



Autumn Series

NOTICE OF RACE

Sunday mornings

10th September to 29th October 2017

Organising Authority: Royal Western Yacht Club of England Ltd

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1 RULES

- 1.1 The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 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 (<https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/qhm-plymouth>) 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.
- Failure to comply with instruction from the Race Committee may result in a boat being scored DSQ.
- 1.3 An engine or other alternative means of propulsion may be used when appropriate to avoid risk of collision with another vessel that is underway but not racing; or in a grave emergency. The facts shall be reported by radio to the Race Committee at the finish with written details submitted to the race office before the end of protest time. The protest committee may impose a penalty if it thinks fit. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 1.4 The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules and Disputes procedures will be available. This is the preferred method of resolving disputes.
- 1.5 Racing rule(s) 35 and 44 will be changed as follows:

35 Time Limit –The time limit for the first boat (other than MOCRAS) will be 75 minutes. The race will be abandoned if no boats have finished within this time.

The time limit for the first MOCRA is 120 minutes for the first boat. All boats must finish within 75 minutes of the lead boat in their class or will be scored DNF.

44.1 For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty.

The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

- 1.6 Under rule 87, rule(s) IRC Rule 22.4.2 of the IRC class rules is replaced with:
“The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat shall be the crew number printed on the certificate plus two. There is no weight limit.”

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The Autumn Series is open to all yachts that hold a current IRC certificate, MOCRA certificate, Plymouth Port Handicap (PPH) or current class certificate. Ratings may vary during the Series. Yachts wishing to enter the Cruiser class without a PPH should apply to the Port of Plymouth Sailing Association handicapper, Tony Head, email tony-head@lineone.net or phone 01752 550708 for a handicap.
- Dual scoring, using NHC, will be carried out.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line entry form [\(CLICK HERE\)](#) or to be found on the RWYC Autumn Series Event web page.
- 2.3 A boat’s racing result will only be accepted when a fully completed entry form (either on-line or paper) and payment has been received by race administration at the RWYC prior to racing. All

entries must comply with RRS 75 (Race Entry & Qualification).

3 FEES

3.1 Required fees for the Series are as follows:

	RWYC Members	Non-Members
Series	£35	£55
Individual Day	£10	£15

4. SCHEDULE

4.1 Dates of racing:

The Autumn Series will be held every Sunday morning from 10th September 2017 to 29th October 2017 incl.

4.2 It is intended to have up to two races a day for all classes, other than MOCRAS which will sail one race.

4.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 0945hrs for MOCRAS and 0955 for the other classes. In the event of a large number of entries the IRC and Port Handicap fleet will be split on a basis decided by the Race Committee.

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

5.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the RWYC website, which shall be treated as the Official Notice Board (Autumn Series Event page), and paper copies will be available at the RWYC office.

6. THE COURSES

6.1 For IRC and Port Handicap classes, each Sunday's courses will be a 'windward-leeward' course followed by a Round the Cans course. RTC courses will be based on pre-set courses per the Sailing Instructions but, where shipping movements or other safety reasons require, other courses may be indicated by the committee boat. All courses will use fixed harbour marks.

6.2 MOCRAS will sail a course, indicated by the Committee Boat, utilising marks both inside and outside Plymouth Breakwater.

7. SCORING

7.1a When fewer than four races have been completed in a series, a boat's series' score will be the total of her race scores.

7.1b Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores less one discard for each four (4) races completed.

This changes rule A2

8. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A VHF radio shall be carried and operated by all yachts that enter in the series.

Except in an emergency, 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.

9. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

At the discretion of the Race Committee, a daily bottle prize may be awarded in the club after each day's racing.

Overall series prizes and trophies will be awarded at the clubs annual prize giving.

10. RISK STATEMENT

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:

- (i) 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;
- (ii) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (iii) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (iv) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (v) the provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (vi) the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (vii) it is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue;
- (viii) the fact that the race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

11. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 for the duration of the Series.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the office, Royal Western Yacht Club, Queen Anne's Battery PL4 0TW or by email at beth@rwy.org

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