PLYMOUTH RACE WEEK 2019

The MOCRA UK National Championships 2019

30th May – 2nd June 2019

Notice of Race

Organising Authority (OA) – Royal Western Yacht Club of England (RWYC)

1. RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by the ‘Rules’ as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Prescriptions and the 2019 MOCRA Rating Rule

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 can be downloaded from 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 Where there is conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail except that neither shall change nor alter a class rule.

1.4 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 63.7

1.5 The exoneration penalty and the Advisory Hearing and Arbitration Procedures of the RYA will be available at this event.

1.6 Competitors should note that the Royal Western Yacht Club of England implements the RYA Racing Charter and entrants will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY
3.1 The Regatta is open to all boats with a valid MOCRA rating certificate. The fleet may be split into 2 individual fleets depending on the spread of TCCs. This will be available on the website by Monday 20th May 2019.

3.2 MOCRA multihull entrants shall comply with the World Sailing Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing for Category 4 races. (https://www.sailing.org/specialregs) Any boats that do not comply fully with the requirements may apply to the Organising Authority for written dispensation.

3.3 Eligible boats may enter as follows

3.3.1 The MOCRA Nationals entry form should be downloaded from the regatta Website at https://rwyc.org/plymouth-race-week, completed and returned to the regatta office by email to hannah@rwyc.org

3.3.2 Entries should be received by 24th May 2019. Entries received after this date will be deemed as late entries and will be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

4. **ENTRY FEES:**

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5. **SCHEDULE**

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<td>Sunday 2nd June</td>
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<td>Day and Overall Prizegiving in the RWYC</td>
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5.2 The organising authority reserves the right to change the schedule. Changes will be posted on the event noticeboard and event website before 20.00 the day before it will take effect.

6. **RACES**

6.1 There will be up to 2 races scheduled on Thursday and Sunday and up to 3 races scheduled on Friday and Saturday.
6.2 Average Lap Racing may be used throughout (with the exception of any long distance races).

7. **MEASUREMENTS**

7.1 Changes to the rating of a boat other than upwards will not be allowed after 18.00hrs on Wednesday 29th May unless the rating change is:

(a) Due to an error made by MOCRA. In such a case the rating shall be corrected for all races.

(b) The result of a rating protest, when RRS 64.3 will apply together with the rules applicable to that rating system.

7.2 Rating protests by competitors may not be lodged after 18.00hrs on Wednesday 29th May.

8. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available from the Regatta Office and on the event website [https://rwyc.org/plymouth-race-week](https://rwyc.org/plymouth-race-week) by 1000 on Wednesday 22nd May 2019.

9. **VENUE - see appendix A**

9.1 Racing for the MOCRA Nationals will take place in Plymouth Sound, which extends 2.5nms South of Plymouth Breakwater & surrounding waters. Refer Admiralty Chart 30: Plymouth Sound and Approaches.

10. **THE COURSES –see Appendix B**

10.1 The MOCRA fleet will race south of the breakwater using Navigational Marks/Laid Marks for coastal/round the cans courses and Laid Marks for windward/leeward courses. (AREA B). Plymouth Breakwater and some offshore Navigational Marks may be used as course marks.

11 **SCORING**

11.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

11.2 The MOCRA Class will be scored using the MOCRA Rating Rule

11.3 3 Races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12. **DISCARDS**

12.1 (a) When 7 or less races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

(b) When 8 -10 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores
13. **BERTHING**

13.1 For details of berthing arrangements contact Simon Baker, Email simon@multimarine.co.uk

14. **HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

14.1 Yachts shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

15. **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

15.1 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.

16. **PRIZES**

16.1 Daily prizes will be awarded. Overall class prizes/trophies will be awarded.

17. **RISK STATEMENT**

17.1 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”.

17.2 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 they;

17.2a 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;

17.2b they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat of ashore;

17.2c they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions and omissions;

17.2d their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

17.2e provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

17.2f provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

17.3 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce their responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

18. **INSURANCE**

18.1 Each participating boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold Insurance against third part claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000. It is the duty of each boat owner to have his boat adequately insured against any risk, including civil responsibility to third parties and to ensure that such insurance remains valid for the entirety of Plymouth Regatta Race Week 2019.
19. **MEDIA WAIVER**

19.1 Competitors give their consent to the Royal Western Yacht Club and its sponsors, to use their name, comments, photograph and likeness in order to promote the Plymouth Race Week event and subsequent events.

20. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

2.1 For further information, please contact

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APPENDIX B