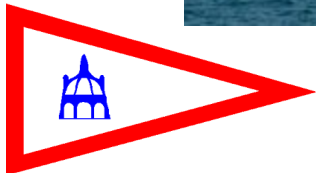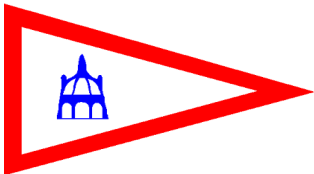# CCRC Race Briefing

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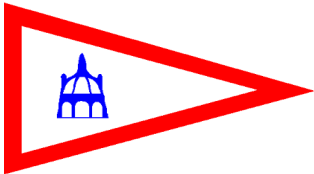
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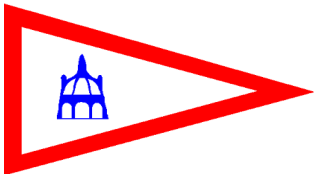**Chichester Cruiser Racing Club**

Roles

- Race Officer (RO)
  - Manages the rolling start
  - Manages the shortening of the course
- Principal Race Officer (PRO)
  - Supports the Race Officer
  - Sets and announces the course
  - Makes key decisions e.g postponement, abandonment
- Results and Handicapping Officer
  - Receives your finish time, within one hour of finishing
  - Calculates the results and handicaps
- Race Committee comprises the above plus the Sailing Secretary

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Useful documents

www.ccrc.co.uk/ccrc-documents/

Racing Documents

CCRC Notice of Race (2025)

CCRC Sailing Instructions (2025)

CCRC Solent Marks- Alphabetical (2025)

CCRC Solent Marks- Code Order (2025)

See the Programme page for latest information

Guidance For Race Officers (2019 version remains in force)

Suggested Courses for PROs (2024)

Suggested Rolling Start Timetable for PROs
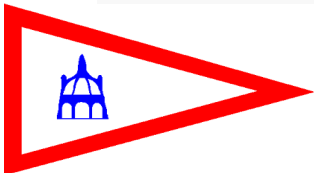
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Changes to the SIs and NoR 2025

- All rule references in the NoR and SIs have been brought into line with RRS 2025 to 2028
- SI 7.2: Course to be put on WhatsApp if possible
- SI 8.2: Marks will be identified by SCRA code
- SI 11: Reorganised the section on Starting, bringing Rolling Starts to the fore
- SI 11.1.5: Formalised the practice of giving all starting signals by VHF
- Numerous small corrections and wording improvements
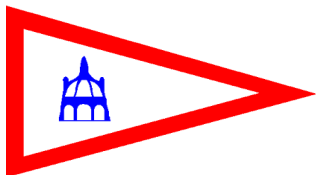
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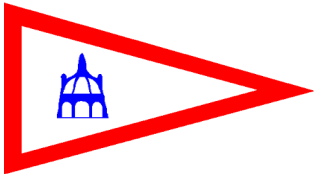
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Timetable – Overview

Time to start	
60 minutes	Start mark announced on VHF Channel 37A
45 minutes	RO and PRO arrive in start area and finalise the course. PRO may also put a provisional course on WhatsApp around this time.
25 minutes	PRO announces course on 37A. RO repeats it.
15 minutes	PRO repeats the course again.
5 minutes	RO gives Warning signal on 37A. (May also hoot.)
4 minutes	RO gives Preparatory signal on 37A. (May also hoot.)
1 and a bit minutes	RO passes the start mark on the startline bearing, no later than one minute before the start.
1 minute	RO gives One Minute signal on 37A. (May also hoot.)
0 minutes	Start the race

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Suggested Timetable for RO/PRO

Suggested Rolling Start Timetable: 2024 Issue 1

From Race Instructions:	Hour	Min	Source *
Time of START	11	00	RI
Time LIMIT	4	00	RI
	Time, assuming no postponement	Countdown to start	
This timetable is for a Rolling Start, with all signals given by VHF. The only flag necessary is for the RO to fly a CCRC burgee from the backstay (in addition to their own class flag).			SI 11.2.1
Earliest time for starting mark to be announced by PRO. For Bay races, this is chosen from Chi, Hard, Rizzi, Sparkes and WE.	10:00	-60	SI 7.1
The RO and PRO should aim to arrive in the start area at least 45 minutes before the start, in order to check the sailing conditions and finalise the course. If one of them does not make it, the other will need to assume both duties.	10:15	-45	GNRO p2
PRO and RO to make a list of the yachts competing and their class flag.	10:15	-45	GNRO p3
Course announced by PRO (20 mins before warning). The PRO should include the approx. bearing of the start line from the start mark, i.e. the course to the first mark minus 90 degrees. He must also announce that the RO will be making all the starting signals by VHF only (although a accompanying sound signal is helpful). If insufficient wind to set course, PRO will advise waiting for wind.	10:35	-25	SI 7.2, SI 11.2.3, VHF only by PRO convention
Course repeated by RO (20 mins before warning)	10:35	-25	GNRO p4
Course repeated by PRO (10 mins before warning). If the course was not announced 20 mins before warning, the PRO should announce it now, and ask the RO to repeat it. If still insufficient wind to set course, the RO should postpone (by announcing the virtual raising of the AP + 2 hoots) at this point.			

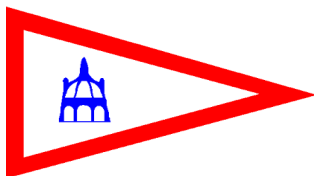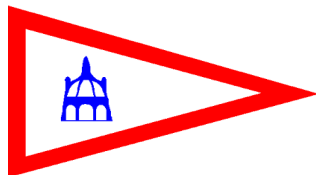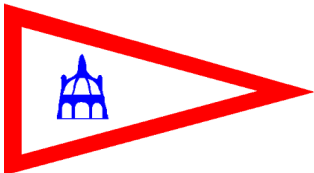**Chichester Cruiser Racing Club**

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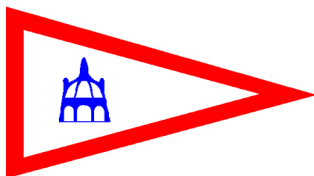
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Marks

- We designate about 80 of the 200 Solent Cruiser Racing Association marks as CCRC marks, along with 10 local marks (e.g. Chi, Hard, Sparkes)
- Every year several of the SCRA marks change name, but the SCRA **code** stays the same.
- The first character of the SCRA code tell you the area the mark is in. E.g 2 - West Solent, 3 & 4 – Mid-Solent, 6 – Eastern approaches.
- Our 10 local marks have a local '8' code, e.g. 8C = Chi, 8H = Hard, 8S = Sparkes.
- For 2025 we intend to issue all courses as SCRA codes - by VHF and on WhatsApp.
- We have issued the CCRC Mark List in Alphabetical order (as normal) and also in SCRA Code order, so that you can easily look them up either way.

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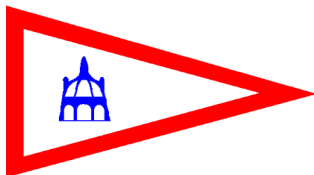
Marks List - Alphabetical

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| SCRA	Name	Colour	Lat	(N)	Long	(W)	Changes from 2024 list
6R	Nab Tower	B	50	40.08	000	57.15	
5P	Naomi House & Jacksplace	Y	50	46.36	001	06.08	Name was Linington
6P	New Grounds	BYB	50	41.84	000	58.49	
3B	Newtown East	Y	50	44.36	001	23.80	Name was MDL Marinas
6A	No Man's Land Fort	B	50	44.40	001	05.70	
46	North East Ryde Middle	R	50	46.21	001	11.88	
4Y	North Ryde Middle	R	50	46.61	001	14.31	
5F	North Sturbridge	BY	50	45.33	001	08.23	
24	Now Students	Y	50	42.86	001	28.42	
48	Paul Heys	Y	50	48.21	001	16.68	
42	Peel Bank	R	50	45.49	001	13.35	
3Q	Polly's Challenge	Y	50	45.97	001	19.45	
5H	Portsmouth Sailing Club	Y	50	46.82	001	07.35	
33	Prince Consort	BY	50	46.41	001	17.56	
5A	Quarr	Y	50	45.03	001	11.89	
8R	Rizzi	Y	50	45.52	000	59.61	
30	RORC	Y	50	47.12	001	17.72	
4K	Royal London YC	Y	50	46.15	001	16.65	
4S	Royal Southern	Y	50	48.86	001	15.43	
4F	Royal Thames	Y	50	47.20	001	17.00	
44	Royal Yacht Squadron	Y	50	47.31	001	12.10	
3D	Salt Mead	G	50	44.51	001	23.04	
31	South Bramble	G	50	46.98	001	17.72	
45	South East Ryde Middle	YB	50	45.93	001	12.10	
4Z	South Ryde Middle	G	50	46.13	001	14.16	
8S	Sparkes	Y	50	45.52	000	58.50	

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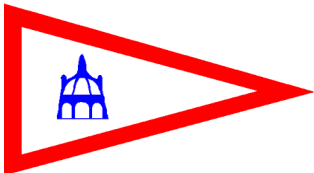
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4Z	South Ryde Middle	G	50	46.13	001	14.16	
5A	Quarr	Y	50	45.03	001	11.89	
5B	Mother Bank	R	50	45.49	001	11.21	
5C	Browndown	G	50	46.57	001	10.95	
5D	Kemps Quay	Y	50	45.18	001	09.65	
5E	Warsash Sailing Club	Y	50	46.26	001	08.76	Name was Stokes Bay East
5F	North Sturbridge	BY	50	45.33	001	08.23	
5G	Baker Trayte Marine	Y	50	46.42	001	07.90	
5H	Portsmouth Sailing Club	Y	50	46.82	001	07.35	
5J	KB Dry Stack	Y	50	46.61	001	07.29	
5K	Yola	Y	50	47.08	001	06.78	Name was Suffolk Sails
5M	Gleeds	Y	50	46.11	001	06.52	
5N	Mary Rose	Y	50	45.80	001	06.20	
5P	Naomi House & Jacksplace	Y	50	46.36	001	06.08	Name was Linington
6A	No Man's Land Fort	B	50	44.40	001	05.70	
6B	Horse Sand Fort	B	50	45.01	001	04.34	
6C	Warner	R	50	43.87	001	03.99	
6D	Horse Elbow	G	50	44.26	001	03.88	
6F	Bembridge Ledge Buoy	BYB	50	41.15	001	02.81	
6G	St Helens Buoy	R	50	43.36	001	02.41	
6H	Dean Elbow	G	50	43.69	001	01.88	
6J	Nab East	R	50	42.86	001	00.80	
6K	Horse Tail	G	50	43.23	001	00.23	
6L	Winner	YB	50	45.10	001	00.10	
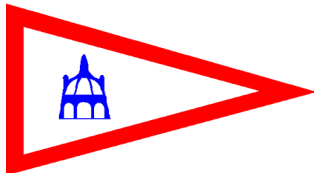
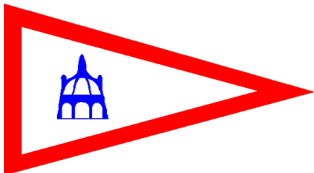**Chichester Cruiser Racing Club**

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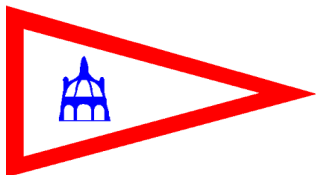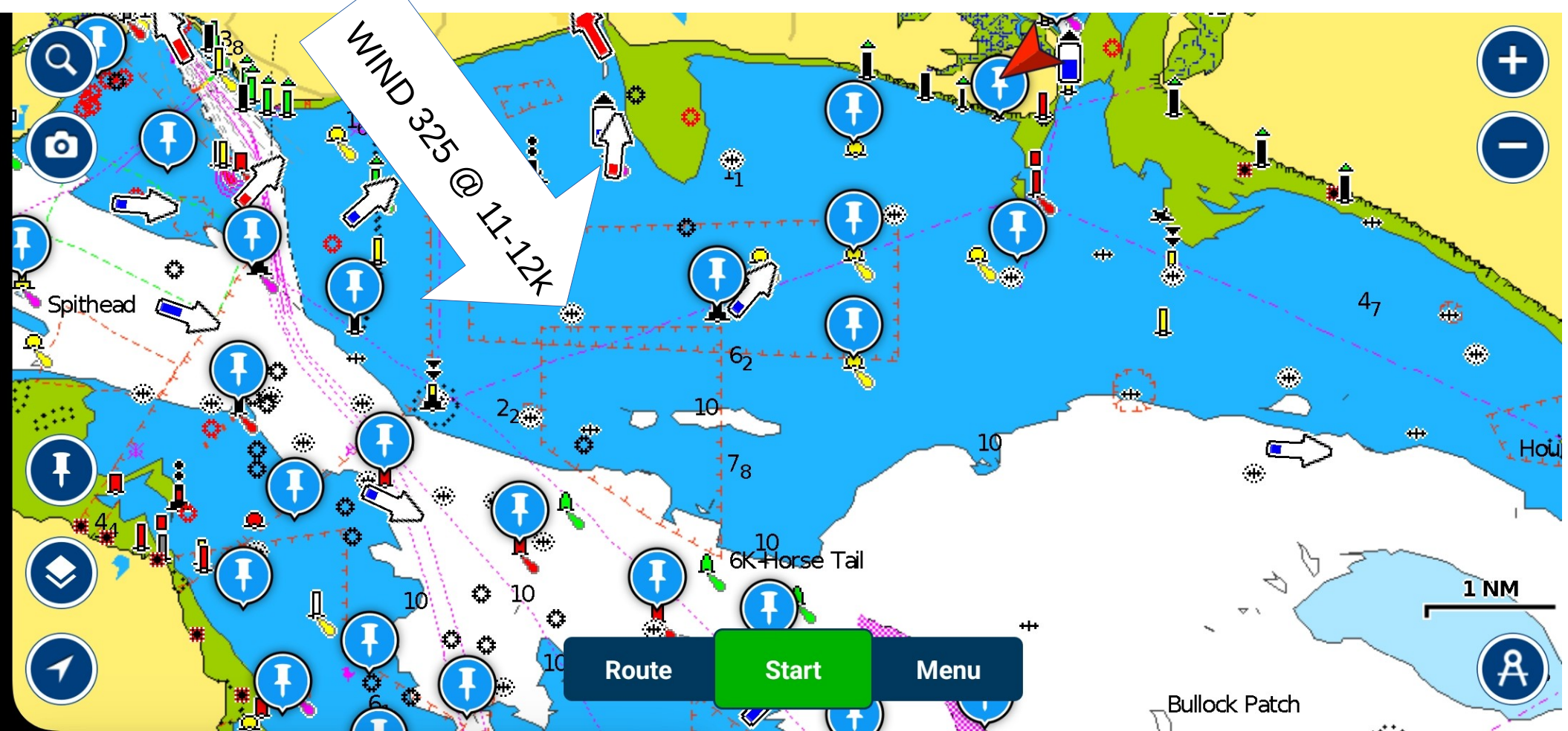- Rolling Starts
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Course setting considerations

- Yachts will complete the course in the same time as a crow flying at the following speed:
  - Larger / faster yachts: 4.5 knots
  - Smaller / slower yachts: 3.25 knots
- Much slower in light winds
- Light winds – 7-8 miles, able to shorten at 4-5 miles
- Medium / strong winds – 10-13 miles
- Two race day – no more than 4 miles each race
- First mark to windward and to be left to port

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WIND 325 @ 11-12k

Spithead

1

6₂

2₂

10

7₈

10

4₇

10

10

10

10

6K Horse Tail

6₂

Route   **Start**   Menu

Bullock Patch

1 NM

Hou

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Suggested Courses

- Look through the course list to find one with approximately the right wind direction and length.
- Change one or more marks to get the course axis, shape, and length that you want.
- Don't announce the distances and bearings – just the mark names and Port or Starboard

291	Bay 290 to 330						
	5.4 nm	Start	8C	Chi			
			8W	WE	P	1.22	312
			8S	Sparkes	P	0.81	180
			8C	Chi	P	0.91	090
			8W	WE	P	1.22	312
		Finish	8C	Chi	P	1.22	132

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Course Number	Course Title	Start/ Finish	SCRA code	Mark name	Hand	NM	Course
321	Bay 320 to 340						
	11.8 nm	Start	8H	Hard			
			8R	Rizzi	P	1.06	318
			6H	Dean Elbow	P	2.33	218
			87	Nab 7	P	3.25	114
			8R	Rizzi	S	3.52	334
		Finish	8C	Chi	P	1.61	090

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6P-New Grounds

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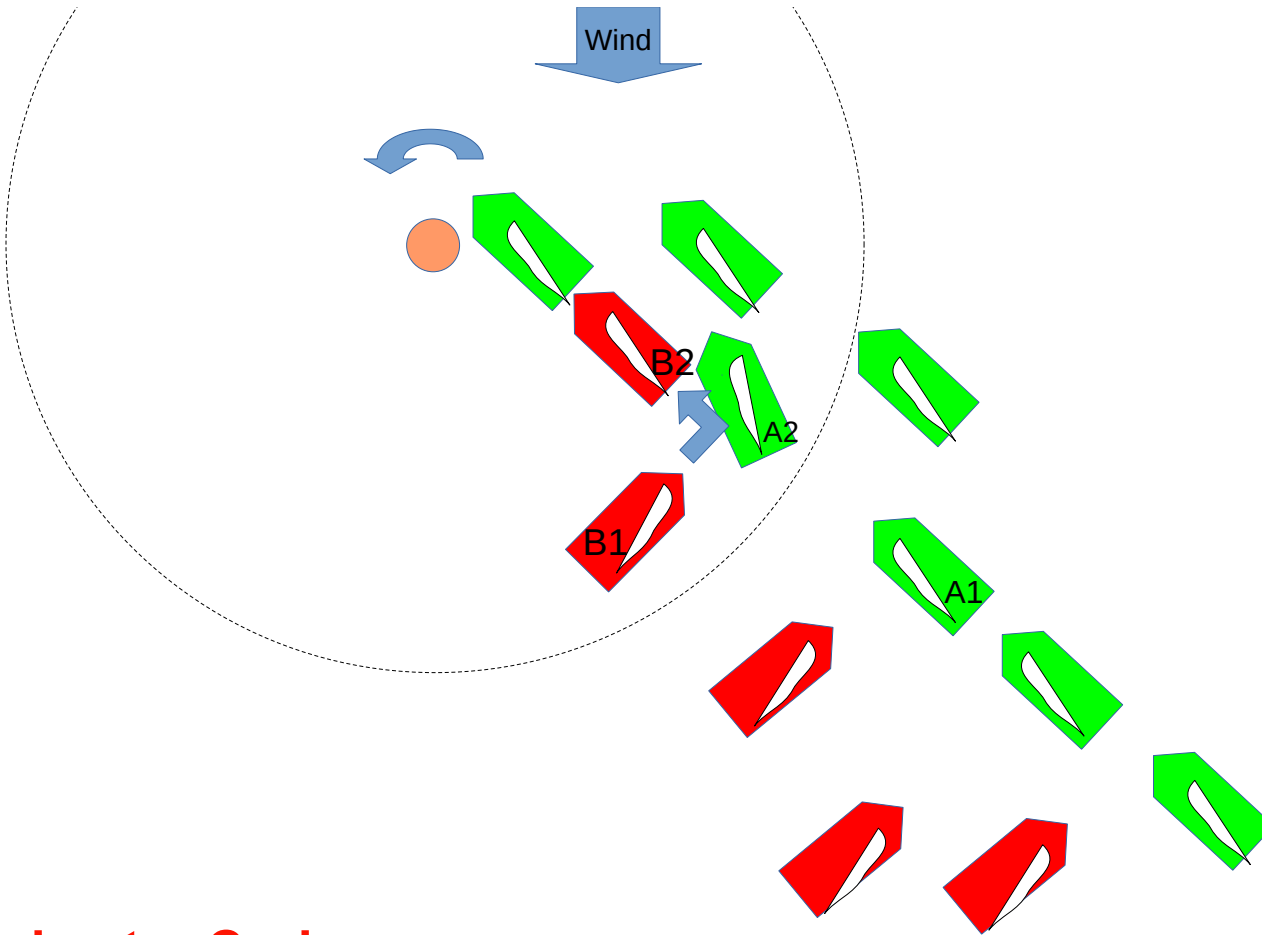Route · Start · Menu
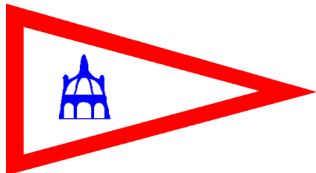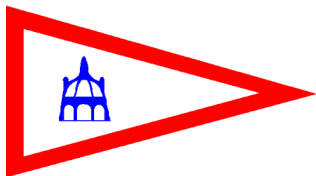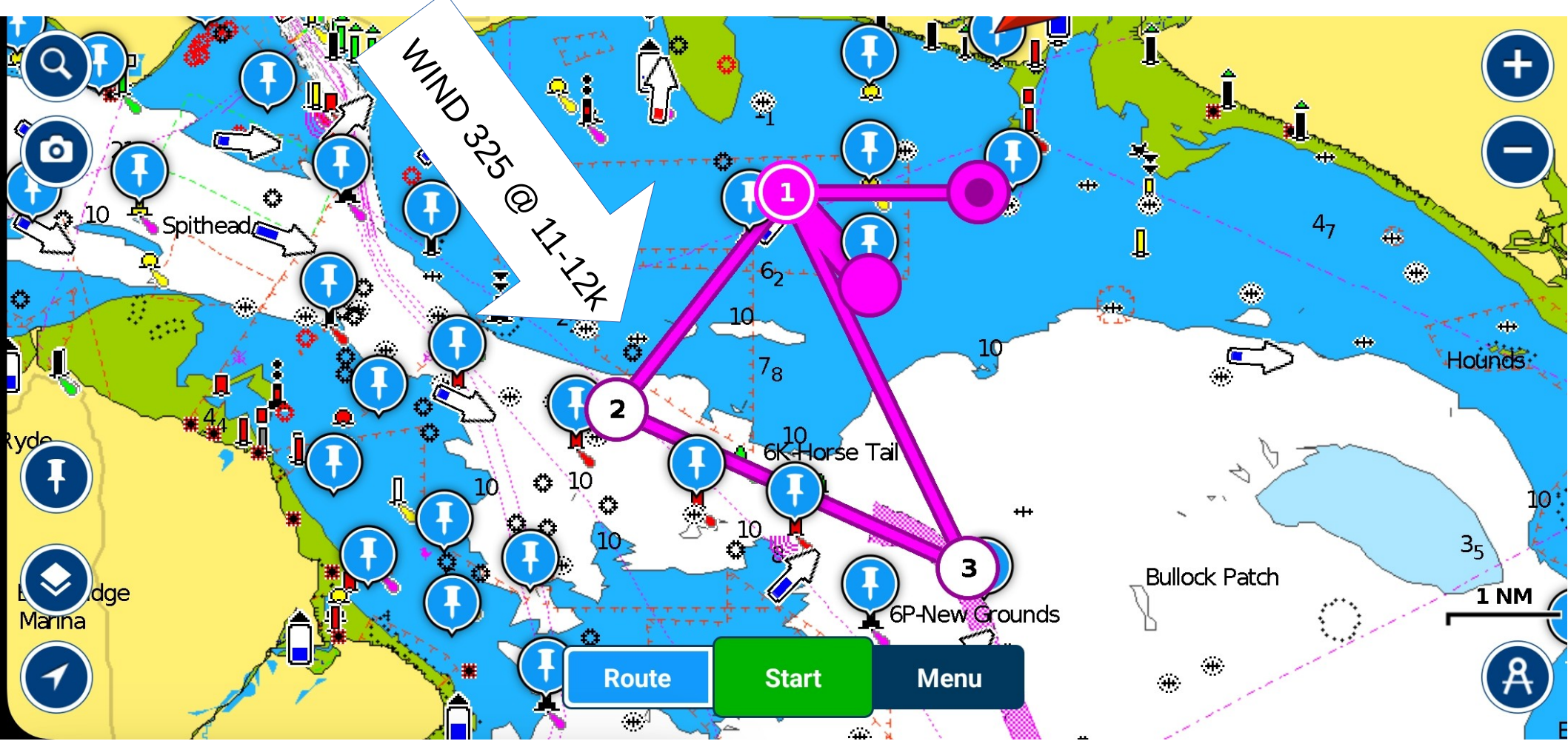
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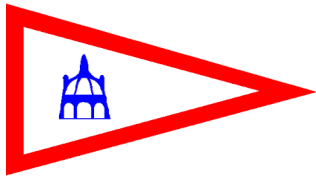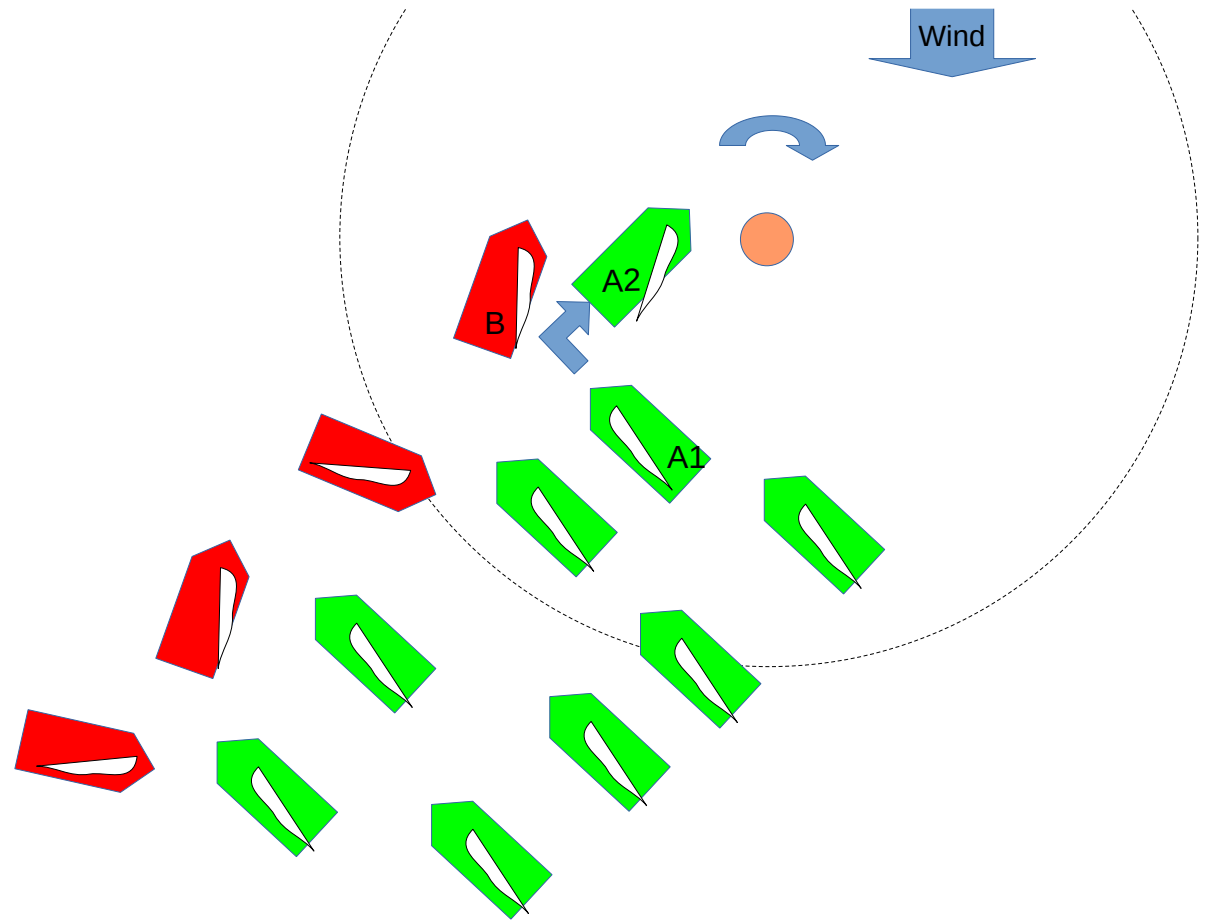Racing Club

Course Setting – Port rounding is fine

- Port tackers have to find a safe place to tack and join the stack.
- B tacks in the zone. This does not give her an entitlement to mark-room, and B must not cause A to luff above close-hauled (Rule 18.3). B is in the wrong.

Wind

B2

A2

B1

A1

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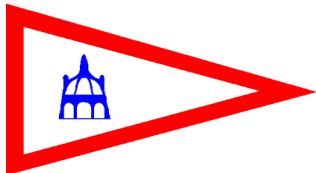
Avoid Starboard rounding

- Port tackers cannot form an orderly stack
- Many close quarters situations
- A tacks in the zone. A *can* cause B to luff above close-hauled because Rule 18.3 does not apply to Starboard roundings. This encourages the late tack (but beware Rule 13, 14, 15, 16).

Wind

A2

B

A1

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Course Setting – avoid corkscrew rounding

- Start, 1(S), 2(P), 3(P), 4(P), 5(P) (finish)
- String drawn taut must touch every rounding mark, which is the default in the CCRC SIs.
- For a "safety pass" – 1(S) needs to be specified as a "Passing mark"
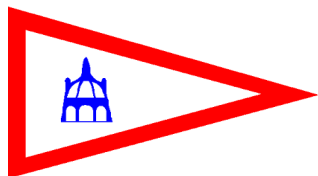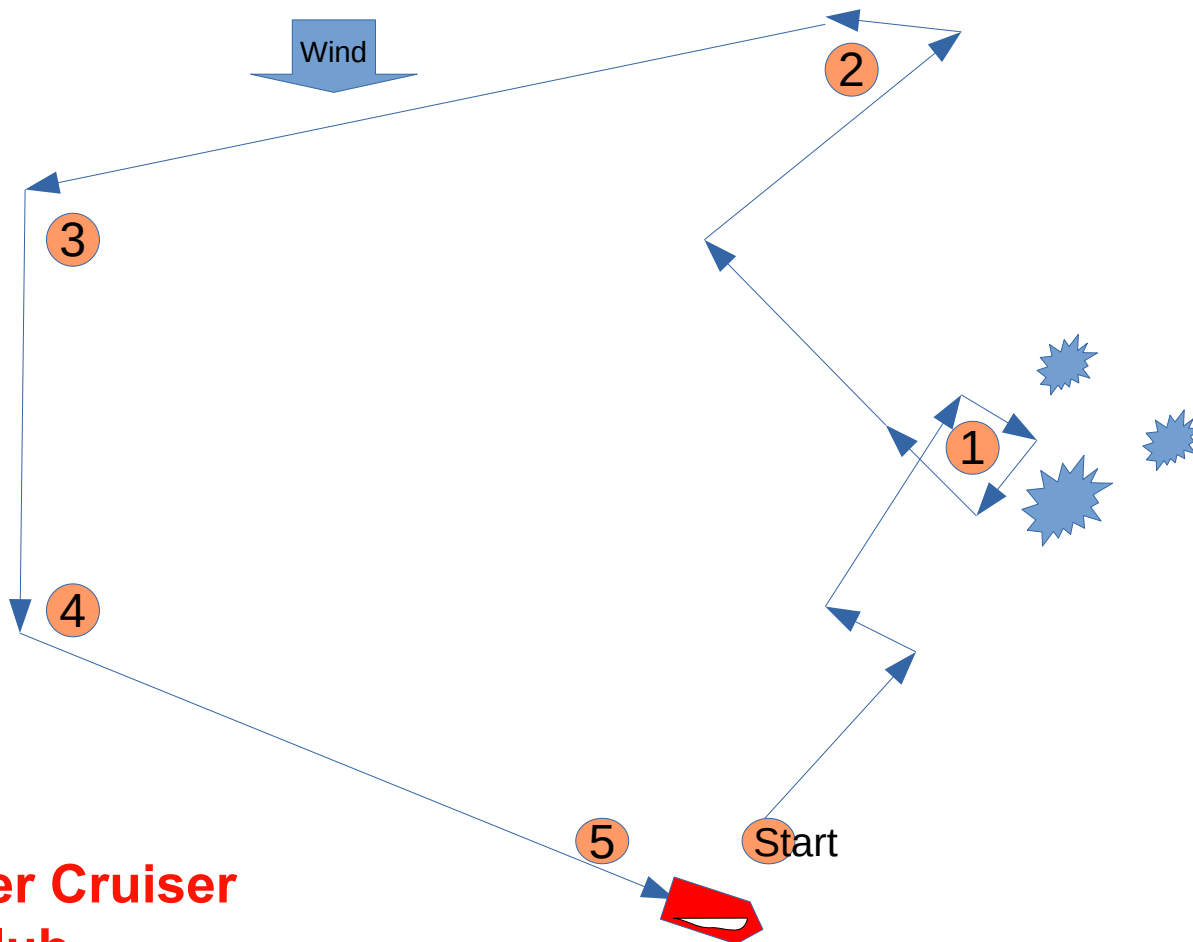
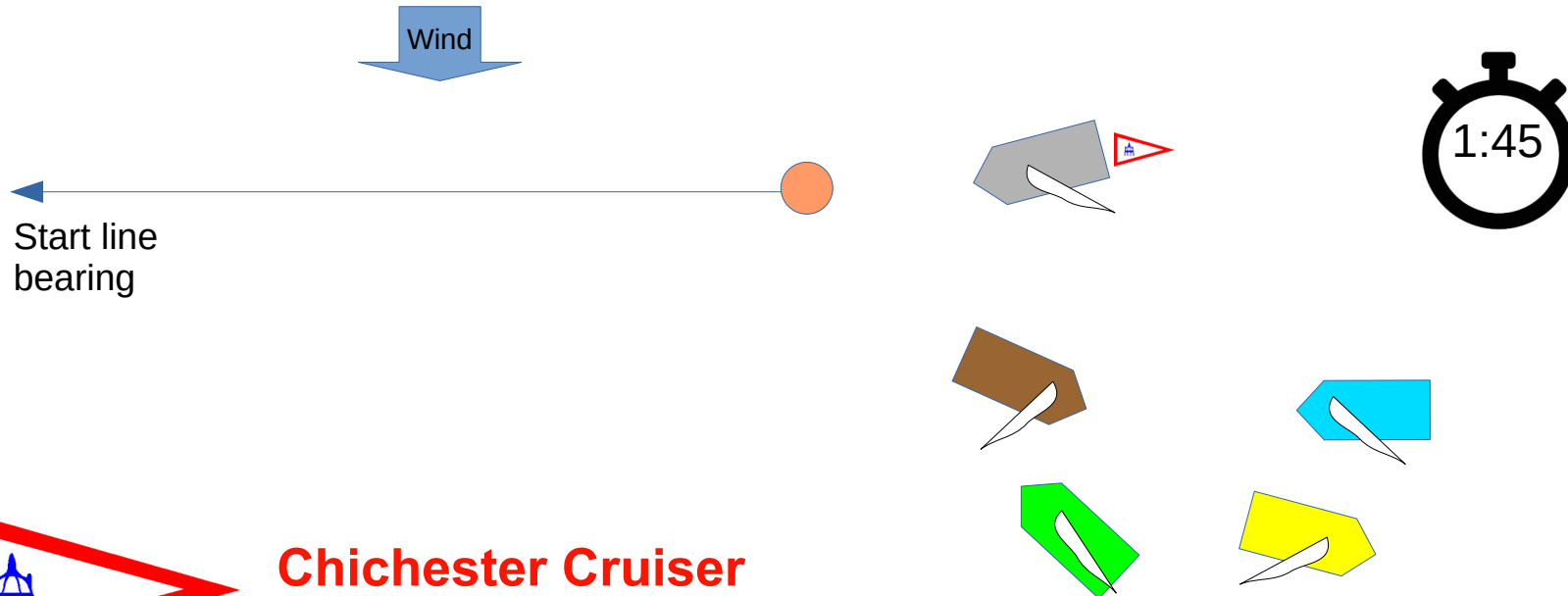**Chichester Cruiser Racing Club**

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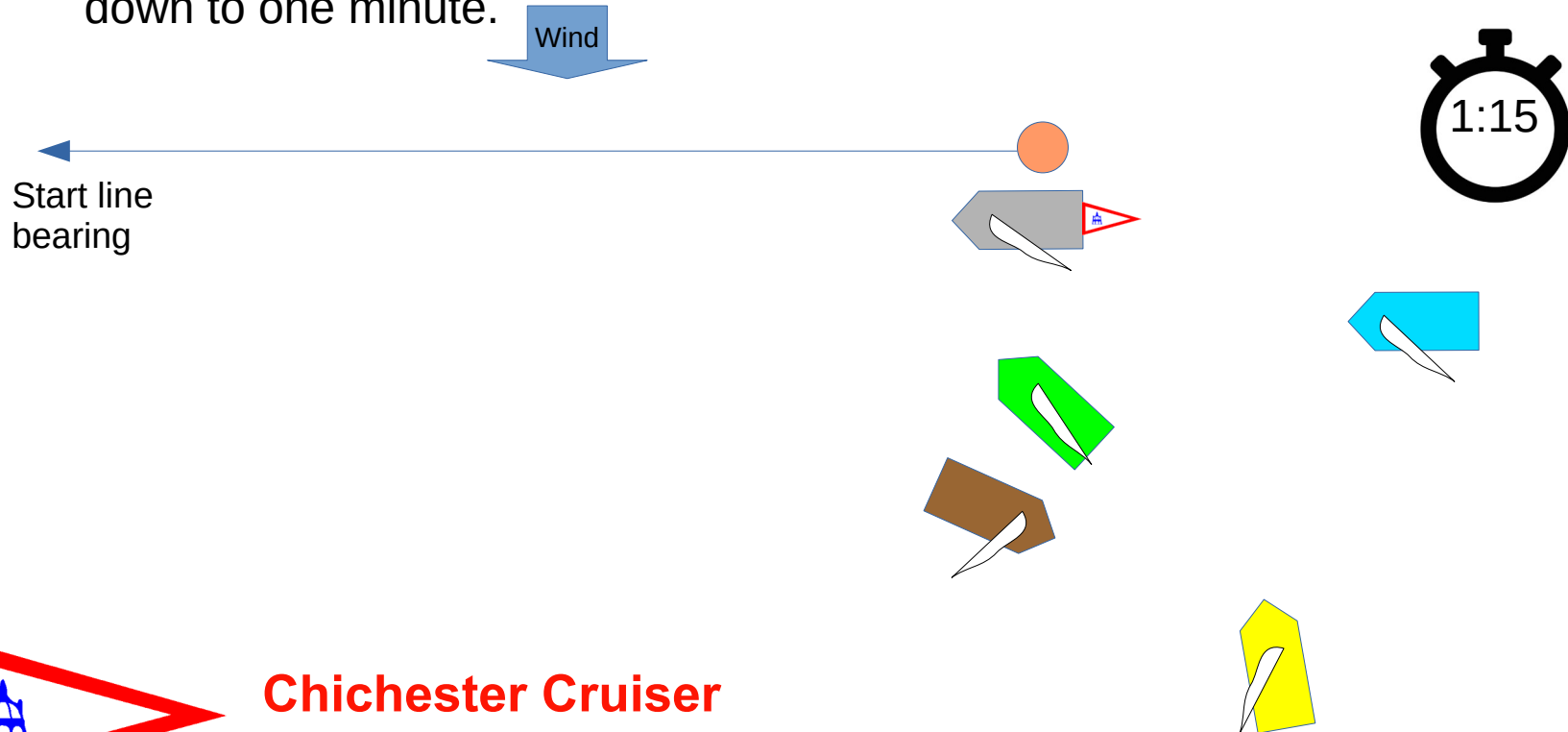# Running a CCRC race: Rolling Start

- PRO will announce the bearing along which the start line will be laid as part of the course on VHF.
- This will be at 90 degrees to the course to the first mark. If the first mark is to windward, it will be at 90 degrees to the wind.
- RO (with CCRC burgee on backstay) approaches the start mark at about 2 minutes to go before the start...

Wind

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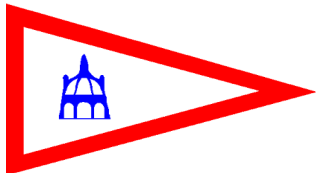
Start line bearing

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Running a CCRC race: Rolling Start

- Just before one minute to go, the RO passes the start mark and starts to head along the start line bearing…
- … not forgetting to issue the one minute signal by VHF when the clock ticks down to one minute.

Wind

Start line bearing

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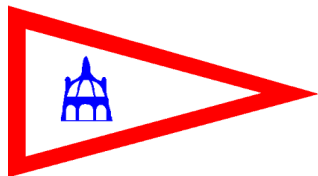
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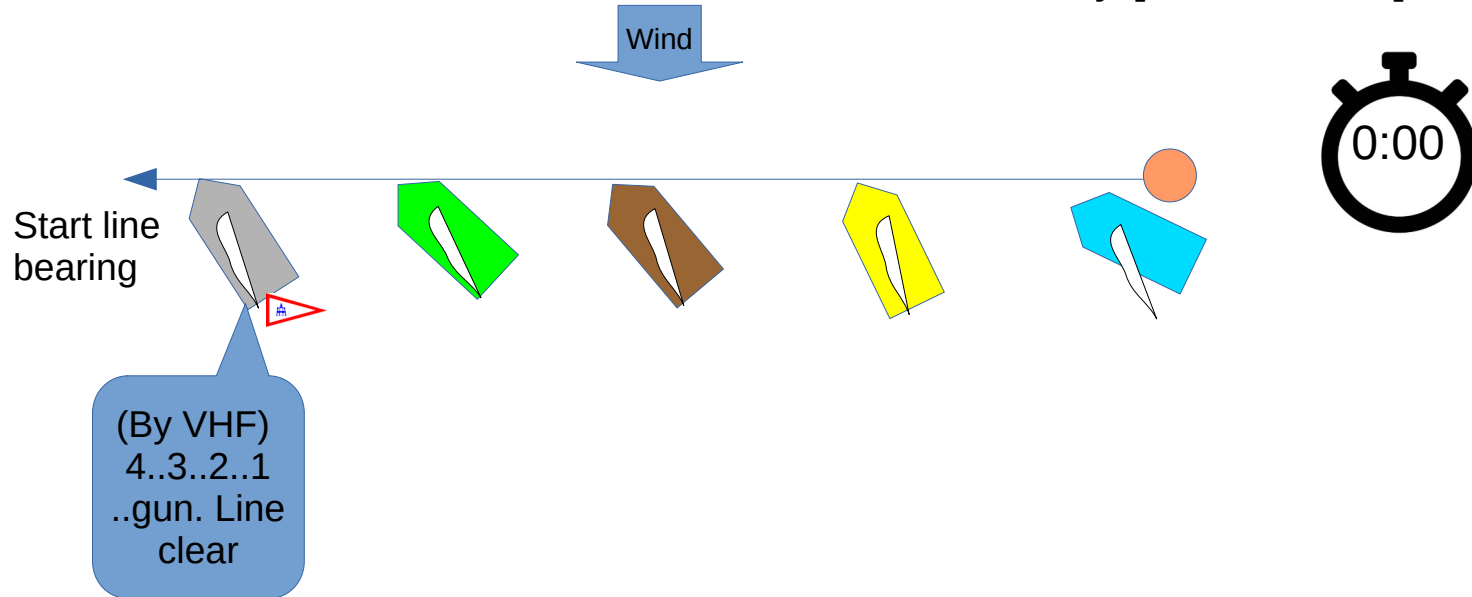# Running a CCRC race: Rolling Start

- With a few seconds to go before the start, the RO has almost finished laying out the start line …
- … she keeps an eye on the fleet and warns any OCS boats by VHF

Wind

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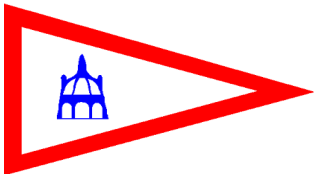
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(By VHF) Yellow is currently OCS!
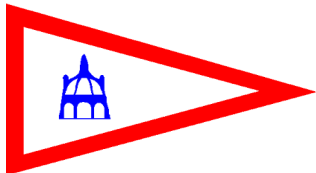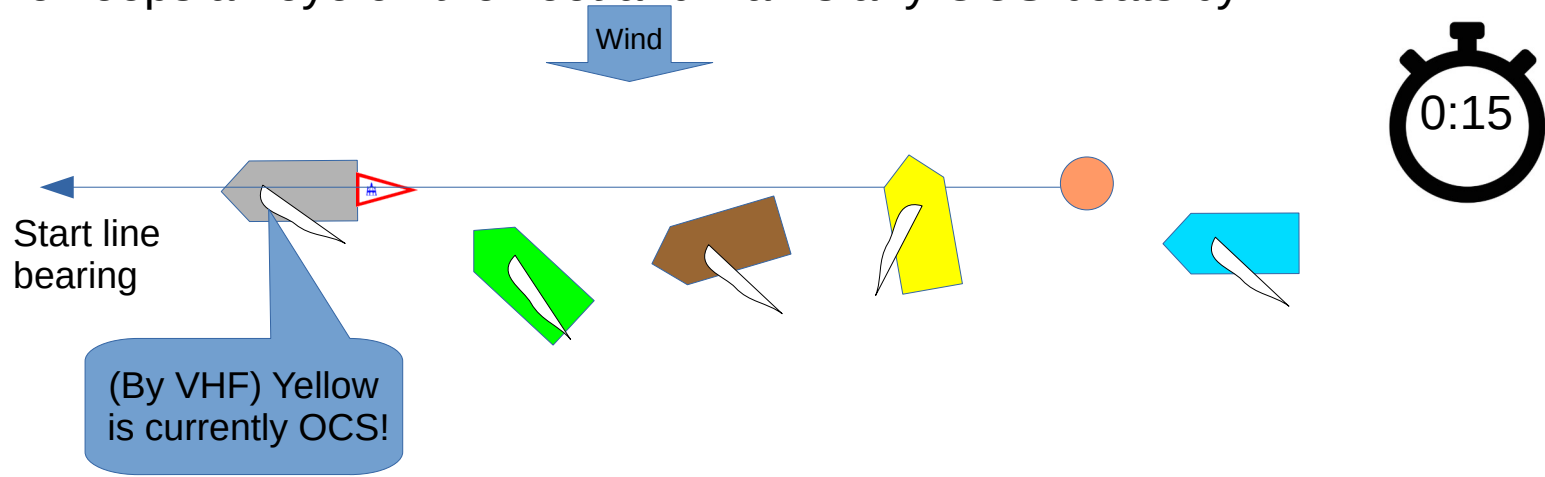
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- At start time, RO issues the start signal by VHF. All yachts head up and begin the race…
- The RO transmits "Line clear", "General Recall" or "Xray [sail number]"
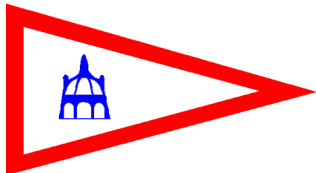
Wind

0:00

Start line bearing

(By VHF) 4..3..2..1 ..gun. Line clear

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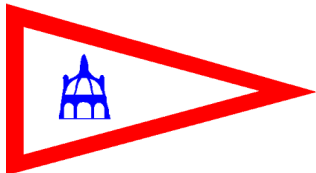
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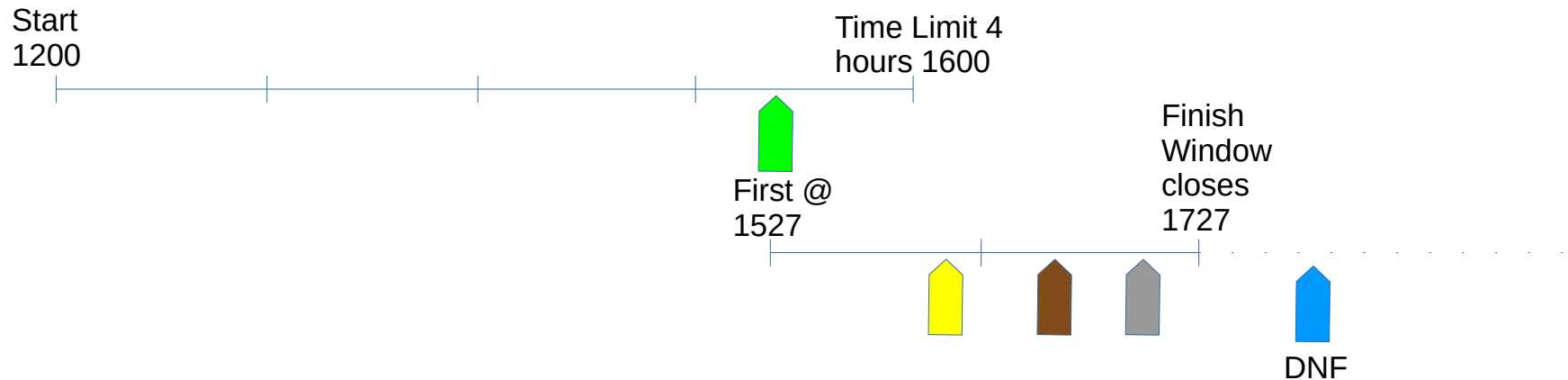
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Postpone, Abandon or Shorten?

	Postpone	Abandon (last resort)	Shorten
When can it be used?	Race not yet started	Any time after the start	Rnding. mark
Wind too light or too strong	Y	Y	Y
No finishers inside time limit	N/A	Y (automatic R35)	N
Mark missing or drifting	Y	Y	Y
Terrible start line	Y e.g. in last 10 sec	N	N
Safety or fairness reason	Y e.g. can't get there	Y e.g. big shift 1st beat	Y
To get on with another race	N/A	N	Y
Error in start procedure	Y	Y (NOT if any finishers)	N
Resume or resail shortly	Y, unless with A or H	Y, unless with A or H	N
Effectively cancels race?	Maybe, with A or H	Maybe, with A or H	N

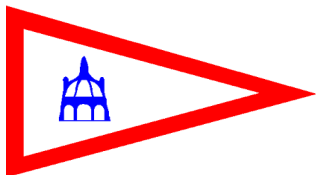**Chichester Cruiser Racing Club**

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Running a CCRC race: Shorten course?

- At least one yacht needs to finish within the "Time Limit". Otherwise the race is automatically abandoned for everyone. (Rule 35)
- As soon as the first yacht finishes, the "Time Limit" becomes irrelevant.
- A "Finish Window" opens at the finish time of the first boat, and closes 2 hours (Bay race) or 3 hours (passage race) later. (CCRC SI 15.2)
- The rest of the fleet must finish within the Finish Window, otherwise they are DNF.

Start 1200

Time Limit 4 hours 1600

First @ 1527

Finish Window closes 1727

DNF

Should the RO have shortened course?

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