

NOTICE OF RACE

RORC IRC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Friday 5th – Sunday 7th July 2019
Cowes, Isle of Wight.

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Ocean Yacht Club, The Disrespect, 82 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight. PO31 7AJ.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- a. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020* (RRS).
- b. The National authority (RYA) prescriptions will apply.
<http://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/Racing/RacingInformation/RacingRules/RYA%20Prescriptions%202017.pdf>
- c. **[DP]** The IRC Rules 2019 Parts A, B, and C shall apply, except that IRC rule 21.1.5 (d) & (e) shall not apply.
- d. **[DP]** World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 plus VHF radio is required.
[https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/mo4180104-\[23486\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/mo4180104-[23486].pdf)
- e. RRS 60 is amended: Protests relating to RRS 50.3(c), Outriggers and ERS F1.4 Other Spars shall only be brought by the Organising Authority or Jury.

2. **[DP] ADVERTISING**

- a. Advertising is permitted in accordance with class rules and World Sailing Regulation 20.
- b. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and/or supplied by the OA.

3. **[DP] RATING CERTIFICATES**

- a. All entrants shall have a valid endorsed IRC certificate issued by the RORC Rating Office 7 days prior to the event as per 4.d. After this date changes will only be permitted with the permission of the OA.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- a. The Regatta is open to all boats with an IRC Rating between 0.850 and 1.450
- b. Entries will only be accepted via the event website <https://rorc.sailgate.com/>
- c. The closing date for entries is 23:59hrs on Thursday 20th June 2019.
- d. The Rating deadline is 23:59 hrs on Thursday 27th June 2019.

5. FEES

The entry fees are as described in sailgate. <https://rorc.sailgate.com/>

The entry fee is non-refundable, with the exception of the event being cancelled by the OA.

6. **[DP] REGISTRATION**

All boats shall have provided before racing the following:

- a. a completed crew declaration form
- b. a copy of the boats IRC endorsed rating certificate: and
- c. proof of insurance (NOR 19)

7. SCHEDULE

The intended schedule is as follows:

Date:	Event:
Thursday 4 th July	RORC Cowes Race Office open: 09:00 – 18:00hrs. Cowes Clubhouse open – see separate details.
Friday 5 th July Portsmouth 14:13 4.8m	Race Office open from 08:30hrs. First Warning Signal 11:55hrs.
Saturday 6 th July Portsmouth 15:08 4.7m	First warning signal 10:55hrs.

Sunday 7 th July Portsmouth 16:09 4.7m	Racing: First warning signal 10:55hrs Prize Giving 16:00 at RORC Cowes clubhouse
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- a. Up to eight (8) races are scheduled.
- b. No warning signal will be displayed after 14:00hrs on Sunday 7th July.
- 8. [DP] INSPECTIONS**
 - a. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.
- 9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
 - a. The SIs will be published on the RORC website event page by Thursday 27th June 2019.
- 10. RACE AREA**
 - a. The racing area will be on The Solent and adjacent waters.
- 11. THE COURSES**
 - a. Courses will be windward/leeward and/or Round the Buoys.
- 12. SCORING**

The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply with the following changes:

 - a. For IRC Classes the corrected time will be the elapsed time * IRC Time Correction Factor
 - b. One race shall be completed to constitute a series.
 - c. Up to eight (8) races are scheduled.
 - d. When one (1) to five (5) races are completed there will be no discard.
 - e. When six (6) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst.
 - f. The overall prize for the IRC National Championship will be awarded to the yacht with the lowest resultant score when the following formula is applied:
 (A yacht's series score divided by (number of scored races minus 1)) divided by (Number of entries in class plus 2).
- 13. [DP] HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**
 - a. Boats shall be afloat by 10:00 on Friday 5th July 2019 and not hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.
- 14. [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION**
 - a. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.
- 15. PRIZES**
 - a. The event prize giving will be held at the RORC Cowes clubhouse on Sunday 7th July after racing.
 - b. Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 16. [DP] SUPPORT BOATS**
 - a. All support boats shall be registered with the OA.
- 17. RIGHTS TO USE, NAMES & LIKENESSES**
 - a. In participating in the event any competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority permission to make, use and show, from time to time, any motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event without compensation, in perpetuity.
- 18. DATA PROTECTION**
 - a. By entering this event, you agree to provide personal data to the OA. The OA will process your personal data for the purpose of administering the event, in accordance with the Data Privacy Policy.
www.rorc.org
- 19. INSURANCE**
 - a. Boats shall be adequately and suitably insured with valid third party liability insurance before racing.
- 20. 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 inherently 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f. The provision of patrol boat cover if any is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be 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 or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
- h. 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.
- i. The OA and its organisation partners, the sponsors, the committees, the insurers and any other party and/or persons involved in the organisation will accept no liability whatsoever for any personal or material damage (including but not limited to death, injury, consequential damages, etc.) sustained prior to, during or after the regatta.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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