



Round the Cans Course Setting

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COURSE SETTING



GENERAL ISSUES (1)

What types of yacht?

- All modern?
- Old gaffers?
- A mix of the two?



GENERAL ISSUES (2)

How long for each race?

What sort of sailing is wanted?

- Straight down wind or
- Some reaching legs?



GENERAL ISSUES (3)

Weather conditions?

Tidal conditions?

Sea conditions?

Other events in the vicinity?



SPECIFIC ISSUES (1)

Courses must be safe!

- Is there a depth issue?
- Wind against tide: possibility of submarining?
- Is it safe to go upwind against the tide?



SPECIFIC ISSUES (2)

- Can the yachts get upwind against the tide? (Old gaffers are not good at this!)
- Confliction around marks must be avoided



SPECIFIC ISSUES (3)

- Talk to other clubs about intentions
- Think about relative speeds of your classes
 - Think like a navigator!
- Above all make it fun for the sailors!



EXERCISE 1

- 4 Classes, all modern
- TCFs: 1.300, 1.000, 0.900, Daring class (5 knots average)
- Drafts: 3.8m, 2.2m, 1.8m, 1.8m respectively
- First Start 1000: interval 10 minutes between starts
 - 3 hours each race



EXERCISE 1

HW Portsmouth: 0800

Status: Springs. LW: 0.5m, HW: 5m above
Datum

Weather: fair, no rain forecast

Wind: SW, 18 knots true, steady



EXERCISE 2

HW Portsmouth: 1300

Status: Neaps. LW: 1.8m, HW: 3.8m above
Datum

Weather: breaking cloud, forecast sun later

Wind: E, 10 knots true, dropping to 5 later