

THE RYA PORTSMOUTH YARDSTICK SCHEME



60 Years of fairer racing Invoking the PYS

The following are sample texts for insertion into an Event or Series Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. This document is meant for guidance only and is not binding for any Organising Authority to follow.

The Organising Authority should note that if not using the National Portsmouth Yardstick Number list the alternative list should be made available before Entry closes and a competitor should not be punished for waiting for this list to become available. For example if an OA runs an incentive scheme for early entry to the event/series they should make the PN list available with a practical amount of time for competitors to enter before the deadline of the incentive.

Notice Of Race

The Notice of Race should state that Racing will be run under the current Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme and which classes shall be sailed in handicap racing. They should also state which list of PN's are to be used. Some sample text is found below. Where ever '[insert]' appears below this is for the OA to insert the relevant item. Wherever there are two options separated by a "OR" or "/" it is for the OA to choose which statement is applicable to their event.

HANDICAP ENTRIES

1.

- a. Handicap racing is open to the following classes;
 - Class 1
 - Class 2
 - Class 3
 - Class n

OR

a. Mixed handicap racing is open to all Dinghy/Keelboat/Multihull/Cruiser Classes.

OR

a. Mixed handicap racing is open to all Dinghy/Keelboat/Multihull/Cruiser Classes with a PN on the RYA National PN list/ PN on the RYA National PN list with PN higher/ lower than [insert].

b. Handicap racing for the class(s) in 1.a shall be run using the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme.

2.

a. The handicaps to be used shall be taken from the event list available in appendix A of this NOR.

OR

a. From the event list which will be made available from the [insert] on the [insert date XX/XX/XXXX]

OR

a. From the current RYA National Portsmouth Number list. This list is available from the RYA's website: www.RYA.org.uk/racing/Pages/portsmouthyardstick.aspx

The OA should publish the list if not the National list either with the NOR or state when and where they shall be available.

If the OA is using the National List and wish to allow classes that are not on the national list, the following should be included:

b. Where the class is not listed on the PN list the OA shall assign the class a trial number based on known performances to similar fleets/ other method prescribed in the NOR.

3.

a. The Portsmouth Numbers used shall not be adjusted for the duration of the event.

OR

a. The Portsmouth Numbers will be reviewed by the race committee after [n number of races finished] and may be adjusted accordingly to give fair racing. PN analysis will be done with the current specimen race document/ PYS analysis website/ other.

4.

a. Any class splits shall be made available with the Sailing Instructions.

OR

a. Any class splits shall be made available on [Insert date XX/XX/XXXX]

Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions should confirm the fleet(s) that will be sailing under the PYS, the Portsmouth Numbers each class shall be racing under, if the classes will be divided into fleets and the relevant PN cut offs for these fleets, any review and adjustment policy to be used and how any adjustments shall be applied to the duration of the event/ series.

HANDICAP RACING

1. Handicap racing shall be run using the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme.

If the OA is organising a large regatta where there will be IRC racing as well as PY Racing then the SI's should have a separate section entitled IRC RACING or similar.

2.

- a. The Portsmouth Numbers for each class shall be taken from the RYA National List

OR

- a. The Portsmouth Numbers for each class shall be taken from the event List Published on the official notice board and available [insert other means of viewing the Event List such as an appendix to these SI's/ the Notice of Race]

3. [Optional]

- a. Boats shall be split into fleets according to their Portsmouth Number. Where a Portsmouth Number is adjusted during the Event the boat shall not change fleet. *If there is a high number of entries the OA may decide to split entrants into fleets as below, the PN cut offs are examples only.*

PN	Fleet
700 >	PY 1
701 – 1000	PY 2
1001 – 1300	PY 3
1300 <	PY n

4.

- a. PN's shall not be adjusted for the duration of the event.

OR

- a. The Race committee may review all PN's used and may adjust any PN it deems fair. Any PN to be adjusted shall be published on the Official Notice board no later than [protest time limit of the previous days racing/ some other time before the first race that is to use the adjusted number].
- b. Any adjustments shall apply to all subsequent races; adjusted PN's shall not be retrospectively applied to finished races.

The Race Committee should take into consideration that competitors should be given a practical amount of time to view number adjustments prior to them taking affect.

5. If using 2nd option for 4a

- a. Portsmouth Numbers that are reviewed by the race committee shall be analysed using the current RYA specimen race/ PYS website/ other.
- b. Where a number adjustment is highlighted by the review the race committee may apply the adjustment to a boat.
- c. The race committee shall not apply the full recommended adjustment unless it is for a Trial Portsmouth Number and there is sufficient data to recommend the adjustment.

6. Adjusted PN's and the allocation of trial numbers shall not be grounds for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 62.

7.

- a. A boat may choose to race under a different configuration and race under a different PN for the continuation of the Event/ series.
- b. A change in PN shall apply to all subsequent races and shall not be applied retrospectively to finished races at the time of the change in PN to be used.

OR

- b. All PNs shall be assumed to be for standard configuration and handicaps for other configurations shall not be applied.