



Shoreham Sailing Club
Club Racing

Before you go afloat

1 Race Team

- The Duty Committee Officer (DCO) will contact all members who have volunteered for duties approximately one week prior to the scheduled race(s)
- As RO it is advised that you know who the race team is prior to the race day: information on DutyMan
- Ensure that you are aware of the starting times as per the racing schedule and aim to arrive at the club at least 2 hours before the advertised start time on Sunday/Mondays and 1 hour on Wednesdays

2 On the day

- Ensure all of the race team has arrived and make contact with the DCO
- If short of race team members, ask around for volunteers and inform the DCO
- Provide a weather forecast for the racers – there are several sites available including: Met Office; XC Weather; WindGuru
- Contact Shoreham Port to check on scheduled shipping movements and advise them of our intentions to race including proposed race area: Channel 14 call sign Shoreham Harbour Radio or telephone 01273 592366
- SSC call sign is Shoreham Sailing Club/Shoreham Race Officer
- Write instructions to the racers on the race notice board in the clubhouse to include: Name of Race Officer, date and series, high tide time, shipping movements, weather forecast, course to be utilised (as per SI's)
- Collect race officer pack from the office – contents include a sign on sheet, race time sheets, pens & pencils, handicap fleet sheet and an aide memoire
- Put the sign on sheet in the club house and complete the race team details
- Contact National Coastwatch who operate a lookout station at Shoreham and advise them of our intentions to race including the proposed race area: Channel 65 call sign Shoreham NCI
- SSC call sign is Shoreham Sailing Club or the call sign of the committee boat

3 Preparing the Committee and Support boats

- Race team will prepare Jaffa and Yellow Peril as the support boats as per instructions to be found on the boats
- Prepare Nab as the committee boat on Sundays and Mondays
- One of the support boats is used as the committee boat on Wednesdays
- Prepare race equipment: marks, anchors and ropes, flags including recall flags on pole, hooter, race pack, race box (burgee, hand held compass, hooter, box clipboard), radios and watch
- Prepare anchors and ropes prior to going afloat
- Each race team boat will carry a hand held radio and operate this on channel P4 – radio checks to be undertaken prior to leaving the club and again when afloat
- In addition, the committee boat will carry a hand held radio on channel 14 to maintain contact with Shoreham Port
- Check conditions prior to launching race team boats – if in doubt that a race can be run safely consult with the DCO

