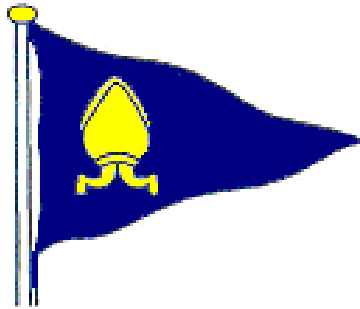


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Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

Icebreaker Series 2021

(For Scows, Slow Handicap and Fast Handicap Dinghies)

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Any amendments to the Instructions, Programme or Support Rota will be published on the notice board in the Club Foyer, the weekly Newsletter and on the BHYC web site and where possible will be circulated by e-mail to those who have this facility

BHYC 2021 ICEBREAKER

DATE	HW	Ht (m)	START	LINE	RACE SERIES
JANUARY					
Sun	17	12:30	4.4	12:30	H ICE 1-2
Sun	31	11:30	4.6	11:30	H ICE 3-4
FEBRUARY					
Sun	14	13:04	4.5	11:30	H ICE 5-6
Sun	28	12:04	4.7	10:30	H ICE 7-8
MARCH					
Sun	14	12:01	4.5	10:30	H ICE 9 - 10
Sun	28	11:59	4.6	11:00	H ICE 11 - 12

Note: Unless otherwise indicated the Start will be on the Club Line from the Race Box. In exceptional circumstances a Committee Boat may be used. Tide Times are Portsmouth. Racing wind speed up to a max of 20kts.

Two races are scheduled on each day and will be scored separately

Prize giving presentation will be as soon as possible after the last race in the Club House and on the Patio.

BHYC RACING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Notice of Race:

Racing for scows, slow handicap and fast handicap sailing dinghies with a Portsmouth Yardstick (See 16) will take place on the dates and times listed on page 2.

2. Entry Form:

BHYC entrants for all races must have signed an Entry Form, which includes agreement to be bound by the Conditions of Entry prior to taking part in their first race of the series (April 2020-April 2021).

Visiting helms should sign-on for the series which includes agreement to be bound by the Conditions of Entry, before their first race.

Parents or guardians must countersign Entry Forms for persons under 18 years of age. Forms will be available from the Race Box (Jubilee Centre), the Club Office and from the Bar Staff. Failure to complete the form will result in the boat being scored DNS (Did not start).

3. Conditions of Entry:

RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 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:

- a) 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;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve the competitors of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
- h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of 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;
- i) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.

4. General Conditions of Racing:

- a) Racing is conducted in accordance with the RYA racing charter to promote fair and enjoyable racing for all.
- b) All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017/2020 published by World Sailing; SCRA Regulations except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.
- c) The international Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCS) apply when a boat sailing under racing rules meets a vessel that is not. If she fails to comply with this obligation she may be protested and penalised.

The Club draws attention of members to Rule 9 of the International Regulations Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS 1972), in respect of operation of vessels operating in Narrow Channels.

- d) All entrants are required to sign on in the Jubilee Sailing Centre before starting. Failure to do so may cause them to be classified as DNS. They must notify the Race Officer if they retire or fail to complete the course as instructed.
- e) Entrants from other RYA-affiliated sailing clubs are welcome but must obtain the approval of the Race Officer before entering a race and complete the conditions of Entry Form and the sign on form at the Jubilee Sailing Centre.
- f) The Race Officer may brief the competitors and patrol boat crews prior to the commencement of racing and or the regatta where possible; highlighting the course to be sailed and the sailing area it is to be sailed in.
- g) All competitors must wear personal buoyancy at all times when racing, except when changing personal clothing or personal equipment. An adequate flotation device is a life-jacket or buoyancy aid to a minimum of 50 Newton EN393/ISO12402-5, or 100 Newton for weak swimmers or non-swimmers. (This adds to RRS 1.2, Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification without hearing. Flag "Y" will not be displayed, this changes RRS 40.)
- h) Any collision with a moored boat must be notified to the owner and to the Race Officer without delay.
- i) Spinnakers shall not be used inside the harbour.

5. Racing Notices:

- a) Dinghies will race in three fleets, Fast Handicap (PY over 950 and under 1200), Slow Handicap (PY 1200 and over) and Scows. The Start time shown in the programme above is that of the first race.
- b) Courses for all three fleets will be set inside the harbour.
- c) Notice of alterations or supplements to the racing instructions will be indicated by International Code Flag "L" being flown from the Race Box or Committee Boat. The additional instructions will be posted on the official Notice Board which is located at the Race Box or, in case of a Committee Boat start, may be given orally by loudhailer. In addition a board may be used.
- d) The following Class Boards/Class Flags will be used to identify racing groups.
 - Fast Handicap: Numeral Pennant 3
 - Slow Handicap: Numeral Pennant 4
 - Scows: Numeral Pennant 7

6. Courses and Course Signals:

The racing area is shown on the chartlet within these instructions.

- a) The course to be sailed, consisting of fixed and movable inflatable buoys will be displayed by letters, numbers and symbols as listed in these instructions. This will be displayed on the frame above the Race Box or on the Committee boat no later than at the Preparatory Signal.
- b) A Green background indicates a mark to be left to Starboard; a Red background indicates a mark to be left to Port.

- c) The sequence of marks indicates the order in which the course is to be sailed. When inflatable marks are to be used their approximate position will be indicated on the board at the Race Box
- d) Channel buoys may be used, in which case the number shown will correspond with the buoy number.

7. Number of Rounds:

- a) When a race requires the course, or part of the course, to be sailed more than once, a black board with white diamonds will be displayed in the course sequence. The number of diamonds on the board indicates the number of times that the sequence preceding it shall be sailed before continuing with the remainder of the course.
- b) If a black and orange chequered board is displayed in the course sequence, the mark(s) of the course preceding it shall be sailed before continuing to the marks and number of rounds displayed thereafter.

8. Shorten Course and Course Changes:

- a) These will be indicated by the display of International Code Flag “S” or “C”, with appropriate sound signals and new course displayed, or where necessary, by verbal instructions of the Race Officer relayed by the Coxswain of the Patrol Boat.

9. Starting Signals:

For both Harbour Line and Committee Boat Starts, starting Signals will conform to RRS 26. The Harbour Line Starting System is further modified by using lights instead of flags as follows.

Class	Warning Signal (-5)	Preparatory Signal (-4)	One Minute (-1)	Start
Fast Handicap	Red light On	Orange light On	Green light On	Lights Off
Slow handicap	Red light On	Orange light On	Green light On	Lights Off
Scows	Red light On	Orange light On	Green light On	Lights Off

10. Recalls:

- a) Individual boats over the line at the start of a race will be recalled by a second sound signal. For Starts from the Race Box, a solid red and a flashing green light will show until such boats are wholly returned to the pre-start side of the line. (This varies RRS 29.1).
- b) Where a number of unidentified premature starters are involved, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, a General Recall will be signalled by two sound signals and all lights will be left illuminated. The Warning Signal for a new start for the recalled class will be made; one minute after this the start sequence will begin again.

11. Starting and Finishing Lines:

Harbour Line:

- a) The Starting and Finishing Line is the extension of a line through the Red and White Post on the Race Box and the Black and White Post situated on the foreshore in front of it, which also serves as the Inner Limit. The Outer Limit is a Black and White Post situated 500 feet (152m) North of the Race Box.

Committee Boat Line

- a) The Starting and Finishing Line is an imaginary line connecting the orange rectangular flag on the Committee Boat, and an adjacent nominated Navigation Buoy, Racing Mark or Inflatable Mark which serves as the Outer Limit. A small buoy - the Inner Limit - may also be laid, not necessarily on the line, approximately 10 yards from the Committee Boat. For the purpose of RRS 31.1 the Outer Limit, Inner Limit and Committee Boat are Marks of the Starting Line.

b) The Committee Boat will normally fly a blue flag to indicate it is in position for the finish.

Only those boats in their start sequence may be in the immediate vicinity of the start line prior to the commencement of the race

Boats must cross the Starting Line in the direction of the first Racing Mark and must finish from the direction of the last Racing Mark.

12. Time Limit:

The time limit will be 20 minutes after the first boat in the class has finished. Points will only be awarded for those boats finishing in the time limit.

13. Penalty System:

The penalty specified under RRS 44.1 (touching a mark – 1 turn) shall apply. The penalty under RRS 44.1 (breaking Part 2 rule) shall also be 1 turn.

14. Protests:

An informal protest hearing may be heard in order to encourage competitors to lodge protests when they might not normally do so. The parties to the protest must first agree to the Informal Meeting, otherwise a formal hearing will take place as per RRS Part 5 Sections A & B.

Protesters should lodge their intention with the Race Officer as soon as possible after the incident. The time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat finishes the race.

The full procedure for the informal hearing is posted in the Race Box and in the Racing Results folder, situated in the Jubilee Centre.

15. Scoring:

a) Scoring for the series will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A4.1 as modified by Appendix A9 using the Low Point System. Ties will be broken by RRS Appendix A8. Entrants may only compete in one class of boat in the series. Entrants may sail different derivatives of a class but shall use the LOWEST PY number for the entirety of the series.

b) Entrants who carry out Race Management duties, or represent BHYC in a programmed sailing match in lieu of racing in a series, may be awarded the average points as compensation, calculated from the mean of the results for races they have actually sailed in the series. It is the duty of the entrant to notify the Race Officer that they wish to claim “average points” by signing the race entry form with the boat class and sail number noted.

c) A minimum of two entrants must sign on to constitute a race. Where only one entrant signs on for a race they may be awarded “average points” for that race by the Race Officer who must complete a results form and annotate it accordingly.

d) The number of races to count in the series will be as follows:

Races sailed: N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	etc
No. to count: N/2 raised to next highest whole number	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	etc

16. Double Race Scoring

Two races are scheduled on each day and will be scored separately.

17. Handicaps

Handicaps will be assigned in accordance with the following order of precedence:

1. BHYC PY 2019 As decided by the Race Committee (available on the Web Site)
2. RYA Portsmouth Yardstick List for 2019
3. Class Association Portsmouth Yardstick numbers
4. Boat Suppliers' Portsmouth Yardstick number

18. Support Boats:



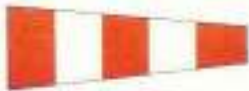









No assistance will be given after the Preparatory Signal of the class starting except for Novices & inexperienced Cadets where help with navigation, and sail trimming will be offered for those requesting it. This varies RRS 41.

19. Declarations, Retirements and Results:

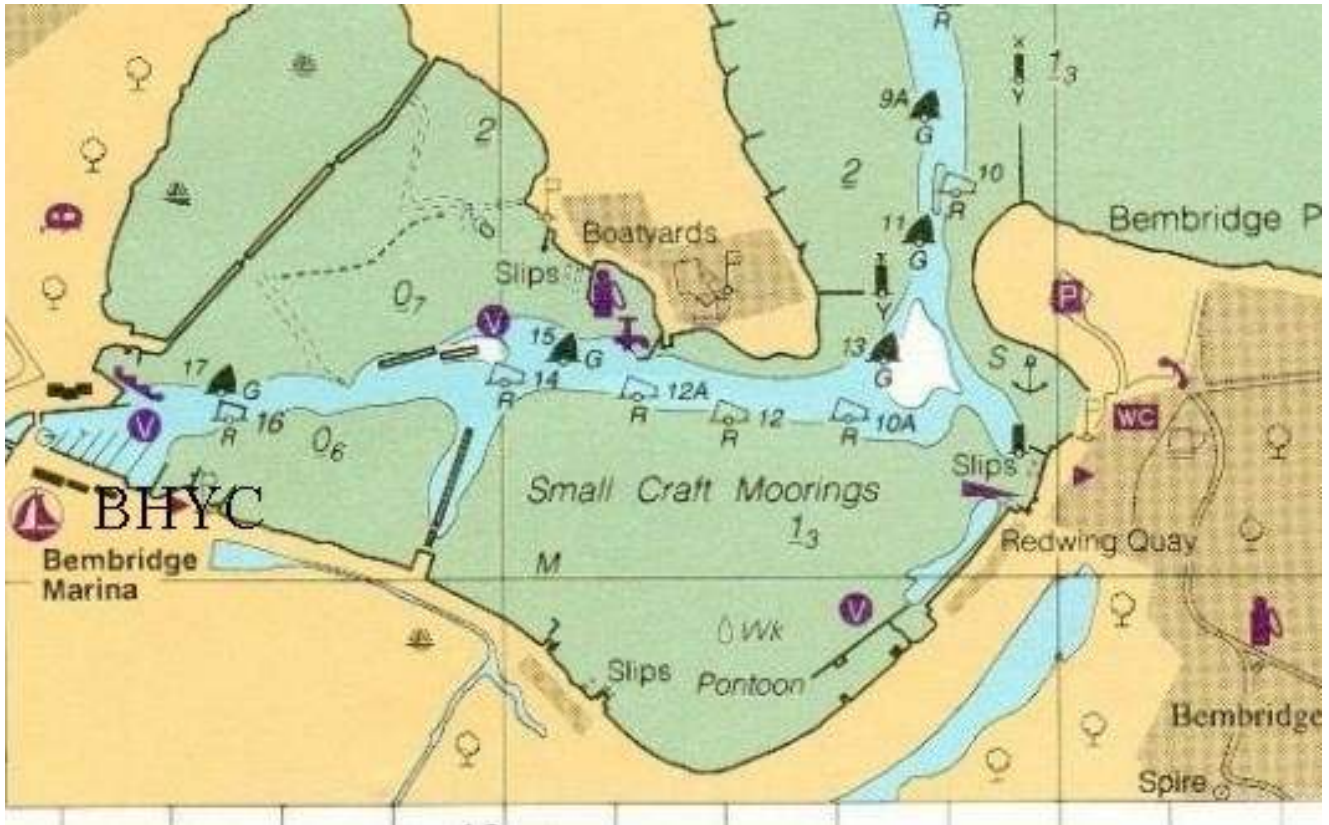
- a) Any boat which crosses the Finishing Line and does not signify that it has retired shall be deemed to have completed the race in accordance with the sailing instructions.
- b) Entrants retiring from a race shall inform the Race Officer at the earliest opportunity.
- c) Results will be posted on the notice board in the Club foyer by the Race Officer as soon as practical after racing finishes. The series results will be posted on the BHYC web site as the series progresses and on the Club notice board upon completion of the series.
- d) Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Minimum number of qualifiers in series	Two	Four	Six or more
Prizes awarded	First only	First and Second	First, Second and Third

Flags & Signals (see RRS for full list)

		
Sail all marks shown before this board then the remainder of course.	Numeral Pennant No. 3 Fast Handicap	Postponement
		
General Recall	Change of Course	Shorten Course
		
Preparatory Signal	Racing Abandoned	Refer to Notice board
		
Individual Recall	Numeral Pennant 7 Scows	Numeral Pennant No.4 Slow Handicap

Bembridge Harbour Chartlet



Notes: Channel buoys within the Harbour may be used, in which case, the number shown will correspond with the buoy number.