



Sailing Instructions
HARWOODS FANDANGO
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Royal Solent Yacht Club
Yarmouth Isle of Wight



FANDANGO CHARITY FUN RACE

Wednesday 7th August 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

HW YARMOUTH 1425 BST 2.9M

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The organising authority is the Royal Solent Yacht Club.

2. RULES

2.1 The Fandango Fun Race will be governed by the rules as defined in the racing rules as between sailing vessels, the Collision Regulations AND THESE Sailing Instructions.

All funds raised to be donated to the charity Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust. Sailing vessels, motorboats & RIBs may enter the race.

3. ENTRY FEE

3.1 A completed Entry Form together with the **£10 entry fee**, shall be received by the Sailing Office prior to the race, or given in at the Briefing.

3.2 A **BIGGER ENTRY FEE** will be rewarded with more points.

Once the size of the entry fee has become outrageous, and therefore vulgar, points will be deducted from such an entry.

4. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the Royal Solent Yacht Club ("RSYC").

4.2 There will be a briefing on race day at **RSYC at 1700** at which a representative from each competing boat shall attend.

4.3 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee by radio on Channel 72 as soon as possible.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the RSYC sailing notice board before 1700 on race day.

Changes will also be announced at the briefing.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 When flag Y is displayed ashore, RRS40 applies at all times while afloat (wearing of Lifejackets)

7. RACE FLAG

7.1 The Race Flag for the day will be either an original yellow **Harwoods carrier bag**, or make your own **Harwoods designed flag**. Boats not flying a Race Flag will have points deducted.

8. REVS

8.1 Powered craft must start the course and continue the course at **exactly the same RPM**. To be noted on the Declaration Form. Buckets used as brakes are permitted – if purchased at Harwoods.

9. MARKS

9.1 The marks used will be from the RSYC Western Solent Chart.

10. THE COURSE

10.1 The course will be **announced at the briefing** and will be repeated over the VHF radio channel 72 prior to the start sequence.

10.2 After the start **TWO** sound signals and a display of bunting from a Race Committee vessel will signal that the **course is reversed**.

All boats may then turn and proceed on the return leg of the race, heading to the finishing line leaving all marks on the opposite hand to the outward leg, irrespective of their position.

Boats must not turn before the signal.

The **SIGNAL** will also be broadcast on VHF Channel 72.

10.3 To qualify, every boat must have passed the first (qualifying) mark of the course on their outward leg.

11. THE STARTS

11.1 The race will be started in accordance with RRS26, with the warning signal 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 All competitors will start at the same time.

11.3 Start line will be **Grants** usual club line.

11.4 The start **will be at 1800**.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be from the Club Balcony (blue flag) to No 9 buoy.

13. TIME LIMITS

13.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish shall be “when the Race Committee has had enough and the bar is open”. Or dusk, whichever is the sooner.

14. DISQUALIFICATION

- 14.1 The Committee will disqualify any boat, which, in their opinion is not sailed to its best advantage at all times throughout the duration of the race. Such conduct **SHALL NOT BE THE SUBJECT OF PROTEST** by any other competitor.

15. RISK STATEMENT & INSURANCE

- 15.1 As per Royal Solent Yacht Club Standard Sailing Instructions 2024.

16. SCORING SYSTEM

- 16.1 Points will be awarded on the outward leg as they pass each mark as follows
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| First Mark | 6 points |
| Second Mark | 7 points |
| Third Mark | 8 points |
| Fourth Mark | 9 points |
| Fifth Mark | 10 points |
| Sixth Mark | 12 points |
- 16.2 A boat reaching the sixth mark before the sound signal described in SI10.2 above, will receive a deduction of 20 points and then, reversing the order of the course, will round the sixth mark and sail back round the course to the finishing line, leaving all marks on the opposite hand to the outward leg.
- 16.3 Points will be awarded for the size of the entry fee at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 16.4 Points will be awarded for **FANCY DRESS** at the discretion of the Race Committee starting at the briefing and also at the declaration to the Race Committee based in the bar at the RSYC.
- 16.5 **CHARITABLE CASH BRIBES** passed in (**preferably Harwoods**) carrier **bags** will receive extra points at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 16.6 The Committee's decision as to the allocation of points shall be final.
- 16.7 A record will be taken at each of the marks of the yachts seen to pass that mark. The onus shall be on the competitor to satisfy the Race Committee that they did pass each mark.
- 16.8 At the finishing line the leading boat will score further points for as many boats AS STARTED the race and the second boat one less and so on.
- 16.9 After the turning signal, if they wish, boats may sail on to round the next mark of the course and score additional points prior to returning to the finish line.
- 16.10 No points will be awarded for a disqualification or retirement.