



Sizzling Saturday Series

NOTICE OF RACE

Selected Saturday afternoons

April to September 2017

Organising authority: Royal Western Yacht Club of England Ltd
Plymouth, UK

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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 Club notice board, website <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/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 Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules and Disputes procedures will be available. This is the preferred method of resolving disputes. See the official website - <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/raceofficials/Pages/RulesDisputesProcess.aspx> for details.
- 1.4 Racing rule(s) 35, 44, A2, will be changed as follows:
- 35 Time Limit –Handicap fleets. Any boat not finishing by 25 minutes of the first handicap boat shall be scored DNF. The time limit for the first boat in either series shall be 1 hour.
- 44.1 For the Yacht series, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty,
- A2 Each boats score shall be as described in NoR 7.
- The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.5 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 Saturday Series is open to all boats that hold either a current IRC or ORC certificate, or a Port Handicap. Yachts wishing to enter the NHC class without a handicap should apply to the Port of Plymouth Sailing Association handicapper, Tony Head, email tony-head@lineone.net or phone 01752 550708) for a handicap.
- The dinghy series is open to all boats with a current Portsmouth Yardstick.
- 2.2 Ratings may be varied during the Series.
- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form, on our website.

2.4 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 are as follows:

	RWYC Members	Non-Members
Series	£25	£35
Individual Day	£5	£ 8

4. SCHEDULE

4.1 Dates of racing:

The Saturday Series will run on Saturday afternoons as follows.

Dinghies		Yachts	
22 nd April		6 th May	
13 th May		20 th May	
3 rd June		24 th June	
17 th June		1 st June	
8 th July		29 th July	
5 th August		26 th August	
16 th September		2 nd September	

4.2 Number of races:

It is intended to have two races a day for all classes.

4.3 The scheduled time of the **warning signal** for the first race of each day will be 1425hrs.

Race 2 will follow as soon as possible after Race 1.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Saturday Event Page on the club website no later than Tuesday 18th April and paper copies will also be available from the RWYC office from that date.

6 THE COURSES

6.1 The courses to be sailed will be Windward/Leeward and will be detailed in the sailing instructions as an Appendix. Depending on the number of boats racing, the race committee may lay a single mark, rather than a gate.

7 SCORING

7.1 For all classes, when fewer than eight races have been completed in a series, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. Thereafter, races will be discarded so that only the best eight races are counted.

- 7.2 Where a One Design class totals 5 or more, they will continue to be scored within their handicap fleet and scored separately as an individual class with prizes awarded as per NoR 9.

8 RADIO COMMUNICATION – Yachts only

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 prize may be awarded to each class after the days racing when four (4) or more boats in that class have taken part.

Overall awards will be presented as follows -

Up to 5 entrants – 1 prize; up to 10 entrants – 2 prizes; up to 15 entrants – 3 prizes etc. Other prizes at the discretion of the Race Committee.

A trophy will be awarded to the overall winner in each class.

All boats sailing under IRC or Port handicaps will be ‘dual scored’ under NHC. Daily prizes will be awarded for fixed handicaps or cruisers, but a series prize will also be awarded based on NHC results as dual scored.

Dinghies will be scored using current Portsmouth Yardsticks.

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) [For offshore races] they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

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.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Secretary, Royal Western Yacht Club, Queen Anne's Battery PL4 0TW by email at admin@rwyc.org

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