



# Autumn Series

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

Sunday mornings

12<sup>th</sup> September to 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Organising Authority: Royal Western Yacht Club of England Ltd  
PLYMOUTH, U.K.

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 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 2020, a copy of which is displayed on the Club notice board, website <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/1261/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 Post-Race Penalty and RYA Hearing/Arbitration of the RYA Rules and Disputes procedures will be available. This is the preferred method of resolving disputes. See the official website for details.  
<https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/racingrules/Pages/rules-disputes-process.aspx>
- 1.4 Racing rule(s) 35, 44, A2, will be changed follows:
- 35 Time Limit –The time limit for the first boat (other than MOCRAS) will be 90 minutes. The time limit for the first MOCRA is 120 minutes for the first boat. The race will be abandoned if no boats have finished within this time. All boats must finish within 60 minutes of the second boat in their class will be scored DNF. Time limit will not apply to cruisers and those boats doing the purposeful sail course.
- 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.
- 1.5 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 one. There is no weight limit.”

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & CLASS SPLITS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Autumn Series Event Page on the club website no later than Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021. All classes will start and race as one fleet, unless numbers dictate that it will be necessary to split the fleet.

### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board shall be <https://rwyc.org/autumn-series/>
- 3.2 While racing. Except in an emergency a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. Race Control will operate on Channel 77.

### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Autumn Series is open to all boats that hold either a current IRC certificate, or a VPRS certificate. Yachts wishing to enter the Cruiser class without a rating should apply to Ruth at VPRS - [www.vprs.org](http://www.vprs.org) All boats will also be given a NHC result and may enter for this series alone.
- 4.2 Ratings may be varied during the Series.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form. Entry forms are available at: [www.rwyc.org](http://www.rwyc.org)
- 4.4 A yacht'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).

### 5 FEES

- 5.1 Required fees are as follows:

	RWYC Members	Non-Members
Series	£50	£80
Individual Day	£10	£ 15

- 5.2 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 each leg of the race. Evidence of this may be required by the Race Committee (RC).

### 6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 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 one. There is no weight limit.”

## **7 ADVERTISING**

7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority

## **8 SCHEDULE**

8.1 Dates of racing:

The Autumn Series will be held every Sunday morning from 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021 to 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021 incl.

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

8.3 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 fleet will be split on a basis decided by the Race Committee.

## **9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

9.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid rating certificate.

## **10 THE COURSES**

10.1 If two races are held, the first will be a short windward/leeward course. The second race may be either another windward/leeward, or a round the cans course. The course to be sailed for the 'Round the Cans' race will be detailed in the sailing instructions.

Where appropriate, the race committee may 'average lap' slower boats.

## **11 PENALTY SYSTEM**

11.1 The Post-Race 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.

11.2 Discretionary penalties will be available to the Protest Committees (PC).

## **12 SCORING**

12.1 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

- 12.2 Where a One Design class totals 5 or more, they will continue to be scored within their rated fleet and scored separately as an individual class with prizes awarded as per NoR 15.

### **13. RISK STATEMENT**

- 13.1 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.

## **14 INSURANCE**

Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 or the foreign equivalent for the duration of the race or series.

## **15 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 five (5) or more boats in that class have taken part.

Overall and Part Series awards will be presented as follows -

Up to 5 entrants – 1 prize; 6 to 10 entrants – 2 prizes; over 11 entrants – 3 prizes.

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

All boats sailing under IRC/VPRS will be ‘dual scored’ under NHC. Daily prizes may be awarded for IRC or VPRS, but prizes may also be awarded based on all NHC results.

## **16 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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