



# Hamble River Sailing Club

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## Hamble Valley Regatta Sailing Instructions 2026

### 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 appropriate class flag (in 5.3) below the burgee.

1.4. Competitors must enter the Hamble Regatta on the Book online tab on the HRSC Open Events website on <https://www.hrsc.org.uk/booking/type/open-meeting>.

### 2. Communications

2.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Club website under Open Events tab.

<https://www.hrsc.org.uk/open-events-1/hamble-valleyregatta->

2.2. Any amendments to Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Open Events tab of the club website.

2.3. Signals made ashore will be flown from the Club Flagstaff.

2.4. VHF Channel 72 will be used for all other communication with competitors.

2.5. A time check will normally be given 5 minutes before the first warning signal.

2.6. 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. No anchor should be carried forward of the stem whilst racing.

### 4. Classes and Handicaps

4.1. All races for day keeled boats and yachts will be scored using HRSC Club handicap system. XOD's will sail as a one design class. Gaffers will sail using OGA Handicap rule.

### 5. Schedule of Races & Start Times

5.1. The Hamble Valley regatta will be held on Saturday 29th August 2026.

5.2. The 1st warning signal is scheduled for 10.25 hrs.

5.3. Classes will start as signalled using the Class Flags indicated:

| Flag | Class                                            |
|------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | Yachts and keeled dayboats rated 0.880 and above |
| 2    | Yachts and keeled dayboats rated 0.879 and below |
| W    | XOD's                                            |
| 3    | Gaffers                                          |

5.4. Starts may be combined at the discretion of the race officer.

5.5. RRS 26 will apply (5-4-1-Go).

### 6. Courses

6.1. 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.

6.2. The course 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.

6.3. The Race Committee may decide that a mark should be removed after the start. There will be an announcement on VHF channel 72 and a display of Flag C, a sound signal may also be made from the Committee Boat. Failure of a boat to listen on VHF will not be grounds for redress. This amendment alters RRS 33.

### The Start

7.1. The Start will be at 73 Bald Head Buoy in Southampton Water. The start location will be confirmed by VHF Channel 72.

7.2. 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 6 - Courses)

7.3. A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4.

### 8. The Finish

8.1. The finish line is between the last mark of the course and the mast flying an orange flag on the CB, or the line formed by bringing into line (transit) the club flagstaff with the red post at the end of the Ferry Hard in front of the clubhouse.

## 9. Time Limit

9.1. The time limit for all boats will be 30 minutes after the first finisher in each class. This changes RRS 35.

## 10. Hearing Requests & Penalties

10.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-turns penalty is replaced by the One-turn penalty.

10.2. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, shall be applied. A boat may initiate Arbitration by completing a Hearing Request Form available from the Club Office and must be delivered there in person immediately after racing. The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.  
([www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes](http://www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes)).

10.3. 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 hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts a 30% scoring penalty as stated in rule RRS T1.

## 11. Scoring

11.1. The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A5.3 will apply.

| 2026 List of Buoys |                    |    |                        | # Passing Mark |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|----|------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 47                 | Contessa 32 Class  | 4J | hamblewinterseries.com | 72             | Hamble Point       |
| 48                 | Paul Heys          | 4L | Jane                   | 73             | Bald Head          |
| 4A                 | Reach #            | 4M | Hill Head              | 74             | William            |
| 4B                 | Coronation         | 4N | Ben F Wood             | 77             | Fawley Deep        |
| 4C                 | Fumesy             | 4Q | John Fisher            | 78             | Hook #             |
| 4D                 | Calshot #          | 4R | Darling Buoy           | 7S             | Deans Lake         |
| 4E                 | Andy Cassell       | 4S | Royal Southern         | 7W             | After Barn         |
| 4F                 | Royal Thames       | 4V | Hamble Yacht Services  | 7Z             | Greenland          |
| 4G                 | Chieftain Training | 70 | Warsash Sailing Club   | 9A             | Windward Laid Mark |
| 4H                 | East Knoll         |    |                        | 9C             | Leeward Laid Mark  |