



SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB

INSHORE DIVISION FUN RACE

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Saturday 15 August 2026 – SYC Hollywell

These short Sailing Instructions apply to the Inshore Division Fun Race only. This is a social, non-championship event. Where anything is not covered below, the current SYC Inshore Division Sailing Instructions and the Racing Rules of Sailing apply. The Race Officer has full discretion to vary any of the below on the day to suit conditions, safety and the number of boats.

1. RULES

The event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 and the SYC Sailing Policy. COLREGS apply at all times when interacting with non-participating vessels.

2. BRIEFING

A short skippers' and crew briefing will be held at the SYC Hollywell clubhouse at 1130hrs. The final schedule, course and any changes will be confirmed at the briefing.

3. SCHEDULE AND FORMAT

The first warning signal will be made not before 1200hrs. A short series of two-sail windward/leeward races (approximately 15 to 20 minutes each) will follow. The number of races, subsequent start times and course will be decided by the Race Officer on the day to suit the wind and the fleet. Racing is intended to finish in time to be off the water by mid-afternoon.

4. RACING AREA AND COURSE

Racing will be held on the Broadwater in the vicinity of Hollywell (the Race Officer may use the Deep Hole area or an alternative to suit conditions). Simple courses will be used and confirmed at the briefing or by the Race Officer on the water.

5. THE START

Races will be started under RRS 26 (or a simple procedure advised at the briefing). Unless otherwise advised, the starting line is between the SYC Hollywell Tower, or an official boat, displaying an orange flag and the course side of the starting mark.

6. SIGN ON AND SAFETY

All helms shall sign on via VHF Channel 09 before their start, advising boat name, sail number and persons on board (POB). Any boat retiring shall notify the Race Committee on VHF Ch 09 as soon as possible, including POB. Each boat is responsible for the safety and adequate equipment of its own crew.

7. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe). In the spirit of the day, sailors are encouraged to take a simple turn to exonerate any minor incident rather than protest.

8. CHANGES ON THE DAY

As a fun event, the Race Officer and volunteers may adjust start times, the number of races, the course, the racing area, or shorten or abandon racing at any time to suit conditions, safety or fleet numbers. Such decisions are part of running a relaxed, weather-dependent day and are made in the interests of everyone's enjoyment and safety.

9. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 applies: the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race, or to continue racing, is hers alone. All participants take part at their own risk.

Have a great day on the water!