

Solent Forts Race Weekend - June 3rd & 4th 2023

Race and Venue Information

Now in its eleventh year, the Solent Forts Race is a long-distance open-water event set in the Eastern Solent, with Hayling Island and Portsmouth to the north and the Isle of Wight to the west. It is one of the founding events of the Allen Endurance Series. It is open to monohulls and multihulls that meet the entry criteria.

The event comprises a number of legs radiating out from a gate (like a star) to predefined marks. This format is very flexible and allows the Race Officer to set a course according to the conditions prevailing on the day to give a range of points of sail and a race duration of approximately 5 hours. The entry will be split into 2 fleets based on handicap; the Blue Fleet will sail a shorter course than the Orange Fleet. More details of the event are provided in the attached Notice of Race, and a graphical guide to the marks is available from www.hfsc.org.uk/solent-forts-race/course-details.

This race has a unique 'time out' feature that allows boats to take an optional 30-minute 'pit stop' during the race. This time may be used for a comfort break, for making repairs or for tactical purposes.

This year's Solent Forts Race will take place on Sunday 4th June. There will be a Practice Race on Saturday 3rd June.

The Venue

The venue will be Hayling Ferry Sailing Club (www.hfsc.org.uk), located at the entrance to Langstone Harbour on the south-western corner of Hayling Island. The Club is small and friendly with one of the best locations and sailing areas on the south coast. The Clubhouse is positioned amongst the sand dunes on the southwest corner of Hayling Island, within a Site of Special Scientific Interest. A Google Map with instructions on how to find the Club is available at www.hfsc.org.uk/solent-forts-race/arrival.

All vehicles and trailers must pass through a gate to gain access to the Sailing Club (gate width 3.03m clear, slightly more above the hinges); if this is a problem for you please contact us. The gate code will be emailed to competitors in the week before the event.

We anticipate most arrivals on Saturday, however if you wish to arrive earlier please contact the Club (solentfortsrace@hfsc.org.uk, or call 07887 804291).

Entry, Fees and Inclusive Meal

Entry and payment will be online at www.hfsc.org.uk/solent-forts-race/register. You will be sent a confirmatory email; if you do not receive an email please contact the Club.

There will be a lower price for boats arriving on Sunday (this is intended for local boats sailing around for the event and crews must still attend the race briefing on Sunday).

The entry fee includes ticket(s) to the Club's Band-on-the-Beach event on Saturday night with a live band, a bar and a hot meal¹ (one ticket for single-handed entries, 2 tickets for

¹ Catering facilities are limited at HFSC and meals may not be available for late entries; availability will be confirmed during race registration on Saturday

double-handed entries).

Additional tickets will be available for purchase from the Club on a first-come-first-served basis at a cost of £15.00 each.

Multihulls longer than 21' may be required to stay on a mooring on Saturday night. Please contact the Club for details.

Registration

All competitors arriving on Saturday must register at the Sailing Club on Saturday afternoon.

Please note the requirements for safety equipment (particularly a mobile phone ***which you will need to have with you during registration at the Club***).

Camping, Accommodation and the Local Area

Tents and camper vans are welcome. Please remember to state your camping preference on the entry form so that we can manage this effectively.

Hayling Island is a well-known holiday destination with a beach and various eateries and coffee shops. Portsmouth is a 30 minute drive away and features a wider range of restaurants, outlet shopping (Gunwharf Quays) and lots to see and do including the Spinnaker Tower with stunning views of the area, and Portsmouth Historic Dockyard (home of HMS Victory, HMS Warrior and the Mary Rose). The beautiful Cathedral City of Chichester is half an hour away to the east.

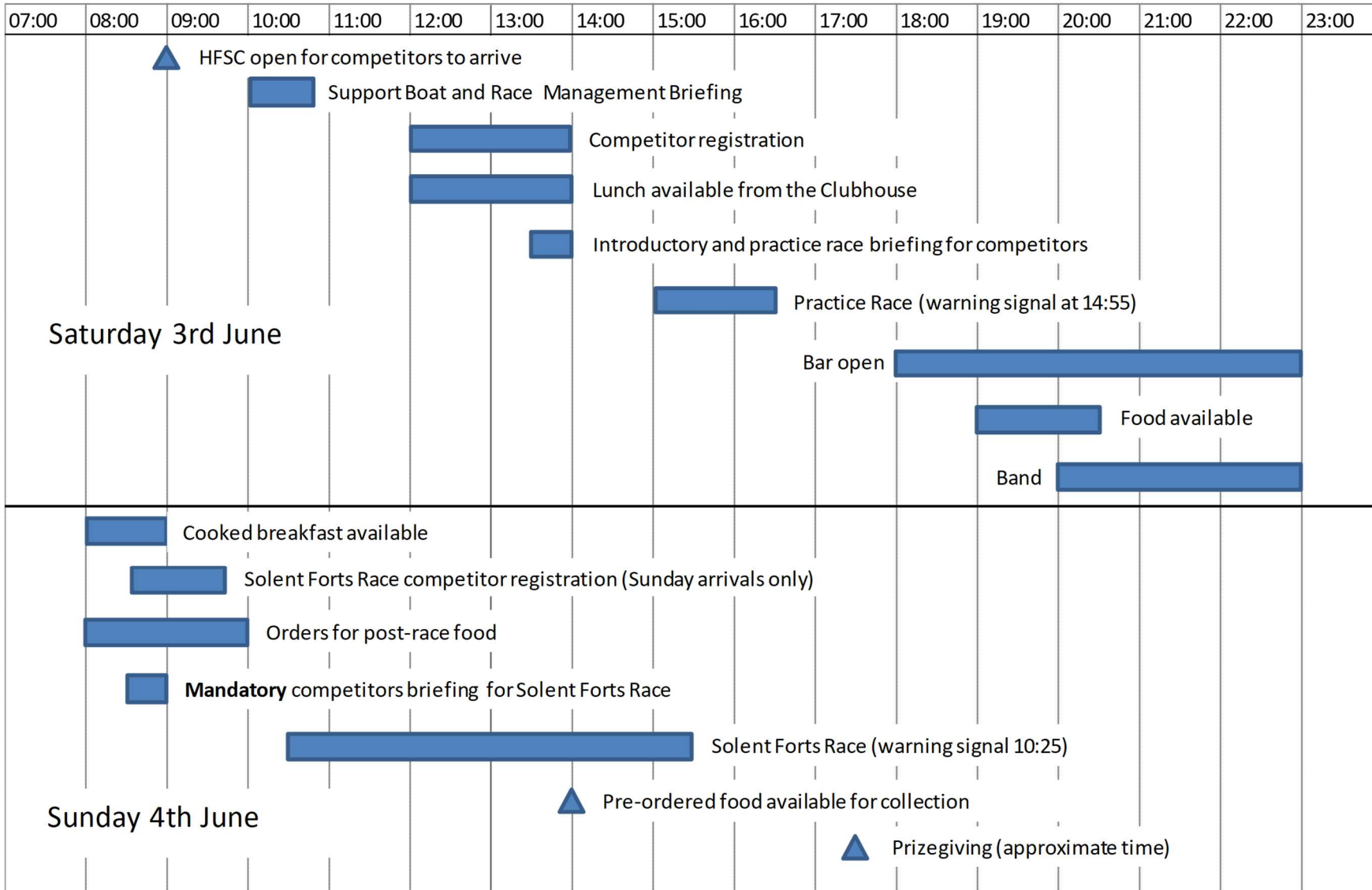
Hayling Island has a large and varied selection of accommodation available including campsites, guest houses and hotels.

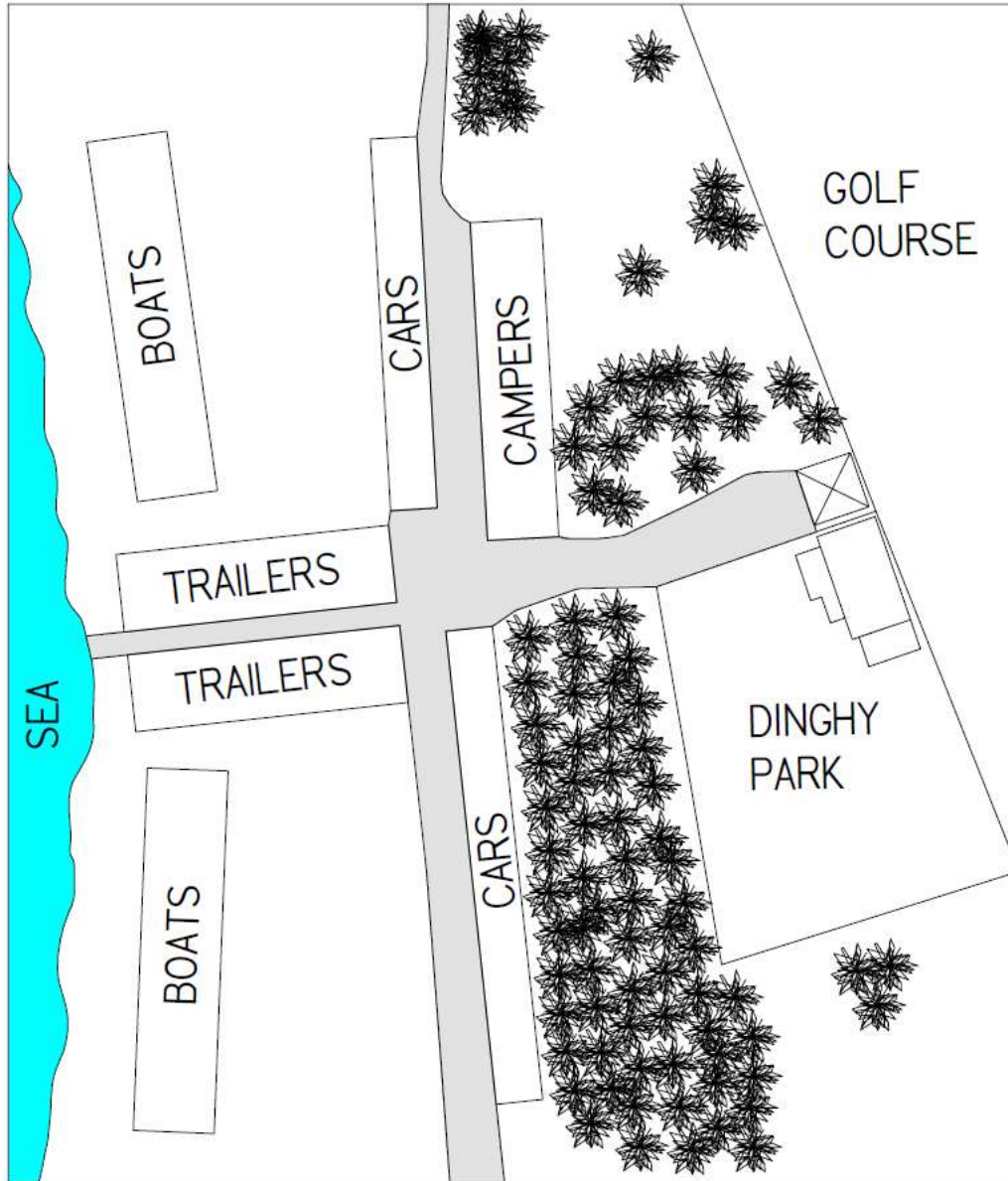
General Catering

Sandwiches and refreshments will be available for purchase on Saturday afternoon, as will breakfast on Sunday morning. Packed lunches will be available to order on Sunday, ready for when you come off the water.

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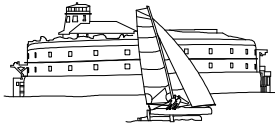


Parking

On arrival, please comply with the directions given by HFSC representatives, unload your boat as quickly as possible and relocate trailers, cars/vans and boats to the locations indicated.

Please keep access routes and the slipway clear.





Solent Forts Race
Sunday June 4th 2023
Hayling Ferry Sailing Club
Hayling Island

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, and the Sailing Instructions for the Solent Forts Race.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The race is open to boats with the following handicaps or faster (faster boat = smaller number). Boats may be single-handed or multi-handed and will sail in the fleet indicated, however fleets may be combined at the discretion of the organizing authority:

Boat type	Highest allowable handicap	Fleet
Catamarans	1.150 (SCHRS)	Orange
	1.410 (SCHRS)	Blue
Monohulls	960 (Portsmouth Yardstick)	

- 3.2 The SCHRS handicap will be established from www.schrs.com.
- 3.3 The conversion factor used to equate catamarans and monohulls will be $SCHRS \times 678 = PY$.
- 3.4 Entries from multihulls rated under other systems may be accepted providing an 'equivalent SCHRS' rating can be established. Acceptance of such entries is at the discretion of the organising authority.
- 3.5 All boats shall be designed to be righted from capsize without outside assistance.
- 3.6 All competitors must be aged 18 or over on the date of the race.
- 3.7 A boat will be eligible to start the race after the following have been completed:
- The correct entry fee has been paid and the entry has been accepted
 - The registration process has been completed correctly at the Sailing Club, including completion of a valid entry form and registration of a mobile phone

3.8 Boats may be required to carry an electronic tracker provided by the organising authority.

3.9 There is a limit on the number of boats that can be accepted for this event.

4 FEES

4.1 Entry and payment will be online at www.hfsc.org.uk/solent-forts-race/register.

4.2 The entry fee will be:

- Single-handed - £60 per boat
- Double-handed - £90 per boat

4.3 The entry fee for boats arriving on Sunday morning will be:

- Single or double-handed - £35 per boat

4.4 A discount applies for HFSC members.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Race Registration will be on Saturday 3rd June from 12:00 until 14:00.

5.2 Boats arriving on Sunday 4th June will be able to register between 08:30 and 09:45. This is intended for those arriving on Sunday morning only and all other competitors are expected to have registered before this.

5.3 The mandatory Competitor's Briefing will commence at 08:30 on Sunday 4th June.

5.4 The Solent Forts Race will not start before 10:00 on Sunday 4th June.

5.5 There will be a Practice Race on Saturday 3rd June, with a briefing and sign-on at 14:00. The warning signal for the Practice Race is expected to be at 14:55.

6 MEASUREMENTS

Each boat shall comply with its class rules.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available from the Solent Forts Race website (www.hfsc.org.uk/solent-forts-race) approximately 2 weeks before the event. A printed copy of the sailing instructions and a waterproof course diagram will be provided to entrants at registration.

8 THE COURSE

8.1 The race will take place in the Eastern Solent around predefined marks as shown in Figure 1. Boats will pass through the Start/Finish Line after rounding every Mark; the course will therefore form a 'star' with the legs of the course radiating out from the Start/Finish Line to the Marks. The course will be set depending on the prevailing wind and sea state, with the intention of providing a variety of sailing conditions and a race of approximately 5 hours duration.

8.2 The Blue Fleet will sail a shorter course than the Orange Fleet.

9 TIME OUT

During the race, a boat may take one 'Time Out' break of up to 30 minutes.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

For all classes rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

12 SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- 12.1 Competitors will be required to wear a wet suit or dry suit plus personal buoyancy at all times when afloat.
- 12.2 At least one mobile phone shall be taken per boat and shall be carried on the person (it may be carried by either the helm or crew). The mobile phone shall comply with the following requirements:
- Waterproof (marked or certified as IP 67 or equivalent) OR kept in a waterproof bag from which it can be operated without being removed from the bag.
 - Connected to a network that has good coverage in the Eastern Solent (such as EE or Vodafone).
- 12.3 Every Competitor shall carry at least one distress signal of a type suitable for locating a person in the water. This shall be carried on their person whilst afloat. Types of distress signal suitable for this purpose include daytime handheld red, handheld orange smoke or multiple-shot aerial type (e.g. Pains Wessex Personal Distress Signal 9 Shot Flare Gun).
- 12.4 The weight of the helm and crew shall be adequate to right the boat from capsize without outside assistance.
- 12.5 All single-handed competitors shall carry a 'rescue' knife on their person whilst afloat.
- 12.6 All boats shall carry the following:
- A righting line.
 - A line of minimum length 10m, and minimum diameter 6mm, suitable for towing the boat. Sheets or other ropes are acceptable for this purpose providing they can be removed easily from the boat (i.e. no spliced attachments or stopper knots that cannot easily be undone).
- 12.7 The following are strongly recommended:
- A second mobile phone for double-handed boats, carried on the person
 - A paddle
 - A compass
 - A rescue knife per person for double-handed boats (mandatory for single handed boats)

13 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact SolentFortsRace@hfsc.org.uk

Contact telephone number (prior to the event) 07887 804291

Figure 1, Marks of the Course

