







# Notes for Race Officers

When setting the course please be aware of the weather forecast and tidal implications. Races should, except for very early and late in the season be around 75 minutes for sailors in the middle of each fleet. Please consult with the Person of the Month if you have any concerns.

Please ensure:

1. all RIBS are fully crewed with personnel over the age of 18yrs, with one person ready to go in the water
2. brief all crews of the dangers and potential problems for the session – make sure you cover critical concerns and how to manage a capsized
3. all RIBS have all the appropriate code flags to shorten courses – this includes the code flags for each start and a means of recording all finishers

Flags		Meaning
S		Finish between boat flying flag S and the adjacent mark – crews need pen, paper and watch to record finishing times for all boats.
F		Pass adjacent mark and proceed to finish line
S & F	Together	Finish at line between Pile 6 / Pile 7
Superfast		Code flag C all boats with handicap less than 1032
Fast		Code Flag D – all boats with handicap between 1033 - 1109
Medium		Code flag E – all boats with handicap between 1110 - 1209
Slow		Code flag B – all boats with handicap 1210 and over

4. allocate each RIB to a fleet or position on the race course to be able to follow a fleet or take responsibility for a part of the course
5. make sure racing finishes before sunset – sunset times are posted in Lobster Clubhouse
6. ensure all RIB crews are prepared to shorten the course
7. RIB crews **do not come ashore** until all sailing boats can be accounted for
8. Report all RIB defects to [defects@warsashsc.org.uk](mailto:defects@warsashsc.org.uk) or to the administrator by telephone on 01489 583575

Please report any RIB defects by emailing [defects@warsashsc.org.uk](mailto:defects@warsashsc.org.uk) or leave an answerphone message on 01489 583575