



Royal Western Match Racing Series 2018
24th March 2018



NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Royal Western Yacht Club.

2 VENUE

The venue will be Royal Western Yacht Club, Plymouth.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event is not ISAF graded.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

4.1 Schedule

- (a) Registration/Briefing from 9:00 on each day of racing..
- (b) Prize giving on 24/03/2018 at 18:00.

4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the briefings is mandatory.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

5.1 Skippers must be a member of a PPSA affiliated club

5.2 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency. Such an emergency shall be reported to the OA immediately after completion of that race.

6 ENTRIES

6.1 Entering

- (a) The team shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card/cash.

6.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of £20 per crew member shall be paid by 24/03/2018.

6.3 Damage deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit of £90 per crew member shall be given in cash at registration. This deposit is the maximum payable by the team as a result of any one incident.
- (b) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- (c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 working days after the event.
- (d) A declaration form is to be signed by all members of the team.
- (e) All deposits are to be locked in the RWYC safe.

7 RULES

7.1.

- (a) The events will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
- (b) The 'Rules for the Handling of Boats' will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing.
- (c) The RYA prescriptions and RYA Racing Charter shall apply.
- (d) The bye-laws of the host club for each event shall apply. (Note: Personal floatation devices approved by the National Testing Authority or equivalent must be worn at all times whilst afloat and when on the pontoons.)
- (e) The right of appeal is denied in accordance with RRS 70.5(a).

7.2. Major Alterations to the RRS:

- a) Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- b) Add to RRS 41: (f) information provided by the designated RYA Coach or umpires.
- c) RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

8.1 The event will be sailed in J/80 type boats.

8.2 2 boats will be provided.

8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, Asymmetrical Spinnaker.

8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

9 CREW

9.1 The maximum number of crew, including skippers, shall be 5, excluding persons placed on board by the RC. All registered crew shall sail all races.

9.2 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.

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10 EVENT FORMAT

10.1 The event will consist of the following stages:

28/3/18 – Round Robin & Finals

10.2 The RC and RWYC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages. Terminated stages may be reorganised at a later date.

11 COURSE

11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.

11.2 The intended course area will be in the Cattewater.

12 ADVERTISING

- 12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, ISAF regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 12.4 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 The principal prize for first place overall will be an engraved tumbler.
- 13.2 The remaining prizes will be at the discretion of our sponsor.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

- 14.1 The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15 COACH BOATS

- 15.1 The OA will provide boats from which coaches may observe racing and communicate with their teams between matches. Individual coach boats will not be permitted.
- 15.2 The OA will not provide berths for coach boats.
- 15.3 Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the OA to the associated skipper or team

16 Royal Western Yacht Club

- 16.1 All racing will be run under the RWYC Standard Operating Procedures, including an upper wind limit of constant 25 knots.
- 16.2 RWYC holds responsibility for returning Yard Keys, Safety Kits, and Sails at the end of each day of racing.
- 16.3 All persons racing will sign an RWYC approved Sign In Sheet prior to going on the water.

17 SAFETY COVER

- 17.1 RWYC will provide safety cover on the water for all racing.

18 DISCLAIMER

All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

19 Risk Statement

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."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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 or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g) 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 for the event.