



PANERAI BRITISH CLASSIC WEEK

Monday 18th to Saturday 23rd July 2011

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2009 – 2012), the IRC 2011 Rule, the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations 2010/11 for Category 4 (except as modified by clause 5 in the Notice of Race). In the case of conflict these Sailing Instructions will prevail.

1.2 Yachts shall comply with ABP Southampton Notice of Mariners No. 03 of 2011 – concerning the Thorn Channel Precautionary Area which shall rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 18 and 19. Yachts shall also take note of Southampton Harbour Bye Laws 10 & 11. Yachts shall also avoid close quarters with any commercial vessel. This information will be posted on the Official Notice Board at Cowes Yacht Haven.

1.3 Any yacht reported for infringing SI No 1.2 will be disqualified without a hearing. (Amends RRS 60.2)

1.4 Yachts shall not anchor or kedge within the area between Stone Point and Gurnard Bay indicated in the Admiralty Chart 2040. Gas and water pipes, telephone and electricity cables lie on the surface of the seabed within this area (see illustrated chart accompanying these SIs).

1.5 Yachts, in whatever direction they are racing, shall not pass:

- 1) North of the barrier off Durns Point, east of Lyminsteron.
- 2) North of Horse Sand Fort.
- 3) South of No Mans Land Fort

1.6 All yachts may be subject to measurement by an official BCYC measurer with respect to their IRC certificate and observance of IRC Rule 21.1.5 throughout the regatta.

1.7 All yachts shall hold a valid IRC Rating Certificate to compete in the Regatta.

1.8 Any yachts entered in Class 0 (large Classics) may keep their engines running and in neutral until they start. Any subsequent use of engines for propulsion while racing shall be reported in writing to the Race Committee. If it is considered that an advantage was obtained then a penalty may be imposed at the discretion of the Race Committee. (This changes RRS 42.1)

2. COMMUNICATIONS

2.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Flagstaff in Cowes Yacht Haven. Signals made ashore will be repeated on the flag-spar on the Main Committee Vessel “Bonnie of Dartmouth” whilst she is berthed in Cowes Yacht Haven.

2.2 IC Flag AP over AP with two sound signals means racing is postponed and Yachts are advised not to leave harbour. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after one IC Flag AP has been lowered with one sound signal.





2.3 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located on the left-hand side of the approach to the entrance to the showers in Cowes Yacht Haven (CYH)

2.4 All communications between competitors and the race committee on the water shall be on VHF Channel 72. The call sign of the race

committee shall be 'CLASSICS COMMITTEE'.

3. CLASSES, CLASS FLAGS AND PENNANTS

3.1

Class 1	Modern Classic Yachts	Panerai Flag & NP 1 
Class 2	Classic Yachts	Panerai Flag & NP 2 
Class 3	Classic Yachts	Panerai Flag & NP 3 
Class 4	Classic Yachts (dependent on entries)	Panerai Flag & NP 4 
Class breaks will be posted on the Official Notice Board		

two-digit number, together with their required side will be announced immediately after the Warning and Preparatory Signals. There will be no visual course signals. This changes RRS 27.1. The marks shall be rounded in the order announced.

5.3 The marks and their identifying numbers are shown on the list of 2011 Solent Marks which will be issued at Registration.

6. STARTING PROCEDURE

6.1 Races will be started using the (10 – 5 – 1 – Go) procedure. This changes RRS 26.

6.2 Yachts will start in Class Order, with the following class using the previous starting signal as its own warning signal and similarly until all classes have started. Depending on entries per class – Class starts may be combined.

DATE	HW P'mth Range	Briefing Time	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	Race No.	CLASSES	START LINE
Sat 16 July		18:00 Briefing for Panerai Classic Around the Island Race and Panerai British Classic Week				CYH Event Centre
Sun 17 July	13:48 4.7m		08:20	Panerai Classic Around the Island Race	All Classes (Not part of Classic Week points)	Committee Boat Line
Mon 18 July	14:24 4.6m	10:00	11:50	1	Class 1 & 2 – Class 3 – Class 4	Committee Boat Line
Tues 19 July	14:58 (4.6m)	08:30	10:20	2 & 3	Races 2 & 3 Class 1 & 2 – Class 3 – Class 4	Committee Boat Line
Wed 20 July	15:30 (4.5m)	09:00	10:50	///	Challenge Day see extra Sailing Instructions later.	Committee Boat Line
Thurs 21 July	03:36 (4.2m)	07:00	08:50	4	LONG INSHORE RACE All Classes	Committee Boat Line
Fri 22 July	04:13 (4.2m)	10:00	11:50	5	Class 1 & 2 – Class 3 – Class 4	Committee Boat Line
Sat 24 July	04:54 (3.9m)		10:50	///	PARADE OF SAIL - All Classes & Rally Division	RYS Line

3.2 Whilst racing each Yacht shall fly the appropriate Class Pennant and a Panerai Pennant on her backstay in a clearly visible position.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5. COURSE INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 With the exception of Race 4, each Class may have a different course. All course instructions will be broadcast on VHF Channel 72. The course will be repeated back to the main committee vessel by the Outer Distance Mark observer boat in order to confirm that the course broadcast was correctly announced.

5.2 The course to be sailed will be announced on VHF Channel 72. The list of rounding marks and the finishing mark, each identified by a

6.3 Committee Boat line (All Classes)

The Starting Line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and an outer distance mark (ODM), which will be a PANERAI inflatable mark.

6.3.1 An Inner Distance Mark (IDM) may be laid approx 15 metres from the Committee Vessel, but not necessarily on the start line, this will be a PANERAI inflatable mark. The ODM and the IDM (if laid) are all marks of the course.

6.3.2 After the 1 minute signal for each start, no yacht may pass between the IDM and the Committee Vessel. Any yacht infringing this rule must sail to the pre start side of the start line around either end of the line before starting.

6.3.3 Following a valid start, SI 6.3.2 ceases to apply for the current race.

6.3.4 During the period that SI 6.3.2 is operational, the area between the Committee Vessel and the IDM does not rank as an obstruction.

6.4 Recalls.

A Yacht which is on the course side (OCS) at her starting signal will be given a time penalty of 3%. Yachts shall **not** attempt to return as this will **not** remove the penalty. (This changes RRS 29.1.) Any Yacht OCS prior to their one minute signal will be penalised by a greater amount at the discretion of the race committee.. Yachts may be advised by VHF Channel 72 if they are OCS prior to the one minute signal.

6.5 **Late Starting.** A Yacht starting later than 20 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNC).

7. FINISHING

7.1 For Race 4 (Long Inshore Race) **the Finishing Line** will be between a **PANERAI** inflatable mark laid near Snowden Buoy and the Prince Consort Buoy.

7.2 For all other races, **the Finishing Line** will be between a **PANERAI** inflatable mark laid just to windward of the last mark of the course (unless shortened) and a staff flying an orange flag on the Committee Boat.

7.3 Immediately after finishing all Yachts are requested to clear the finishing line and keep well clear of other Yachts still racing

7.4 All Yachts are requested to note their finishing times especially for the Long Inshore Race together with the name of the yacht ahead and astern. This information shall be made available to the race committee on demand.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

8.1 RRS 44 and RRS 31.2 will not apply. A Yacht that may have broken a rule of part 2 while racing or that has broken RRS 31.1 may take a Time Penalty unless she has caused serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or regatta in which case she shall retire. The Time Penalty will be to add 2% of her elapsed time to her elapsed time, rounding the increased time to the nearest second.

8.2 A Yacht that intends to take a time penalty shall display a yellow flag at the first reasonable opportunity and keep the flag displayed until she has finished. At her finish she shall also inform the Race Committee on VHF Radio Channel 72 that she is taking the penalty.

8.3 When a Yacht intends to take a Time Penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 and in the same incident has touched a mark she need not take the penalty for breaking RRS 31.1.

8.4 A Yacht that takes a penalty shall not be penalized further with respect to the same incident unless she failed to retire when this sailing instruction required her to do so.

8.5 A Yacht shall not be scored as having finished outside a time limit solely by the application of a Time Penalty.

8.6 A Yacht involved in a protest who acknowledges an infringement of a rule of part 2 prior to the hearing shall receive a penalty of 4% of her elapsed time.

9. TIME LIMITS

9.1 For Race No 4 the time limit will be 1800 hrs for all classes.

9.2 Yachts that are clearly much faster than the majority of a class (if any) will be listed on the ONB.

9.3 The yachts so identified will not cause the commencement of the time limit defined in 9.4

9.4 For Races 1, 2, 3 and 5 the time limit will be 60 minutes after the first valid finisher in each class. In all classes for Races 1, 3, 4 & 5 if no yacht has finished by 1700 hrs the race will be abandoned. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

9.5 Yachts not finishing within the Time Limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

10. RETIREMENT

A Yacht that has retired shall inform the Race Committee on VHF Channel 72 at the earliest opportunity or inform Race Control on Tel: 07740 768 851

11. PROTESTS

11.1 All Yachts shall notify their intention to protest to the Committee Vessel on conclusion of the race concerned and await an acknowledgement. Failure to do so will render any subsequent protest invalid.

Protests shall be made on forms available from the Regatta Race Office on Cowes Yacht Haven and delivered to the Regatta Race Office within 60 minutes of the return of the Committee Boat to CYH. The end of protest time will be posted on the Official Notice Board and also on Committee Vessel.

12. SCORING

- 12.1** The scoring system for all races will be the Low Point System in accordance with RRS Appendix A except as amended below.
- 12.2** 2 races – not including the Long Inshore Race, shall be sailed before a discard can be taken.
- 12.3** The score for the Long Inshore Race will be weighted by 1.2 and will not be possible to discard.
- 12.4** Yachts that do not start in a race shall be scored 1 point more than the total entries in her class.
- 12.5** Yachts that start a race but do not finish shall be scored 1 point more than the number of starters in her class for that race.

13. RESULTS

Results shall be posted on the Official Notice Board at Cowes Yacht Haven as soon as possible after the racing has been completed. Results may also be published to the BCYC regatta web site as soon as practical.

14. PRIZES

There will be a daily Prize Giving at 18:00 at the Panerai Hospitality Marquee.

In addition, the 'Je Ne Sais Quoi' awards will be presented at the Thursday Prize Giving in the Panerai Hospitality Marquee.

Regatta Awards will be presented at the Prize Giving Dinner to be held at the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club on Friday 22nd July 2011. See Official Notice Board for final details.

15. INSURANCE

All Yachts shall hold a current certificate of insurance which covers them during the period of the Regatta, for Third Party Claims of not less than £2,000,000 Sterling.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1** To the extent permitted by law, the Organising Authority and race Organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or

personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his Yacht for the race or races.

- 16.2** The safety of the Yacht and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of owner/competitor who must ensure that the Yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience who are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is used.

- 16.3** Neither the establishment of these conditions, nor their use by the Organising Authority and Race Organisers in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor. The crew are nonetheless advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.