



**Rules and organisation**

Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA and the RYA Racing Charter except as varied by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions themselves which will be published on the Clubs website and posted on the official notice boards at the event. This Event is governed by the ISAF code for advertising. The Sailing Committee of Saundersfoot Sailing Club shall be the Race Committee.

**Conditions of entry**

**a.** This is a week long event, daily entries are not accepted, all entries must be received and the appropriate entry fee paid a minimum of two weeks before the event starts, which is May 16<sup>th</sup>. Late entries will only be accepted if there is sufficient capacity and safety cover to accommodate them, entries will NOT be accepted at the event.

**b.** Entries will be acknowledged by post or email as applicable.

**c.** A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing whether in the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

**d.** It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it finds 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.

**e.** The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2m.

**f.** Nothing done by the organisers can 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 officers and assistants, patrol boats and beach masters.

**g.** The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities. As previously advised the Club will endeavour to provide 2 crew for each safety boat but under current Covid regulations this might not always be possible and on occasion some safety boats might only be singly manned.

**h.** All competitors will agree to comply with all instructions given by Saundersfoot Sailing Club with regard to access and arrival procedures plus storage of boats in designated areas and launching through designated channels together with all appropriate social distancing and sanitising measures as advised by the Club and its officials

**i.** Given the current COVID pandemic special attention is to be paid by all competitors to ensure all current Government restrictions are adhered to during the event. Competitors should also take note of and adhere to the RYA COVID-19 Principle Be considerate:

- will be mindful of the potential impact that we could have on other water users and local communities.
- Take an extra cautious approach to the event and not to place unnecessary extra strain on the RNLI and emergency services.

**j.** The clubhouse including changing rooms will remain closed for the duration of the event, eliminating the risk of any internal contamination / contraction of the COVID infection.

**k.** SSC has carried out detailed risk assessments and adapted the event safety protocol to recognise the COVID pandemic, the restrictions it places on the event organisations and the additional measures which are necessary to comply with the extant Government regulations on COVID.

**Handicaps**

All boats will be handicapped according to the Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap Scheme unless otherwise set by the Race Committee. Any boat not having a handicap must apply to the Race Committee prior to racing

**Schedule of races**

		<b>HW</b>	<b>Start</b>
Sunday	Race 1	0938	1000
Monday	Race 2	1030	1030
Tuesday	Race 3	1123	1030
Wednesday	Race 4	1223	1130
Thursday	Race 5	1333	1230
Friday	Pursuit Race	1444	1330

**Sailing Instructions**

These will be provided prior to the event and if possible they might be available to be downloaded from the Clubs website, copies of the sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board situated at the Beachmasters position on the main beach during the event...

**Dinghy parking**

All visiting boats must be kept on the beach and must not enter the harbour car park for the duration of the event. Please observe the advice regarding boat parking in the "Welcome to Saundersfoot Sailing Club" note to be posted on the website and the Clubhouse notice board.

**Road Trailers**

The beach owners will not allow road trailers to be brought onto the main beach all road trailers are to be stored on the harbour in the designated area

**Signing on and off sheet**

This will be located on the beach with the Beach Master for the duration of the event.

This will be held and controlled by the Beachmaster, all competitors will be required to approach the Beachmasters location while observing social distancing from other competitors and also wearing an appropriate face covering and to advise the beachmaster if they wish to enter that day's race, failure to follow this will mean that they are not designated as a starter. Following the race and immediately upon returning to shore all competitors are again required to return to the Beachmasters location, again observing social distancing and with the use of a face covering, to inform the Beachmaster that they have either completed the race or retired from that race and this must be done no later than within 20 minutes of the completion of the race, or races if sailed back to back.

It is the responsibility of every helm to ensure that this procedure is strictly adhered to. Competitors failing to comply with this instruction will be disqualified without appeal from the race or races involved. Competitors disqualified for a first offence under this instruction may be reinstated subject to the payment of a £10 fine the proceeds of which will go to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution; failure to comply on a second occasion may result in disqualification from the event. Rule 63.1 is amended accordingly.

**Competitors Briefing**

It is intended to hold a briefing for competitors @1630 on Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup>, this will be held on the beach near to the Beachmasters location.