

XOD & Folkboat Saturday Racing

Sailing Instructions 2024

1. General

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. All boats must conform to the IRPCAS and the Southampton Harbour Byelaw 2003 No.11.
- 1.3. All competing boats must fly the Club burgee from their backstay and the class flag (in 4.3) below the burgee.

2. Communications

- 2.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Club website and the Saturday Racing WhatsApp Group.
- 2.2. Any amendments to Sailing Instructions will be posted on the club website before 0900 on the day it will take effect; and e-mailed to competitors.
- 2.3. VHF Channel 72 will be used for all other communication with competitors.
- 2.4. A time check will normally be given 5 minutes before the first warning signal.
- 2.5. Boats must report their retirement to the Race Committee by VHF. Failure to do so may result in the boat scoring DNC.

3. Safety

- 3.1. All boats in the XOD class must carry the mandatory equipment listed in section C.4.1 of the X One Design Class Association Handbook – anchor, sweep/oar or two paddles, a bucket or bailer, flares.
- 3.2. All boats in the Folkboat class must carry the mandatory equipment listed in Folkboat Association “2020 UK Class Regulations and Class Racing Rules”.

4. Schedule of Races & Start Times

- 4.1. The dates of each race are set out in the Notice of Race and the HRSC 2024 Programme.
- 4.2. The first warning signal is scheduled for 11:25hrs.
- 4.3. Classes will start as signalled using the Class Flags indicated:

Flag	Class	1 st Warning Signal
F	Folkboat	11:25
W	XOD	11:30

- 4.4. RRS 26 will apply (5-4-1-Go).
- 4.5. The starting signal for the preceding class will be the warning signal for the next start.

5. Courses

- 5.1. Marks in Southampton Water and the Central Solent will be used. The list of marks and their identifying abbreviation is shown on the SIs, and on the accompanying chartlet.
- 5.2. The courses will be announced on VHF immediately following the time check, and on request

by the competitors. The marks shall be rounded in the order announced.

- 5.3. The courses will either be announced by the Race Officer or be selected from the Saturday Courses 2024.

6. The Start

- 6.1. The Start will be in Southampton Water in the vicinity of 73 Bald Head, 4B Coronation, 4C Fumesy or 4G Chieftain Training.
- 6.2. The start line is between the main mast of the Committee Boat (CB) flying an orange flag and the ODM. The description of the ODM will be announced as part of the Course (see 5. Courses).
- 6.3. On days where there is no CB, then each class will start using a “Gate Start” with the gate boat being agreed between the competitors in the class.
 - 6.3.1. A “Gate Start” will comprise of two or more boats of the same class.
- 6.4. A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4.

7. The Finish

- 7.1. The finish line is between the last mark of the course and the mast displaying a blue flag on the CB.
- 7.2. Or when the boat passes close to the final mark of the course (within three boat lengths), on those days where there is no CB. Competitors to note their own finish times and their position with respect to the boat immediately in front and behind them and inform the Race Officer via the Saturday Racing WhatsApp Group.
- 7.3. In a dying wind, if common consent between competitors in a class can be reached on a substitute finishing mark, and the Race Committee informed of each boat’s finishing time at that mark, the result will stand.

8. Time Limit

- 8.1. The time limit for all boats will be 15 minutes after the first finisher in each class. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

9. Protests & Penalties

- 9.1. Notwithstanding anything below, the normal penalty for an infringement is the one or two penalty turns as defined in RRS 44.
- 9.2. Protests shall be written on forms available from the Club Office and delivered there in person, by fax or by email before 10.30am on the day after racing.
- 9.3. Exoneration Penalty – a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2, or rule 31 or 42, may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts a 20% scoring penalty as stated in rule 44.3(c).

10. Scoring

10.1. The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

10.2. Discards will be as follows:

Number of Races	Discards
1-4	0
5-7	1
8-10	2

10.3. If a boat cannot compete because a member is required to serve on the committee boat for a race,

the boat's score for that race shall be the average points for all races in the series excluding DNC. In such cases, skippers are expected to notify the Race Committee.

11. Cancellation

11.1. Cancellation of normal racing will be announced on the club website and the Saturday Racing WhatsApp group. Cancellation will not normally be signalled /announced before 0800hrs.