

# What is TIMED Racing on Sailonline?

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## Origins of TIMED Racing

From Sailonline's inception, there have been the occasional TIMED race, and due to their popularity, the Sailonline Race Committee, responsible for creating the Racing Calendar, has more recently started including TIMED races on a regular basis.

## What is a TIMED race?

A timed race differs from a fleet race in that there is no pre-race practice. As soon as the race opens for registration your boat is "live", the first course command you execute denotes the beginning of your first attempt at that course.

If you don't want to commit yourself to race against the clock straightaway, then just use the wx slider at the bottom of the game screen to see what sort of conditions are likely to be coming up over the next few hours... that way you don't start immediately and then realise if you had waited a little while, your first timed run might have been better. Highly competitive SOLers who are members of SOL's Yacht Club ("SYC") often won't start for days, waiting for the precise best conditions so that their SYC and any relevant Championship ranking is improved and not worsened by the race.

The majority of SOLers, however, will start within a few hours and just enjoy the camaraderie and friendly match-racing that can happen.

To help this spirit of matchracing, ask out in the race's chatroom if anyone is planning a start anytime soon - informal groups of people starting together can have great fun, even if the time taken is not going to win any medals, and this is a great way to learn how to race on Sailonline (never hesitate to ask questions in chat, you will find everyone is very happy to help)!

## When are the races?

TIMED races form part of the formal Racing Calendar which is issued Quarterly. Just check the Homepage for the latest link to the Calendar and you will find TIMED races highlighted there.

## How many times can I make a run in a TIMED Race?

You can race as often as the race open/registration time permits BUT you do need to complete each run before the re-registration link in the homepage Race Description will let you register again. Your best result and your current run will be visible in the Boat List under the Boat Tab in-race. The Leaderboard, findable under the Races Tab on the Homepage, will always reveal all your results.

Fair winds all!

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