



Notice of Race

St Georges Cup

Saturday 12th September 2026

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The Organising Authority are nominated members from the respective committees of Herne Bay Sailing Club, Tankerton Bay Sailing Club and Hampton Pier Yacht Club.
- 1.2. No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. Local by Laws governing the use of the areas surrounding HPYC will apply.
- 1.4. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS [2025-2028-RRS-with-Changes-and-Corrections.pdf](#)) Standard Sailing Instructions (SI's), and any supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at HPYC. Any changes to the SI's will be posted by 1130 on the day of the race.

2. THE EVENT

- 2.1. The event is being hosted by HPYC on Saturday 12th September 2026.
- 2.2. Racing Rules of Sailing will apply ([2025-2028-RRS-with-Changes-and-Corrections.pdf](#)). This is a friendly, community event and as such, there will be a particular emphasis on the fundamental rule of Fair Sailing 'A boat and her owner shall compete in compliance with recognized principles of sportsmanship and fair play'.
- 2.3. Sailing area will be off HPYC waters.
- 2.4. In accordance with the RRS, starts will be in accordance with rule 26 and the class flag is designated as Y (yellow and red diagonal stripes).
- 2.5. Racing will consist of 2 back to back races, both races to count. The first race will start at approximately 1300 hrs, and each race will endeavour to be 45 minutes.
- 2.6. Racing will be General Handicap with the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) being applied. In the absence of an RYA PY, the PY may submitted by the competitors' own club. A separate annex of HPYC, HBSC and Tankerton Bay SC boats is provided (appendix 1)
- 2.7. Course diagram is in the SI's – subject to change and any changes will be made by 11.30 on the day of racing and displayed on the club notice board.
- 2.8. The results of the first 75% of boats from each club will score towards the St George's Cup (the percentage will be calculated from the club that produces the smallest number of boats. Where the percentage falls between whole numbers, the number will be rounded up).



3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. Each boat must be sailed by full sailing members of the respective clubs.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. Briefing will be held in person by the Race Officer, Assistant Race Officer or Sailing Secretary at approximately 1130 at HBSC and 1230 hrs at HPYC. A video of the briefing will also be published on WhatsApp which will be sent to the liaison persons for each club.
- 4.2. First race will start at approx. 1300hrs with each race lasting approx. 45 minutes.
- 4.3. Prize giving will take place on the same day at HPYC at the evening celebration event.

5. REGISTRATION

- 5.1. Each boat must sign on using the clubs local sign-in policies. A designated person from each sailing club will give the list of participants to the RO. The deadline for signing on is 1215.
- 5.2. All competitors under the age of 18 must be indicated on the Signing on sheet.

6. PRIZES

- 6.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows:
 - (a) The overall winner - club (St George's Cup)
 - (b) First boat overall
 - (c) Second boat overall
 - (d) Third boat overall
 - (e) First under 18 helm on the date of the race
 - (f) First female helm (cadet or adult)
 - (g) Race Officer's choice
 - (h) fastest boat of PY 1147 and above
 - (i) fastest boat of PY 1146 and below
 - (j) fastest boat of PY 1000 and below
- 6.2. Other prizes may be awarded at the race officers' discretion

7. PERSONAL BOUYANCY EQUIPMENT

- 7.1. Competitors shall wear an adequate personal flotation device at all times while afloat.

8. DAMAGE

- 8.1. Any boat causing damage to another boat such that the damaged boat cannot continue will be required to retire.



9. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 9.1. Protests are to be passed to the Sailing Secretary no later than 1 hour after coming ashore at either club for communication to the Race Officer no later than 1 hour 30 minutes after the finish of the final race.

10. RISK STATEMENT & INSURANCE

- 10.1. Rule 4 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."

- 10.2. 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/team, 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 organiser 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 familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
- (h) When the boats are provided by the competitors, the boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least three million pounds (£3,000,000).

11. CANCELLATION

- 11.1. The organisers reserve the right to cancel the event.

12. RIGHT AND COPYRIGHT

- 12.1. Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures still pictures and audio live or recorded of or relating to the event. To opt out, please contact the Race Officer directly before the end of race day.

13. CONTACT

- 13.1. For further information please contact Norrington.joanne@gmail.com



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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing ([2025-2028-RRS-with-Changes-and-Corrections.pdf](#))

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located in the foyer at HPYC.

2.2 The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

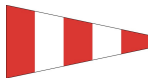
3.1 Any changes to the SI's will be posted by 1130 on the day of the race.

4. CLASS FLAGS

4.1 The class flag used is Y



5. POSTPONEMENT

5.1 In the event of a delay to the start, flag AP  shall be displayed with 2 sound signals.

5.2 AP will be lowered with 1 sound signal to indicate approx. 1 minute before the starting sequence.

5.3 It is not intended that the AP will be used between the 2 races, unless there is a delay i.e. the course being re-laid.

6. ABANDONMENT

6.1 If the race is abandoned, the race officer shall display flag N  with 3 sound signals.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1 Two back to back races are scheduled. The first race will begin at 1300 hrs.

7.2 Starting sequence

First warning signal



1255 hrs (5 minutes) Class Flag Y displayed from the committee boat  and accompanied by one sound signal

Second warning signal

1256 hrs (4 minutes) Class Flag Y plus Preparatory flag P displayed from the committee boat and accompanied by one sound signal



Third warning signal

1259 hrs (1 minute)



Preparatory flag lowers, Y flag remains accompanied by one sound signal.

Start signal

1300 hrs

Y flag is lowered accompanied by one sound signal.

7.3 The second race start sequence will begin after all participants have completed the course, or who have been notified they have completed the course by the RO, unless they have retired.

8. THE START

8.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

8.2 The starting line will be between the pin end and an orange flag on the race committee boat.

8.3 Rule 30.1 (The I flag rule) applies to all starts: *'Any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line or one of its extensions during the last minute before her starting signal, she shall sail across an extension so that her hull is completely on the pre-start side before she starts.* The I flag will be replaced with the Y flag (class flag). This changes rule 30.1.



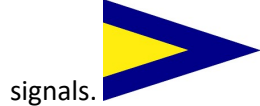
8.4 Rule 30.3 (The U flag rule) shall apply at the Race Officer's discretion if multiple general recalls occur. *'If flag U has been displayed, no part of a boat's hull shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing, but not if the race is restarted or resailed'.*

9. RECALLS (individual and general)



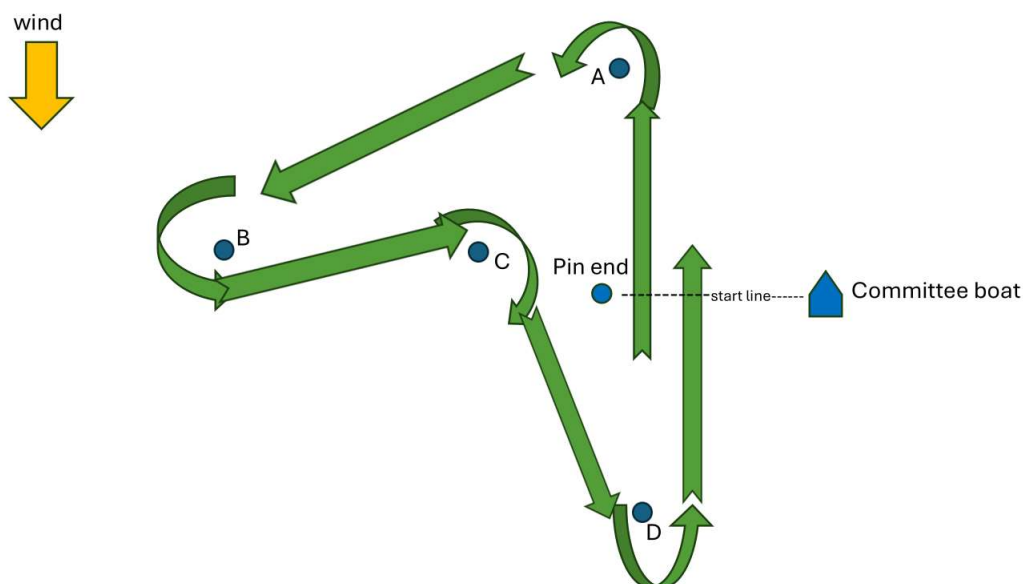
9.1. Individual Recall: Will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1 using Flag X and one sound signal.

9.2. General Recall: Will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2 using the First Substitute pennant and two sound



10. THE COURSE

10.1 The course is set out below with a committee boat start (not to scale)



Marks A, B, C and D are large inflatable marks

The pin end will be a flag on a small buoy

11. CHANGING OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course (if required due to changing weather conditions), the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between the pin end and a blue flag on the race committee boat.



12.2 The Race officer will finish the race using the shortened course flag (S) , which will be hoisted at the leeward mark when the first boat rounds it with the aim for an approximate race time of 45 minutes.

12.3 At the race officers' discretion boats may be finished on the course and their position calculated based on the number of completed laps.

13. TIME LIMITS

13.1

- Mark A Time Limit Time limit for the first boat to pass this is 20 minutes.
- Finishing Window Time limit is 70 minutes for all boats to finish each race.

13.2 If no boat has passed Mark A within the Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.

13.3 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Hearing request forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.

14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

14.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

