



**ORGANISING AUTHORITY:
ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON**
in association with the
BRITISH CLASSIC YACHT CLUB
17 - 24 JULY 2021
COWES

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Class Rules as appropriate.
- 1.3 The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) for Category 4 will apply except as modified below or by Class Rules for all IRC, Level Rating and Cruiser Classes. [DP]
- 1.4 Parts A, B and C of the IRC Rules shall apply. [DP]
- 1.5 IRC Rule 21.1.5(d) will apply but is amended to permit sail changes for the Nab Tower Race (Sponsored by Spirit Yachts).
- 1.6 Yachts unable to comply with IRC 14.1 or RRS77 must inform the Organising Authority who may, in exceptional circumstances, permit the display of a sail number dodger with numerals and suffix letters at least 375mm high for yachts of 8.5m or greater LOA, and at least 300mm high for yachts less than 8.5m LOA as an alternative. The dodger does not need to include national letters. Alternatively, equivalent sized sail numbers with suffix letters may be displayed on both sides of the hull in such a way as to be visible to the race committee at the start and finish. [DP]
- 1.7 Anchors shall not be carried on deck such that they protrude forward of the bow. [DP]
- 1.8 World Sailing OSR 3.09.1, 3.09.2, 3.09.4 (cockpit self-draining capability, watertight integrity and cockpit sole above LWL) and 3.14 (pulpits stanchions and lifelines) shall not apply.
- 1.9 Notices to Mariners for the Ports of [Southampton](#), [Portsmouth](#) and [Cowes](#). [DP]
- 1.10 All crews are required to follow all the latest Covid-19 guidance from NHS England and the Government. [DP]

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) made ashore will be posted by 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 Changes to a Sailing Instruction may be made on the water using VHF Ch 05 to communicate with competitors.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB).
- 3.2 The ONB will be online at www.rys.org.uk. There is no physical ONB.
- 3.3 The Race Office is downstairs in the Event Centre at Cowes Yacht Haven.
- 3.4 The Race Committee intends to carry out a competitor briefing each race day on VHF Ch 05 at times shown in the Schedule in Addendum A of these SIs.
- 3.5 Competitors wishing to communicate with the Race Committee should do so on VHF Ch 77.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 Competitors and support persons shall handle or place any equipment or advertising provided by the organising authority with care, seamanship and in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS) main flagstaff and at the yardarm of the RYS Lodge Flagstaff.
- 5.2 Flag 'AP' over 'AP' with two sound signals means all racing is postponed and crews are advised not to go afloat. The first warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after the removal of AP over AP, at a time that will be announced on VHF Channel 05. The removal of this signal with one sound signal may be followed by a single 'AP'. This adds to RRS 27.3 and Race Signals.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The intended racing programme is shown in the table in Addendum A of these SIs. All times are UT plus 1 hour (British Summer Time).
- 6.2 The Race Committee may alter the schedule of races to cater for adverse weather conditions.
- 6.3 For classes not wishing to race in The Nab Tower Race (Sponsored by Spirit Yachts), an alternative around the cans race will be scheduled, but will not count in the overall points scores.
- 6.4 Skippers' Briefings will take place in the BCYC Lounge at times shown on the Race Schedule. The skipper and/or the navigator from each yacht shall attend. [DP]

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- 6.5 The Race Committee intends to transmit a time check 30 minutes before the first scheduled warning signal of the day on VHF Channel 05. This will be followed by direction of start and other Race Committee intentions.
- 6.6 Class splits for classes one, two, three and four will be available at registration.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Class Flags as shown overleaf shall be flown from the backstay at all times while racing. Boats without backstays shall display their class flag in a prominent position similar to the above. *[DP]*

6 m Class	International 6 Metre Class	NN 2 
Class 1	Modern Classic Yachts	NP 1 
Class 2	Classic Yachts	NP 2 
Class 3	Classic Yachts	NP 3 
Class 4	Classic Yachts	NP 4 

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The Racing Area shall be the waters of the Solent and Approaches. A racing chartlet will be provided for information purposes at registration. This should not be used for navigation.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed will be announced by the Race Committee (call sign: Castle One) on VHF Channel 05 before the Warning Signal and again as soon as possible after the Preparatory Signal. There will be no visual course boards.
- 9.2 A boat shall avoid passing through the Royal Yacht Squadron Finishing Line unless she is starting or finishing on that Line. *[DP]*

10. MARKS

- 10.1 The Race Committee intends to set courses in the Solent using fixed navigation buoys, racing marks and inflatable buoys using the Solent Two Character Codes. See more details in the racing chartlet supplied at registration.
- 10.2 The Race Committee may also use Virtual Marks if required.
- 10.3 World Sailing RRS Appendix WP (Rules for racing around waypoints) will apply if virtual marks are included in courses. Further information may be found at: (<http://www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/experimental-rules.php>).

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 All boats shall comply with Associated British Ports [Notice to Mariners No 09 of 2021](#) giving details of a Precautionary Area and Moving Prohibited Zone (MPZ). The MPZ shall rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 19 and 20. See Addendum C.
- 11.2 Yachts, in whatever direction they are racing, shall not pass: *[DP]*
- North of the barrier off Durns Point east of Lymington
 - North of Horse Sand Fort.
 - South of No Man's Land Fort.
 - South of Cowes breakwater.
- 11.3 Yachts shall not anchor or kedge in the Cowes Harbour fairway or within the area denoting power cables and gas pipes between Stone Point and Gurnard Bay, as shown on Admiralty Chart 2040, or within the mining ground area north east of Ryde Sand. *[DP]*
- 11.4 Protests for infringements of ABP and CHC Byelaws, General Directions and Notices to Mariners may only be brought by the Race Committee or Protest Committee who may initiate a protest as the result of a report from a yacht, the vessel affected, or one made by either ABP or CHC staff. This changes RRS 60. *[DP]*

12. THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal made 5 minutes before the Starting Signal.

Time	Event	Signal
Start minus 5 minutes	Warning Signal	One gun. Class flag displayed
Start minus 4 minutes	Preparatory Signal	One gun. Preparatory flag displayed
Start minus 1 minute	One Minute Signal	Long horn sound. Preparatory flag removed
Start	Class START	One Gun. Class flag removed

- 12.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line during the **two minutes** before her starting signal and she is identified, the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF CH 05. Failure to make a broadcast or time it accurately will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF CH 05 after Flag X has been displayed, but not sooner than 30 seconds after the start. Delay or failure to do so is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.5 All classes shall start on the RYS Start Line unless otherwise directed by the Race Committee not later than one hour before the start of that race.




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12.6 The starting order will be as follows but is also subject to SI 12.14.

(a) When Classes 1-4 have individual class starts (as shown in the schedule of races):

Start	Class	Class Flag	Time
1	6mR		Start
2	One		Start + 10mins
3	Two		Start + 20mins
4	Three		Start + 30mins
5	Four		Start + 40mins

(b) When Classes 1-4 have a fleet start (as shown in the schedule of races):

Start	Class	Class Flag	Time
1	6mR		Start
2	One, Two, Three, Four.		Start + 10mins

12.7 The RYS starting line consists of an **inner line**, an **outer line** or a **combined line** and will be announced with the course.

12.8 The RYS Start Line is formed by bringing the RYS Main Flagstaff into line with the white line on the orange diamond on the Castle, on a bearing of approximately 346°(T) from the RYS Flagstaff and limited by limit marks.

12.9 Vertical light beams are installed to help identify the starting line transit. The intensity of the light beams intensifies as the transit is approached and at the approximate point of transit, the flagstaff momentarily obscures the lower rear light. These lights are a navigational aid only and do not constitute the starting line, nor will a start be postponed because of any failure of the lighting equipment.

12.10 Start Line descriptions.

(a) For classes starting on the **RYS Outer Line** the limit marks are **Williams Shipping Buoy** to the north and **'Alpha'**, to the south.

(b) For classes starting on the **RYS Inner Line** the limit marks are **'Alpha'** to the north and the **IDM** to the south.

(c) For classes starting on the **Combined Line** the limit marks are **Williams Shipping Buoy** to the north and the **IDM** to the south.

12.11 The limit marks, all of which rank as starting marks and may not be precisely on the transit, are:

(a) **'Alpha'** (a large Orange Inflatable mark approximately 500m to the north of the RYS Flagstaff)

(b) **Inner Distance Mark (IDM)** (a large Orange Inflatable mark approximately 80m to the north of the RYS Flagstaff)

(c) **Williams Shipping Buoy** (a yellow spherical racing buoy in approximate position 50° 47.20 N, 001° 18.55 W)

12.12 Direction of start:

(a) The Race Committee will announce the intended direction of start not less than fifteen minutes before the start of each race. A signal displayed at the RYS Lodge Flagstaff will also indicate the direction of the start. A red flag indicates starting to the East. A green flag indicates starting to the West.

(b) After a postponement this signal may be changed to reverse the direction of subsequent starts. Any such announcement will also be made on VHF Channel 05.

12.13 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

12.14 Classes will normally start at **ten-minute** intervals. The starting signal for one class will be followed five minutes later by the warning signal for the next class to start. However, in the event of a long postponement or other reason, the Race Committee may reduce this to a five-minute sequence so that the start of one class will be the warning signal of the next class. Any change to the ten-minute sequence will be announced on VHF CH 05.

12.15 The Race Committee intends to announce a start sequence countdown for each start on VHF Channel 05 accompanied by sound signals and signal flags displayed from the RYS flagstaff.

12.16 A yacht starting later than twenty minutes after her valid starting signal shall inform the Protest Committee in writing, as soon as practicable after finishing, including the full circumstances and reasons for the late start. The Protest Committee may apply a penalty. This SI will not be grounds for protest by another yacht. This changes RRS 60.1. [DP]

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 Does not apply.

14. THE FINISH

14.1 Unless shortened in accordance with RRS, yachts shall finish on the Royal Yacht Squadron Finishing Line.

14.2 The Royal Yacht Squadron Finishing Line will be between the RYS main flagstaff and 'Alpha' a large Orange Inflatable buoy approximately 500m north of the RYS Main Flagstaff.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing or that has broken RRS 31 shall take a **Scoring Penalty** instead of a One or Two Turns Penalty. The Scoring Penalty will be to add 2% of her elapsed time to her elapsed time, rounding the increased time to the nearest second. For example, the value 23.5 gets rounded to 24. This changes RRS 44.3.

15.2 A yacht that takes a scoring 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 inform the Race Committee on VHF Channel 77 that she is taking the penalty.

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- 15.3 A yacht that takes a penalty will not be penalised further with respect to the same incident unless she failed to retire when the RRS required her to do so.
- 15.4 A yacht will not be scored as having finished outside a time limit solely by the application of a Time Penalty.
- 15.5 Prior to a hearing, and provided that she did not cause injury or serious damage or gain a significant advantage, a yacht that did not comply with SI 15.1 may acknowledge the infringement by accepting a time penalty of 3%.

16. TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The following time limits will apply to each class, with the exception of the Nab Tower Race (Sponsored by Spirit Yachts), which will be 2000 for all classes and Long Inshore Race which will be 1800 for all classes.
- (a) Mark 1 Time Limit. The time limit for the first boat in each class to pass Mark 1 is 60 minutes.
- (b) Race Time Limit. The time limit for the first boat in each class to sail the course and finish is 210 minutes.
- (c) Finishing Window. The time limit for boats to finish in each class after the first boat in that class sails the course and finishes is 60 minutes.
- 16.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, or if no boat has finished within the Race Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 16.3 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 16.4 The Race Committee may, in exceptional circumstances, extend the Race Time Limit or Finishing Window by a maximum of 60 minutes and this will be announced on VHF Ch 05. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The protest limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 17.2 Hearing forms will be available at the Race Office. Protest and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Office within the protest time limit. Contact mobile phone numbers should be included on the protest form.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of the hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room located at the CYH.
- 17.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 RRS Low Points Scoring system will apply.
- 18.2 Finishing places in all races will be determined using Spinlock IRC TCCs except that the 6m Class will race level.
- 18.3 An overall points series will be run for each class.
- 18.4 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 18.5 If five (5) or more races are completed in a series, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.6 If fewer than five (5) races are completed in a series, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible on VHF CH 77 or by hailing an official regatta support boat or rib.
- 19.2 For safety reasons, yachts may run their engines in neutral at any time during the race. Engines may be put into gear and thrusters may be used at any time during the race for a yacht to take action in order to avoid collision. *[DP]*
- 19.3 A yacht that puts her engine in gear or uses her thruster at any time while racing shall submit a written declaration of "engine use" to the organising authority soon as practical after racing, stating the time the engine was in gear or thruster used, the reason for using it and the duration of use. *[DP]*
- 19.4 The Protest Committee will review all such declarations to determine whether any competitive advantage was gained. *[DP]*

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with IRC Rules, Class Rules and Sailing Instructions.

22. SUPPLIED BOATS

- 22.1 Does not apply.

23. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 23.1 Mark laying vessels will be RYS Ribs.

24. SUPPORT TEAMS

- 24.1 All support vessels shall carry marine VHF radios and comply with RRS 37 'Search and Rescue Instructions'. *[DP]*
- 24.2 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel must stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for each start thereafter until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. *[DP]*

25. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 25.1 Trash disposal is the responsibility of each boat.

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26. BERTHING

- 26.1 Berthing for valid entries has been reserved in Cowes Yacht Haven (CYH) from 1200 Saturday 17 July to 1200 Saturday 24 July inclusive for which there is a separate fee of £28 per metre LOA. All yachts, unless constrained by depth or length, or with the written permission of the Regatta Committee, shall be berthed in CYH.
- 26.2 Yachts with draft over 3.5 metres should contact the regatta office and alternative berthing arrangements will be made.

27. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 27.1 All boats shall be afloat by 1730 the day before the first race. *[DP]*
- 27.2 Boats shall not be hauled out during the Event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. *[DP]*

28. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 28.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event. *[DP]*
- 28.2 Yachts shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event. *[DP]*

29. PRIZES

- 29.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three yachts in each class.
- 29.2 An overall regatta trophy will be awarded to the Class Winner of Classes 1, 2, 3, or 4 that achieves the lowest total points from both Fleet Races sailed (for which purpose neither shall be discarded).
- 29.3 Trophies will be awarded to the overall winners of the Nab Tower Race (Sponsored by Spirit Yachts) and the Long Inshore Race.
- 29.4 One or more prizes will be awarded for the Ladies Race, but it will not be included in the overall points scores.
- 29.5 Awards will be presented at the Regatta Dinner to be held in the Event Centre at Cowes Yacht Haven on Friday 23 July 2021.
- 29.6 Other prizes may be awarded.

30. RISK STATEMENT

- 30.1 Rule 3 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."
- 30.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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 them 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 competitor or 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.

30.3 COVID Statement

- (a) By taking part in any of the events covered by this Sailing Instruction, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the Royal Yacht Squadron COVID-19 on site Covid Safe procedures.
- (b) The penalty for a breach of this rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification. Boats may not protest for breaches of this rule. This changes rule 60.1(a). *(DP)*

31. INSURANCE

All entrants shall be covered by a minimum Third-Party Liability indemnity of £3 million, or equivalent, and declare that such cover will be maintained in full force throughout the event.

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ADDENDUM A

BRITISH CLASSIC WEEK SCHEDULE OF RACES

DATE	PORTSMOUTH HW BST	SKIPPER'S & NAVIGATORS' BRIEFING	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	CLASSES 1 – 4	6M CLASS
Sat 17 July	Registration for all classes at the Race Office (1200 to 1800)				
Sun 18 July	0610 (4.1m) 1850 (4.3m)	0930 CYH Event Marquee	1100	CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE past the Royal Yacht Squadron.	
		0930 CYH Event Marquee	1200	Race 1 Class starts	Race 1 Class start
		1900 RYS platform	Briefing for The Nab Tower Race at the RYS. (Sponsored by Spirit Yachts)		
Mon 19 July	0720 (4.1m) 2000 (4.3m)	See above	0800	Race 2 Fleet start with separate Class Results Nab Tower Race (Sponsored by Spirit Yachts)	Race 2 Class start
			1000	Around The Cans Race Fleet start [For those [classes] electing not to take part in the Nab Tower Race (Sponsored by Spirit Yachts).]	
Tue 20 July	0830 (4.1m) 2100 (4.3m)	0930 CYH Event Marquee	1100	Race 3 Class starts	Race 3 Class start
Wed 21 July	0940 (4.2m) 2200 (4.4m)	0930 CYH Event Marquee	1030	Race 4 Class starts Sponsored by OneSails	Race 4 Class start Sponsored by OneSails
			1430	Ladies Race Fleet start	Race 5 Class start
Thu 22 July	1040 (4.4m) 2300 (4.5m)	0900 CYH Event Marquee	1030	Race 5 Fleet start with separate Class Results Long Inshore Race Sponsored by Classic Boat Magazine	Race 6 Class start
			ASAP		Race 7 Class start
Fri 23 July	1130 (4.5m) 2350 (4.6m)	0930 CYH Event Marquee	1100	Race 6 Class starts	Race 8 Class start

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ADDENDUM B

We have set up an unofficial WhatsApp group for receiving general information from the Race Office. To join the WhatsApp group please use the below QR Code:



Instructions on using QR codes:

- For Apple phones: Please open your camera app and point it at the QR code and then follow the link it displays on your screen.
- For Android phones: Please obtain a barcode scanning app from the Google Play Store such as "Barcode Scanner", open the barcode scanning app and point it at the QR code and then follow the link it displays on your screen.

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ADDENDUM C

**NOTICE TO MARINERS****No 09 of 2021****Port of Southampton – Precautionary Area (Thorn Channel)**

- 1 **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** in support of planning for the forthcoming busy season for all users of The Solent that all vessels navigating within the Port of Southampton shall ensure that a vessel **greater than 220 metres in length overall** shall be given a 'clear channel' in the area between the Hook Buoy and the Prince Consort Buoy (hereinafter referred to as 'The Precautionary Area' - (see Chartlet 1)).
The term 'clear channel' is defined as: 'a clear and unimpeded passage ahead of a vessel when transiting the Precautionary Area'.

The term 'clear channel vessel' is defined as: 'a vessel greater than 220 metres in length overall which requires a clear and unimpeded passage ahead when transiting the Precautionary Area'.

Vessels may enter 'The Precautionary Area' maintaining a safe distance astern of a 'clear channel vessel'.

- 2 Two vessels each having a length **greater than 180 metres length overall** shall not pass or overtake each other between Hook Buoy and a line drawn due south of West Bramble Buoy.
- 3 **Moving Prohibited Zone (MPZ)** (See Chartlet 1)

Southampton Harbour Byelaws 2003 Byelaw No 11 enforces the requirement that all vessels **over 150 metres in length overall** when navigating within 'The Precautionary Area' referred to in this notice are automatically allocated a 'Moving Prohibited Zone' (MPZ). The MPZ is defined as an area extending 1000 metres ahead of the bow and 100 metres from the ship's side on both sides of any vessel of **over 150 metres in length overall** whilst it is navigating within 'The Precautionary Area' (See Chartlet 1).

The master of a **small vessel** (defined in Southampton Harbour Byelaws 2003 Byelaw No 3 as any vessel of less than 20 metres in length or a sailing vessel) shall ensure that the vessel does not enter an MPZ.

For the purpose of indicating the presence of the MPZ the master of any vessel of **over 150 metres length overall** shall display on the vessel, where it can best be seen, by day, a black cylinder, and by night, 3 all round red lights in a vertical line.

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