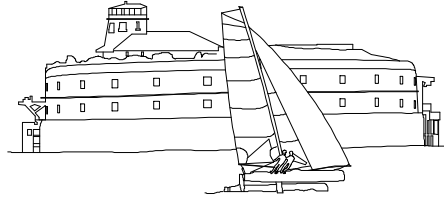


Solent Forts Race

Sunday June 12th 2016



Now in its fifth year, the Solent Forts Race is a long-distance event set in the Eastern Solent, with Hayling Island and Portsmouth to the north and the Isle of Wight to the west. It is open to the following boats:

- Orange fleet - single and double handed catamarans with an SCHRS 2016 rating¹ of 1.133 or faster. This includes M20, Nacra 20, Flying Phantom, F18, F16, Spitfire etc.
- Blue fleet - single and double handed catamarans with an SCHRS 2016 rating of 1.350 or faster. This includes Hobie 16, Dart 16, Dart 18 etc.

The event will comprise 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 giving a range of points of sail and a race duration of approximately 5 hours. 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.

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.

There will also be a Practice Race on Saturday 11th.

Please note that the number of entries that can be accepted for this race is limited.

The first 20 boats registered on the website will receive a 'goody bag' courtesy of our sponsor Harken².

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.

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.

Entry and Payment

To enter, **you must first register** online at <http://www.hfsc.org.uk/solent-forts-race/register>, then complete an entry form and pay the entry fee at the Club after you arrive. Payment may be by cash or electronic transfer (but please note that there is no WiFi at the Club).

¹ Refer to <http://www.schrs.com/ratings.php> for a complete list of SCHRS ratings.

² Sponsor promotional materials will be distributed according to sponsor's guidelines. In the event of a query the Club's decision is final. No cash alternative

There is a discount for entries registered on the website by 7th June, and a lower price for boats arriving on Sunday (this is intended for local boats sailing around for the event; you must still register on the website and must attend the briefing on Sunday).

Access to the Sailing Club is by prior arrangement for non-members so you *MUST* register via the Club's website before the event. It would help with planning if you register earlier rather than later, and of course the later you leave it the less likely you are to get a Harken goody bag.

The entry fee includes entry (for competitors) to the Club's Band-on-the-Beach event on Saturday night, including a hot meal³. Additional tickets for those not competing will be available for purchase from the Club on a first-come-first-served basis; please contact social@hfsc.org.uk to book additional tickets.

A bar will be available at this event.

Camping, Accommodation and the Local Area

There is limited camping at the Sailing Club. Camper vans are welcome.

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, and a new Premier Inn has opened in Havant ('Portsmouth Havant South (Langstone/A27)'). see also:

<http://www.visithavant.co.uk> or <http://www.hayling.co.uk/accommodation>

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.

What's Different to Last Year?

Same format, same great race, same great party on the Saturday night!

Plus we have some items to give away courtesy of our new sponsors Harken and Wildwind.

³ Catering facilities are limited at HFSC and meals may not be available for later entries; availability will be confirmed during race entry on Saturday



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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 organizing authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The race is open to single and double handed catamarans with an SCHRS 2016 rating of:
- 1.133 or faster (Orange Fleet - M20, Nacra 20, Flying Phantom, F18, F16, Spitfire etc.)
 - 1.350 or faster (Blue Fleet - Hobie 16, Dart 16, Dart 18 etc.)
- 3.2 All boats shall be designed to be righted from capsized without outside assistance.
- 3.3 All competitors must be aged 18 or over on the date of the race.
- 3.4 A boat will be eligible to start the race after the following have been completed:
- An entry has been registered via the online registration system at www.hfsc.org.uk, and an email confirmation has been received from HFSC
 - The entry process has been correctly completed at the Sailing Club, including completion of a valid entry form and registration of a mobile phone
 - The correct entry fee has been paid
- 3.5 There is a limit on the number of boats that can be accepted for this event.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee for boats registered on the website by 7th June will be:
- Single-handed - £40 per boat
 - Double-handed - £60 per boat
- 4.2 The entry fee for boats registered on the website after 7th June will be:

- Single-handed - £50 per boat
 - Double-handed - £70 per boat
- 4.3 The entry fee for boats arriving on Sunday morning (whether registered on the website before or after 7th June) will be:
- Single-handed - £30 per boat
 - Double-handed - £40 per boat
- 4.4 A discount applies for HFSC members.
- 4.5 All entry fees will be payable by electronic transfer or in cash during registration at the Sailing Club

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Race Entry will be on Saturday 11th June from 17:00 until 19:00.
- 5.2 By prior arrangement it will also be possible to enter on Sunday 12th June between 08:00 and 09:45. This is intended for those arriving on Sunday morning only and all other competitors are expected to enter on Saturday.
- 5.3 The Competitor's Briefing will commence at 9:00 on Sunday 12th June.
- 5.4 The Solent Forts Race will not start before 10:00 on Sunday 12th June.
- 5.5 There will be a Practice Race on Saturday 11th 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 www.hfsc.org.uk approximately 2 weeks before the event. A printed copy of the sailing instructions and a waterproof course diagram will be provided to entrants.

8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 The race will take place in the Eastern Solent around certain of the marks 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 4, 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 removal from the bag.
 - Connected to a network that has good coverage in the Eastern Solent (such as EE (Orange) 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

