

Return to Racing - Pursuit Racing

Starting Sunday 2nd August 2020

PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY - WE NEED TO ENSURE WE COMPLY WITH ALL ASPECTS IF WE ARE TO BE ALLOWED TO RACE AT HOAC.

General

- HOAC rules and instructions take precedence.
- Pursuit racing allows for staggered starts - please launch at least 10 minutes before your start to ensure a smooth flow of boats and no congestion.
- Please note that pontoons have some cleats painted - these are not to be used to ensure boats remain suitably spaced on the pontoons.
- After the race please be mindful of other boats waiting to come ashore, be patient and wait for a gap to ensure social distancing.
- Once ashore please put your boat away and do not linger or congregate with others.
- Results will be online at www.queensmeadsc.org.uk

Entry

Open to all HOAC & QSC members using own or QSC Boats

Prizes

Best placed Adults & Juniors

Entry Fee

£1.00 Adult £0.50 Junior PER RACE

Pay online via PalPal to <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8pruJ2HgiF>

Funds are to cover cost of prizes with any surplus distributed to RNLI

Registration

We are endeavouring to move to a paperless system to reduce congestion and unnecessary interaction. This will replace the signing on and off sheet (**there will not be a signing on/off sheet**).

HOAC have offered to accept competitor lists from us on Friday each week instead of booking through the HOAC system. (**Note: Avoiding the need to book a slot to gain entry**). To do this you will need to follow the procedures on the **Entry Instructions** below. IMPORTANT - if you do not register through the procedure you will need to book a slot (if available) at HOAC through their website. Please try to use the new system as it helps us and HOAC.

Race Format

This is a distance over time race – the boats that have sailed the greatest distance in the equivalent (adjusted) time will be the winners. Finishing is the order in which boats are on the course at the time the race time expires. The race duration is 60 minutes for the reference boat handicap (assumed to be 1215) – it will be less for faster boats.

There will be SOUND SIGNALS ONLY (no flags)

Starting Procedure

- The first class start will be 5-4-1-0.
- Sound signals only for all starts
- Starts are only made for classes racing – no boats for a class = no start signal.
- Be aware of the classes starting before yours
- Keep clear of the line until it is your turn (i.e. until after the class before you)
- There will be no general recall – all starts will take place at the indicated time.
- If boats are over the line at their start a second sound signal will be made and boats over the line will be hailed if possible, but without guarantee, and must restart.

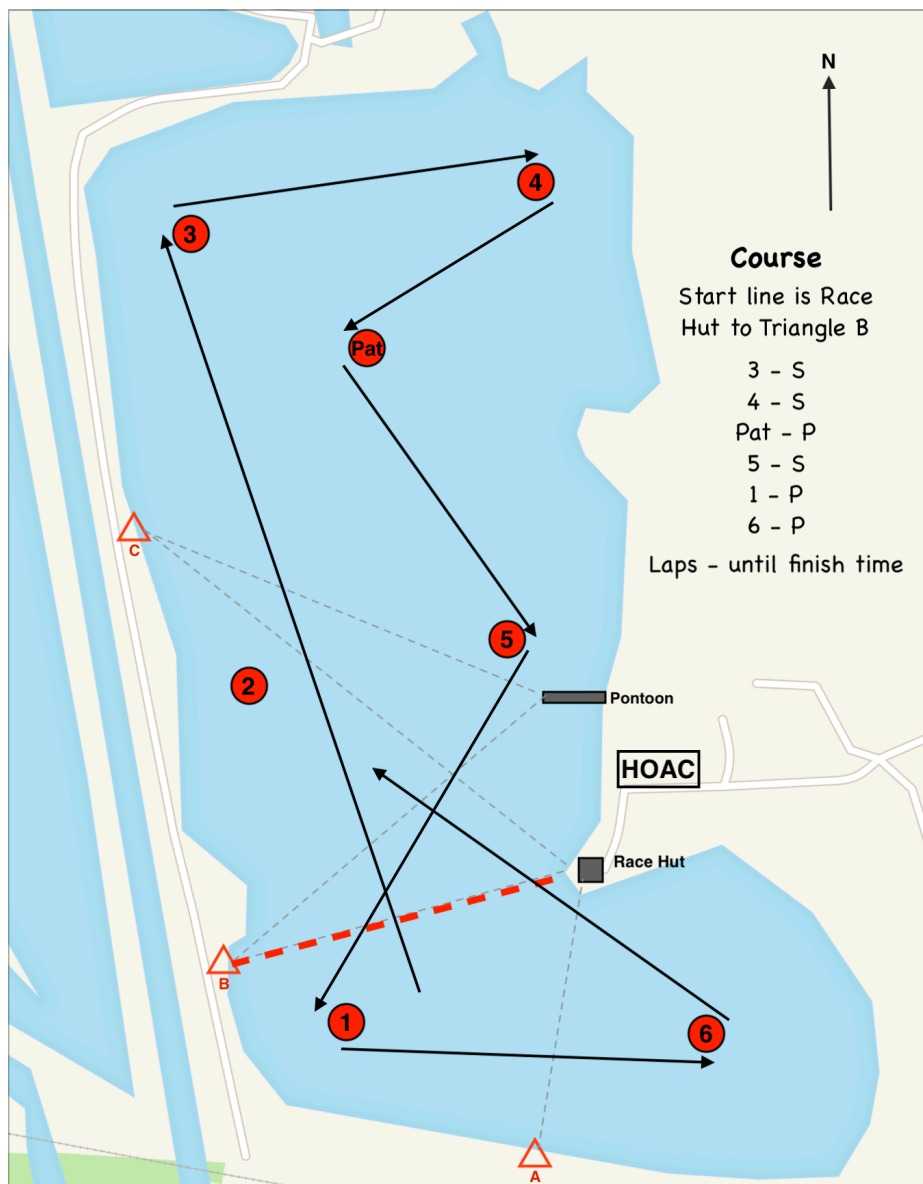
Course

For the time being the course will be the same each week as set out below. If it is decided to change the course, it will be notified on the QSC website and under the Information button on the online race entry form. **(Note: The course will not be on any board.)**

Start is between the Race Hut and Triangle B near the pylon and #1 (marked with a star on the diagram).

Marks are: 3-S, 4-S, Pat-P, 5-S, 1-P, 6-P

Laps continue until the finishing time.



Finishing Procedure

The race officer will determine a suitable finishing line for the lead boat as close as possible at or after the time limit. The Race Officer will endeavour to indicate to the lead boat where the finishing point is for them. Subsequent boats do not need to cross the line to finish – the finish is when the race time has expired.

The intention is to identify the position of each boat at the time limit, but it may be necessary for some or all boats to continue until this is achieved. Please note the boat in front and behind you.

- At 14:25 five sound signals indicating five minutes to the time limit.
- At 14:30 there will be one sound signal
- When the Race Officer has identified the finishing position of all boats there will be three sound signals

Start Times

Tera	13:19
Topper 4.2	13:20
Slipper	13:21
Gull s/h, Pico	13:24
Sunfish, Q'ba, Comet, 4.7	13:30
Lightning	13:32
Laser Radial	13:33
Enterprise	13:35
Laser	13:36
Aero 7	13:37
Unicorn	13:50

Classes not listed will be advised of their start time after registration is received.

Entry Procedure

Please try to use the online registration system - it may be awkward at first but can be improved with experience and use. It should help race organisation and HOAC. A benefit for you is that if you register online by 19:00 on the Friday before each race you will not need to book a sailing slot at HOAC.

So you have options, in order of preference, to register to race:

- 1 **Before** 19:00 on the Friday before each race
 - A. Register online; **Or**, if problems doing this,
 - B. Email racing@queensmeadsc.org.uk with full name, email address, boat and car registration

- 2 **After** 19:00 on the Friday before each race
 - A or B as above **AND** book a slot (if available) on www.HOAC.net
 - Or** book a slot (if available) on www.HOAC.net **AND** inform the RO on arrival of your intention to race.

A detailed walk through of entry, signing on and signing off is at [Entry and Signing On/Off Procedures](#) (click the link to go to this on the QSC website).

Signing On/Off

We are also trialling paperless signing on/off using the Sailevent system.

The details and a walk through are also in the [Entry and Signing On/Off Procedures](#) (click the link to go to this on the QSC website).

Links

Entry	www.sailevent.net/enter/HOAC
Race Fees	https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8pruJ2HgiF
Sign on/Off	www.sailevent.net/e/[your sailor code] Your sailor code can be found in your Sailor Account on www.sailevent.net or in the reminder emails
Procedures Walkthrough	Entry and Signing On/Off Procedures
QueensmeadSC	www.queensmeadsc.org.uk
HOAC	www.hoac.net

This is developmental and will take time and effort from all of us to get used to it and make it work. Please do try to use it, but if you have problems, please email racing@queensmeadsc.org.uk before racing (on the day) to confirm you are