



# The Haven Combined Clubs Series

## 2024 MERCATOR RACE – SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

1.1 Haven Points Series Sailing Instructions superseded as follows:

- a) Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 Monohulls (with Category 2 life raft) shall apply.
- b) A boat that is on the course side at the start and fails to return and start correctly shall not be scored OCS, but shall have one hour added to her corrected time (changes RRS Appendix A5).

1.2 In the event of a conflict, these Supplementary Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

### 2. AFLOAT RACE OFFICER

An “Afloat Race Officer” will be designated to receive declarations and/or protests, and for co-ordination and communication purposes. Details will be repeated on VHF Channel 72 before the start.

### 3. START, LINE & COURSE

The race is Scheduled to start at 07:00 BST with a single start for all classes.

The start line in Harwich Harbour will be the **Beacon Hill Line as defined in the points series SI's.**

Course A: Medusa (P); S. Cork (P); North East Gunfleet (S); Black Deep (S); Long Sand Head (S);  
Finish Line Binnenstroombank

Course B: The Course will be announced on VHF channel 72 at least 30 minutes prior to the time check signal.

## AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

A yacht shall not enter an area designated as an obstruction.

Obstruction Co-ordinates of Vertices (Latitude/Longitude (WGS84)

TSS – Sunk Traffic Separation Scheme South A – 51 42.09N / 01 43.05E B - 51 42.38N / 01 50.08E  
C - 51 38.17N / 01 43.45E D - 51 38.45N / 01 50.48E

## 4. FINISHING

The finish line is a line extending from the O3 Buoy (Green) to the Binnenstroombank Buoy. Yachts must take their own time when the Binnenstroombank Buoy bears 225°.

Upon finishing in accordance with the definition above, competitors shall record their GPS finishing time indicating BST or GMT as applicable, together with the names of the boats finishing ahead and astern of them if in sight.

## 5. SUNRISE/SUNSET

The times of sunset and sunrise shall be deemed to be as follows:

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024, Sunset 21:54 BST. Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024, Sunrise 0548 BST.**

## 6. DECLARATIONS

A declaration must be made to the Race Officer Afloat by 09.00 BST on the Friday, or within one hour of finishing if later. **This will be by text or the HCCS WhatsApp group.**

## 7. RETIRING

Any yacht retiring MUST report the fact at the earliest possible opportunity to the Afloat Race Officer or to **the Haven Series Chairman (Mobile +44 7792 714492)**

## 8. PROTESTS

Are to be made in writing to the Afloat Race Officer by 09.00 BST on the Friday or within one hour of finishing if later.

## 9. BERTHING FEES

The entry fee for the race includes the first night berthing fees at the destination. **If you intend to stay longer, please inform the harbourmaster on arrival and pay additional fees direct to the North Sea Yacht Club.**

## 10. WARNING

The Oostende port authority is taking strict action against boats infringing port signals and is imposing heavy on-the-spot fines. Competitors should ensure that they enter and leave the harbour only when the signals allow.

Competitors should familiarise themselves with Immigration Procedures in and out of Belgium and fly all appropriate flags.

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