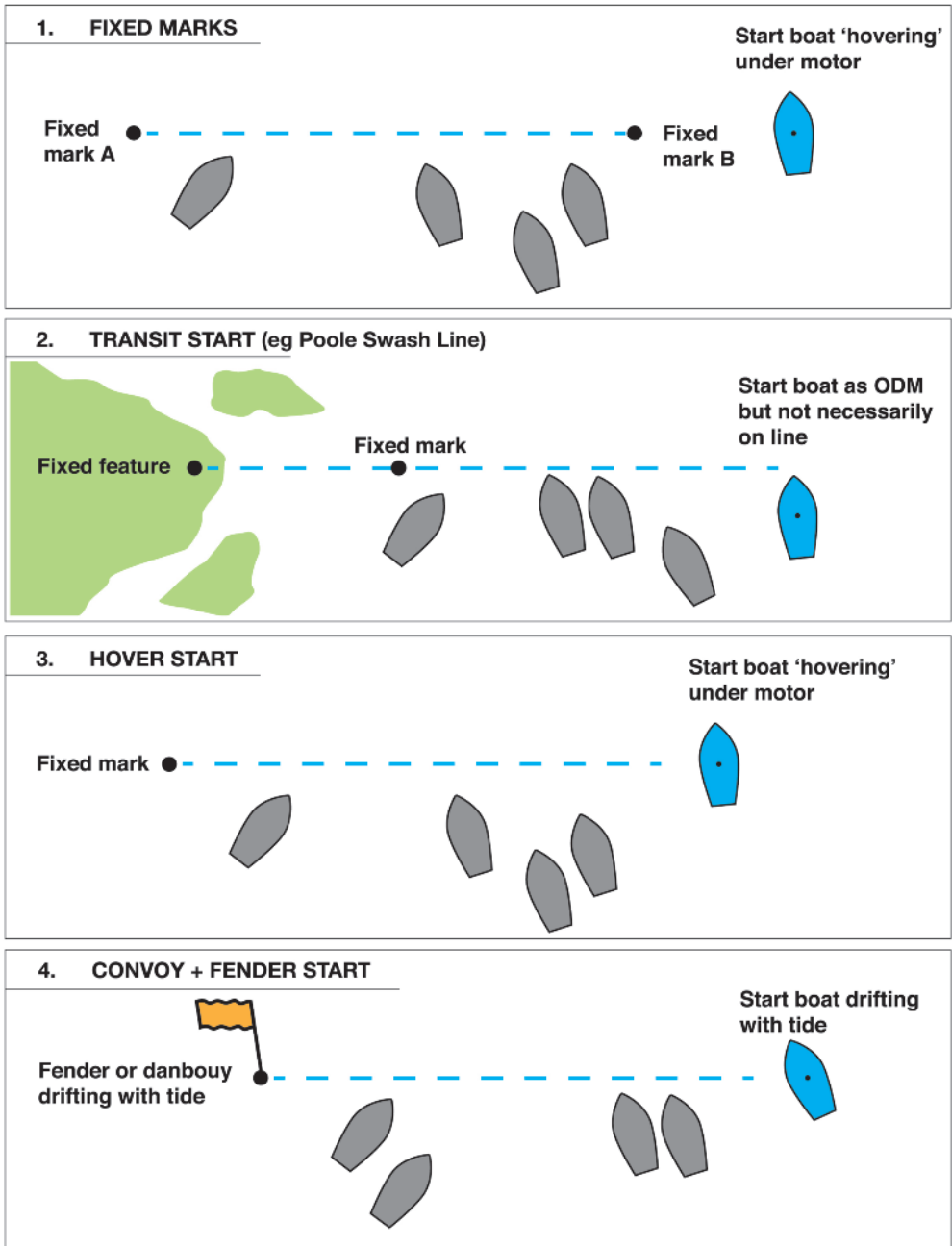
Any boat acting as a Starting Boat shall make every effort to start as soon as possible after the completion of her duties and to avoid all unreasonable delay in starting.

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

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 = $10 \times 15\text{m} = 150\text{m}$.



before the first warning signal.

7.3.4 Poole Starts

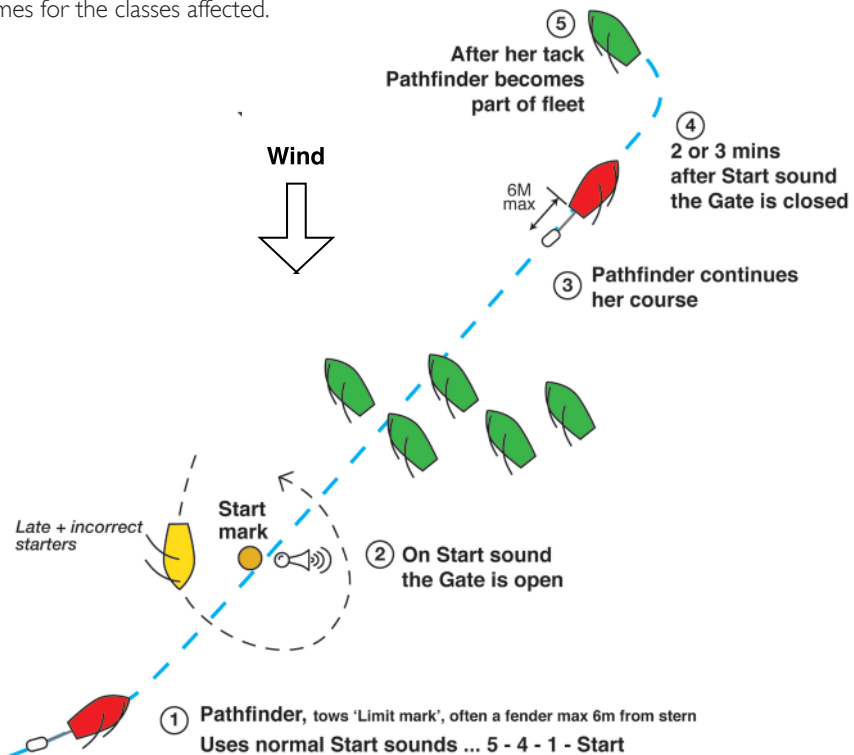
If the forecasted weather conditions dictate a race may be postponed to the following day. The postponement will be notified by e-mail by midday on the day before the scheduled race and also by VHF as per S.I.4.1 on the day of the race. The proposed start time of the postponed race will be announced 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.



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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 manoeuvring 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.

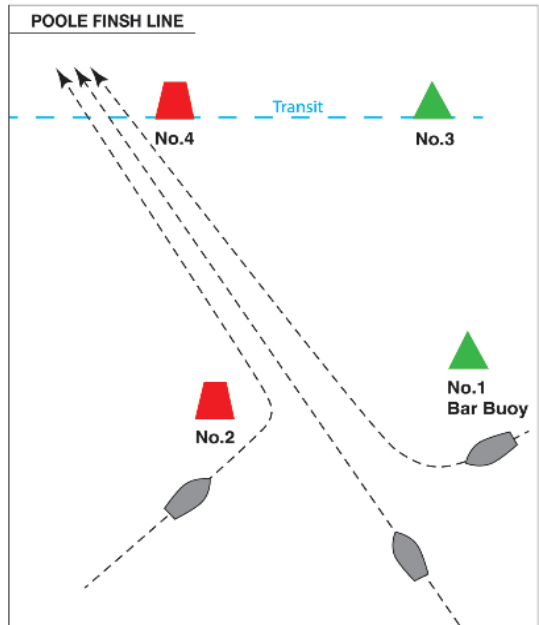
Bembridge Finish Line: Pass east of the former tide gauge (F.I.Y.2s) (50,42.45N 01°05.02W). Finish line formed by bringing the former tide gauge into transit with White Seamark (50,42.09N 01,05.95W) on the shore.

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.(I) 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.

FINISH LINES CONTINUED >>>>>

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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CLASS 0

Poole 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

Poole 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

Poole 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

Poole 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

Poole-to-Poole Series
Poole Yachting Week Trophy
Passage series A Portman Building Society
Passage Series B B Class Saturday Points
Cross Channel Poole 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 either:-

Via the PYRA Web Site - Results Submit PYRA Race Results Page -

<http://www.pyra.org.uk/sailing/submit-race-results/>

Or e-mailed to: results@pyra.org.uk

Subject should contain:-

- **Race number(s) – Boat**

Your e-mail text should include:-

- **The race(s) you have competed in**
- **The name, class and sail number of your boat**
- **Your finish time(s) in BST Hrs/Min/Sec**
- **Where possible the name or sail number of the boat(s) ahead and astern**

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 SelfTiming - 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 at intermediate 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 class is (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 25th Oct. The Poole Yacht Club
Book tables by calling the bar: 01202 672687

Royal Motor & PYRA Prize Giving Thursday 13th November Royal Motor Yacht Club
Table Bookings 01202 707227

Parkstone YC & PYRA Prize Giving Saturday 22nd Nov. Parkstone Yacht Club
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