



NOTICE OF RACE

Commodore's Challenge Cup

Saturday 9th September 2017

Organising Authority (OA): Royal Western Yacht Club of England Ltd,
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The Organising Authority require the Competitors to undertake to sail in compliance with the RYA Racing Charter as described in the Racing Rules of Sailing and on the RYA website www.RYA.org.uk

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Where boats are racing within the boundaries of the Port of Plymouth they are referred to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 1999, a copy of which is displayed on the website <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1999/2029/contents/made> and Local Notices to Mariners. When the Race Committee believes that such regulations have been broken so as to bring the sport into disrepute it will act under RRS 60.2(c) requesting the Protest Committee to act under RRS 69.1(a), Allegation of Misconduct.
- 1.3 The RRS will be changed by the Sailing Instructions (SI) as follows:
RRS 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: 'However, discarding wool bands when setting a sail is permitted.'
The changes will appear in full in the SI. The SI may also change other racing rules.
- 1.4 IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew number or weight.
- 1.5 For safety reasons bow anchors are to be stored within the boat so that there is no protrusion by the anchor beyond the bow or any other part of the boat.
- 1.6 Military and commercial shipping have right of way in Plymouth Sound. For safety reasons, the Race Committee may issue instructions to one or more boats to change course – failure to follow these instructions will result in DSQ without a hearing.

2 ADVERTISING

Advertising may be displayed in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20. Boats may be required to display the event sponsor's advertising.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Entry for the event is by invitation to yacht clubs based on the Devon and Cornwall South coast – the entry form is downloadable from the website www.rwyc.org.
- 3.2 Any number of teams may be entered by participating clubs. Each team shall comprise three boats with the following current IRC ratings:
One boat shall have an IRC rating 0.970 or greater.
One boat shall have an IRC rating 0.969 or less.
The third boat may be from either of the preceding categories.
- 3.3 All boats shall have a fixed keel with a minimum LOA of 7m.
- 3.4 Only one Group 3 (i.e. fully professional sailor) as defined by World Sailing Regulations

Appendix 4, is permitted on each boat

4 SCHEDULE

There will be a short informal briefing at RWYC on Friday 8th September 2017 at **19:30**.

On the Saturday, there will be up to two short back to back races and one longer duration race. The first warning signal will be at **10:55**.

5 MEASUREMENTS

- 5.1 Boats with an IRC certificate listed on the RORC website shall tick the appropriate box on the entry form and need not submit a copy certificate. In the event of a rating change after an entry has been submitted, boats shall notify the OA as soon as possible and no later than prior to racing. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from all races.
- 5.2 Boats shall produce to the OA a valid rating certificate at any time during the event if required to do so.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Printed copies of the Sailing Instructions will be available at the briefing: They will also be available for download from www.rwyc.org . In the event of a discrepancy between the printed version and the website, the printed version and any amendments posted on the Official Notice Board shall take precedence.

7 THE COURSES

Racing will take place in Plymouth Sound either inside or outside the breakwater using laid marks, fixed navigational and racing marks. The following courses may be set at the Race Officer's discretion: windward/leeward or RTC. The longer race may be a "round the cans" configuration of the available marks – see chart on Appendix .

8 SCORING

- 8.1 Points will be awarded in line with the finishing position of each boat and the boat with the least points in each class will be the winning boat.
- 8.2 A team's race score shall be the total of the scores of the team's boats in the three races. The winning team will have the lowest overall points sum from all the races sailed. In the event of a tie RRS D4.4 shall be applied.
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9 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 9.1 Except in an emergency or to communicate with the Race Committee, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and all other forms of personal mobile communication.

- 9.2 The Race Committee may transmit important information by VHF radio using channel 77. Boats should ensure they are able to receive such transmissions.

10 RISK STATEMENT

- 10.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 10.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
 - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
 - (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions and omissions.
 - (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
 - (e) Provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the OA does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
 - (f) Provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 10.3 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

11 INSURANCE

Each participating boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

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