



**ROYAL WESTERN**  
YACHT CLUB OF ENGLAND

## **Wolf Rock Race**

**27th May 2017**

# **Notice of Race**

Organising authority: Royal Western Yacht Club of England Ltd  
Plymouth U.K.

# NOTICE OF RACE

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.(RRS) except that between sunset and sunrise the Internal Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (Colregs) shall apply
- 1.2 Where boats are racing within the boundaries of a port they shall comply with such regulations as may be in force within that port. In particular, regulations regarding the safe navigation of large vessels shall be strictly observed. Competitors are referred to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 1999, a copy of which is displayed on the Club notice board and website, and to 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 RRS are changed as follows..
  - a RRS 44.1 Taking a Penalty. The Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty.
- 1.4 Under RRS 87, IRC Rule 22.4.2 is replaced with:

“The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat shall be the crew number printed on the IRC certificate plus two. There is no weight limit.”
- 1.5 The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Category 4 shall apply. ([www.sailing.org/specialregs](http://www.sailing.org/specialregs)). Additionally, boats shall carry a life raft in accordance with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 4.20.2.
- 1.6 The Race Committee may inspect any boat to ensure compliance with OSR.

## 2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 IRC DIVISION – for yachts with a current IRC certificate.
- 2.2 MOCRA DIVISION – for yachts holding a current MOCRA certificate.
- 2.3 CRUISER DIVISION – for yachts holding a current Port Handicap issued by the Port of Plymouth Sailing Association (PPSA).

The current list of Port Handicaps (Port TCF) can be found at -

<http://plymouthsailingassociation.org.uk/racing/handicap-list>

If an entrant does not have a PPSA Port Handicap, they should apply to the PPSA Port Handicapper, Tony Head; email [tony-head@lineone.net](mailto:tony-head@lineone.net) with as much advance notice as possible before the event.

- 2.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form (separate attachment) and sending it, together with the required fee, to the Secretary, Royal Western Yacht Club, by 12.00 on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

Online entry is available: [Click here](#).

- 2.5 Late entries will be accepted on receipt of a late entry fee of 25% in addition to the entry fee.

### **3 FEES**

- 3.1 Required fees are as follows: RWYC members £25, Non-members £40.
- 3.2 To qualify for a RWYC Members race entry, the boat shall be owned or chartered by an RWYC member who shall be on board for the race. Evidence of this may be required by the Race Committee (RC).

### **4 SCHEDULE & COURSE**

- 4.1 It is intended that the first warning signal will be given at 0855 on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May.  
Class starts may be combined.
- 4.2 The course will be from a start line in Plymouth Sound, round Wolf Rock and finish on the RWYC line.

### **5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & CLASS SPLITS**

- 5.1 The Sailing Instructions and class splits (where necessary) will be available on the Wolf Rock page of the RWYC website by 1800 on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

## **6. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 6.1 The Exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration system of the RYA Rules and Disputes procedures will be available. This is the preferred method of resolving disputes. See [www.rya.org.uk/racing/raceofficials/Pages/RulesDisputesProcess.aspx](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/raceofficials/Pages/RulesDisputesProcess.aspx) for details.
- 6.2 Discretionary penalties will be available to the Protest Committees (PC).

## **7. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 7.1 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.

## **8. PRIZES**

- 11.1 Trophies will be awarded to the winners in each class subject to a minimum of three boats starting the race.

## **9. SELF STEERING GEAR**

- 9.1 The use of self steering devices is permitted.

## **10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 10.1 RRS 4 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 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) 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];
- (ix) their boat is adequately insured.

## **11. INSURANCE**

Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 or the foreign equivalent for the duration of the race or series.

## **12. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact the Secretary, Royal Western Yacht Club, Queen Anne's Battery PL4 0TW – tel 01752 660077 by email at [admin@rwyg.org](mailto:admin@rwyg.org).

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