

Pre-Season Familiarisation 7th March 2025

COMMUNICATION

Radios protocol & Radio procedure ~ please note that there are no spare RSYC VHF radios to borrow.

We welcome radio checks please not in the middle of a sequence.

OCS policy. Sail numbers may not be broadcast by radio.

Flags remain very important; Course boards will be used if possible.

VHF IS PRIMARY SOURCE OF COMMUNICATION, WhatsApp is secondary.

COURSES

If you are aware of a buoy that is not on station, please advise the Race Committee immediately.

Check RSYC website and WhatsApp for race cancellations.

Spring Series; RSYC balcony line will be default for start and finish. No course boards.

Balcony line is being trialled please feedback any comments to Race Officers

Sunday Series; Grants will be default start line and the RSYC balcony will be the default finish.

If two or more diamonds are displayed, boats must go through the line at the end of each lap.

Exclusion Zone; does not exist this year, if going through B & C, please take care.

Please buy a 2025 RSYC Solent racing chart £2, thank you to River Yar Boatyard for sponsoring.

Jojo has a supply here tonight, more are available in the Sailing Office.

Please retire if no reasonable chance of finishing, it is essential to notify the RO if you retire. Failure to notify the RO will mean that the result of that race will be Non discardable. Use WhatsApp or VHF.

Bridge times may have changed please check

0800-0810, 0900-0910, 1000-1010, 1200-1210, 1400-1410, 1600-1610, 1730-1740, 1830-1840, 2000-2010

Classes 1,2 (and Folkboats during Spring and Winter Series) can use power until Prep down, in addition to Weds. Does not apply to open events.

Sunset Series change in start, finish and number of races.

When Yankee is displayed Lifejackets are compulsory. All other times they are strongly advised.

If there is a genuine difficulty reaching the start line on time please telephone the race committee.

Don't wait chatting on lawn and then expect to get to the start on time!

PROTEST

If you have a dispute with a fellow competitor, inform that boat that you are protesting them and immediately display a protest flag. Failure to comply with this procedure makes it very difficult for all concerned and frustration follows.

Reporting to the Race Officers that someone has misbehaved is sadly not effective and will not produce a result from the Race Office.