



2026 Hamble Valley Regatta

Saturday 29th August 2026

Notice of Race

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Hamble River Sailing Club

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The National Authority (RYA) prescriptions which can be found at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules>.
- 1.3 IRC Rules parts A, B and C will apply.
- 1.4 Boats shall comply with the byelaws and regulations of ABP Southampton and KHM Portsmouth. Competitors shall pay particular attention to the ABP Southampton Notice to Mariners 2026 No 5 regarding the Thorn channel which can be found at <https://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/media/zsnxhue/sou-Intm-2026-005-precautionary-area-thorn-channel.pdf>
- 1.5 The Notice of Race can be changed by amendment or by the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions (SIs) shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The SI's will be published on the <https://www.hrsc.org.uk/open-events-1/hamble-valley-regatta-> page by Friday 21st August 2026.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board will be on the HRSC Website at <https://www.hrsc.org.uk/open-events-1/hamble-valley-regatta->
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a functioning VHF radio capable of communicating on all the usual marine channels, including VHF channel M1 (37A) and M2 (P4).

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to day boats and yachts, HRSC club ratings will be applied where IRC ratings are not available.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by:
 - 4.3.1 Completing the on-line entry form available on <https://www.hrsc.org.uk/booking/type/open-meeting>
 - 4.3.2 Making the required entry fee payment. Entry fees are listed in 5.1.
- 4.3 Entries for the Hamble Valley Regatta close twenty-four hours prior to racing. Entries after this deadline will only be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority

5. FEES

5.1 2026 HAMBLE VALLEY REGATTA ENTRY FEES

Class	Fee
Gaffers,	£15
Keeled day boats and Yachts	£15
X One Design	£15

6-8 not used

9. SCHEDULE

9.1 The intended schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Event	Classes	HW Portsmouth
Saturday 29 th August	10.25	1 st Warning Signal	Yachts and keeled day boats rated 0.880 and above	12.14 4.6m
	10 30		Yachts and keeled day boats rated 0.879 and below	
	10.35		XOD's	
	10.45		Gaffers	

9.2 Starts will be at Bald Head Buoy, Southampton Water.

9.3 Class start order and start times will be announced by VHF. Classes may be combined.

9.4 The event will consist of 1 race.

9.5 There will be no warning signal after 15.00 on Saturday

10-11 Not Used

12 VENUE

12.1 Racing will be in the Central Solent and Southampton Water. The start location will be Bald Head Buoy, Southampton Water.

13 COURSES

13.1 The course will be sailed round the cans. Further details and a list of marks will be included in the SI's. Courses will be announced by VHF

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The two-turn penalty as described in RRS 44.1 is replaced by a one-turn penalty (one tack and one gybe).

14.2 RRS Appendix T1 Post Race penalties and T2 arbitration shall apply

15 SCORING

15.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20 Not Used

21. DATA PROTECTION

21.1 The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the events. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

21.2 Competitors automatically grant to the OA, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped, or filmed television of or relating to the event

22 RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1 Rule 3 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.' 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:
- 22.1.1 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;
- 22.1.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 22.1.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 22.1.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 22.1.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 22.1.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 22.1.7 It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks, regulations and /or byelaws specific to sailing on the Solent including but not limited to the MPZ referred to in NOR 1
- 22.1.8 They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy to be able to face extremes of the 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 is familiar to the crew.

23. INSURANCE

- 23.1 Each entrant shall ensure that their boat is adequately insured for racing against all third-party claims with a minimum cover of £5 million per incident or equivalent.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 The prizes will be awarded at the Hamble River Sailing Club soon after racing on Sunday, the time will be announced over VHF. It is expected to be around 2.00 pm
Prizes are:

Monty Bradshaw Challenge Cup	1 st Old Gaffers
Alwyn Foulkes Memorial	1 st wooden boat over 50 years old (not winning another trophy)
Deacon Challenge Trophy	1 st Yachts and keeled boat rated 0.880 & above
Ronnie Burton Challenge Cup	1 st Yachts and keeled boats rated 0.879 & below
Stanley Steele Challenge Cup	1 st "X" One Design
Geoff Merritt Memorial Trophy	1 st 6 metre
Moody Challenge Trophy	1 st Moody
Memory Trophy	1 st J boat

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

All competitors are welcome as temporary members of the Hamble River Sailing Club on race days. Facilities and refreshments will be available from the club from 13.00 .



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