



## Sailing at HOAC Harefield ends 1st October 2020

We are sorry to have to inform you that Sailing at HOAC in Harefield will end on 1st October 2020.

HOAC have announced this week the following

*"From 1<sup>st</sup> October HOAC will be forced to close as the Centre finally succumbs to the advancing HS2 project....." More details at <https://www.hoac.net/hoac-closure/>*

As you can appreciate things have developed quickly and somewhat unexpectedly over the last week or so. The QSC committee is giving urgent consideration to the short, medium and long term options for QSC, its boats and the ability to continue sailing and racing while we await HOAC's move to a new site.

### Last Race Day at HOAC Harefield - Sunday 27th September 2020

To celebrate the last 52 years of sailing at the Centre, there will be a Final Fling Regatta day consisting of three pursuit races. The programme will start with the first race at about 10:30 and the last starting just after 14:00, with actual start times according to class of boat. More details are below.

### QSC & Private Boats

HOAC have advised that QSC and Private Boats can remain safe and in storage on the existing HOAC site, with access made available through the HOAC office with advance notice.

### New Location

It is the intention of Queensmead Sailing Club that it will continue as a club and that we will move with HOAC to its new location, but as we sit today there is no date for that move.

### Sailing in the interim

With no firm information on a new location for HOAC or timing for the move, initial contact has been made with a couple of local sailing clubs to explore whether sailing, both recreational and racing, could continue both with QSC and private boats. We hope to bring news of that to you shortly.

### Current Programme

(All races will be Pursuit and use the same course, shown below)

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| 1st to 30th    | September Time Challenge 4  |
| 6th September  | Pursuit race - starts from 13:15. Finish at 14:30.  |
| 13th September | The David McKay trophy and Barts Bash charity race. This will have a 90 minute duration (15:00 finish) instead of the usual 60 minutes. |
| 20th September | Pursuit race - starts from 13:15. Finish at 14:30.  |
| 27th September | Final Fling Regatta. 3 pursuit races starting from 10:30.   |
| 30th September | Last Day Sailing at HOAC - One day Time Trial or just sail!   |

Race details and entry link can be found on [www.queensmeadsc.org.uk](http://www.queensmeadsc.org.uk)

# Final Fling Regatta - Sunday 27th September 2020

The Final Fling Regatta will take place at HOAC on Sunday 27th September 2020.

The format will be three pursuit races of nominal 50 minutes duration each. Start times will be according to the class of boat and are shown below.

Entry will be using the form on [www.sailevent.net/enter/HOAC](http://www.sailevent.net/enter/HOAC)

## Entry

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

## Prizes

Best placed Adults & Juniors

## Entry Fees

Suggested fee is £5 for adults and £2 for juniors. The fees will go towards prizes and any surplus will be donated to charity.

## 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

The course will be as for the regular Sunday pursuit races and August/September Time Challenges:

3-S, 4-S, Pat-P, 5-S, 1-P, 6-P

Laps continue until the finishing time.

## Finishing

The races are nominally 50 minutes long

- At five minutes to the finish time - 5 sound signals.
- At the finish time there will be one sound signal - keep sailing until...
- When the Race Officer has identified the finishing position of all boats there will be three sound signals and boats may cease racing and return.

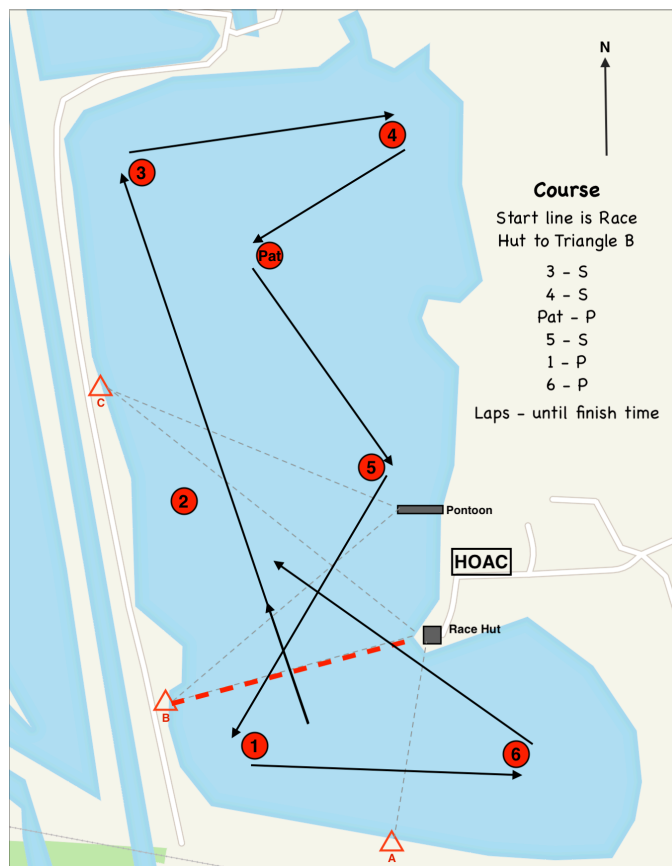
Crews should note the boat in front and behind them at the finish signal to assist resolving any uncertainty in position.

## Prize-giving

It is hoped that we will be able to hold a socially distanced prize-giving after racing. This would include prizes outstanding from Time Challenges, Autumn Pursuit series and Virtual Sailing series (Sunday, Wednesday and Team).

## Final Fling Time Challenge

You don't need to enter the Regatta to do this. Same course. Start anytime (closes 15:30), anywhere and record your best lap time (even during a race if you like). Tell the race officer your name, boat and time. Times will be handicap adjusted for the results.



Boat	PY	Start		
		Race 1	Race 2	Race 3
Tera Sport	1445	10:41	12:11	14:11
Topper	1365	10:44	12:14	14:14
Orkney Skua	1362	10:44	12:14	14:14
Mirror s/h	1360	10:44	12:14	14:14
Gull s/h	1333	10:45	12:15	14:15
Pico	1330	10:45	12:15	14:15
Laser 4.7 J	1305	10:46	12:16	14:16
Lightning J	1258	10:48	12:18	14:18
Laser Radial	1239	10:49	12:19	14:19
RS Q'Ba	1217	10:50	12:20	14:20
Comet	1210	10:50	12:20	14:20
Laser 4.7	1208	10:50	12:20	14:20
Laser J	1188	10:51	12:21	14:21
Lightning	1165	10:52	12:22	14:22
RS Aero 7 J	1150	10:53	12:23	14:23
Laser Radial	1147	10:53	12:23	14:23
RS Vision	1137	10:53	12:23	14:23
Enterprise	1122	10:54	12:24	14:24
Laser 2000	1114	10:54	12:24	14:24
Laser	1100	10:55	12:25	14:25
RS Aero 7	1065	10:56	12:26	14:26
RS 300	970	11:00	12:30	14:30
Unicorn	805	11:07	12:37	14:37