



Race the Wight

(a RORC race around the Isle of Wight in aid of the Scaramouche Sailing Trust and NHS Trusts)

1st August 2020

NOTICE OF RACE – **Amended 15/07/20**

Organising Authority: Royal Ocean Racing Club

The notation '(DP)' in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. (RRS) 2017 - 2020
- 1.2 National Authority Prescriptions; the Prescriptions of the RYA will apply. (<http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/racingrules/pages/the-rules.aspx>)
- 1.3 Class Rules; the rules and regulations of appropriate one design and/or class rules and IRC Rules parts A, B and C will apply. (DP)
- 1.4 Where Class Rules do not specify mandatory safety equipment, 2019-2020 World Sailing Inshore regulations; Appendix B inshore racing will apply. All boats are required to have a working VHF. (DP)

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with class rules and World Sailing Regulation 20. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and/or supplied by the organising authority. (DP)

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Entry is limited to 150 boats on a first come first served basis.
- 3.2 **The regatta is open to the following:**
 - IRC rated boats with a IRC TCC of 0.900 and higher.
 - Multihulls - Boats rating 1.100 and greater (MOCRA).
 - IRC Double handed (two handed) crews.
 - Crews of up to a maximum of 6 people from any household (minimum of 3) or two-thirds of a boat's IRC crew number (rounded down) whichever is the least. This amends IRC rule 22.4.
- 3.3 **The Organising Authority reserves the right to alter or change the eligibility criteria as or when there are changes to Government guidance that affect the eligibility or entry criteria.**
- 3.4 Eligible boats should enter using the RORC online entry system (Sailgate) <https://rorc.sailgate.com>
- 3.5 **Competitors are reminded, notwithstanding the crew limitations (3.2 above), of the government guidance on social distancing and other Covid19 measures.**

4 FEES

- 4.1 Entry fees are £40 per boat. Payment of entries to be donated by RORC to the Scaramouche Sailing Academy and NHS Trusts.
- 4.2 When entries or entry fees are received after Friday 24th July 2020, they may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Royal Ocean Racing Club.

5 SCHEDULE

The proposed schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Event	HW Portsmouth
1 st August 2020	09:20	First warning signal	10:31 4.2M

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be emailed to each competitor before the 24th July 2020.

7 COURSES

- 7.1 The course will be anti-clockwise around the Isle of Wight crossing the Royal Yacht Squadron starting line to the west, round the Needles lighthouse, pass St Catherine's Point, round Bembridge Ledge buoy, with all marks being left to PORT.
- 7.2 In the event of adverse weather, a Solent based around the cans race will be held with the course transmitted via VHF.

8 PENALTIES

- 8.1 For all classes the SIs will state that RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by a one-turn penalty.

9 AUTOMATIC AND WIND VANE DEVICES FOR STEERING

- 9.1 Automatic and wind-vane devices for steering are permitted (this changes RRS 52)

10 COMMUNICATIONS

- 10.1 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. (DP)
- 10.2 Communications with competitors will be via VHF in Channel 72.
- 10.3 All vessels fitted with an AIS system are requested to switch the system on for the duration of the race. It is the intention to monitor the race using the AIS system.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes will be awarded to each class and overall winner, classes will be determined once entries are complete.

12 RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, the attention of Persons in Charge is drawn to fundamental rule 4 'the responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone'. Sailing is by 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 omission.
 - 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
 - f) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event, and to attend any safety briefing held for this event.
 - g) Activities are currently restricted by regulations and guidelines emanating from the government, port authorities and marinas. Key links are provided below.
Government: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Port authorities: Cowes: https://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/local_notices_to_mariners
Portsmouth: <https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/qhm/portsmouth/local-notices>
Southampton: http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/Yachting_and_Leisure/Notices_to_Mariners/

13 INSURANCE

13.1 Boats shall be adequately and suitably insured with valid third-party liability insurance before racing

Note to Competitors

It is the intention of the Race Committee that this race will form part of a series of races. The proposed schedule of races is:

Saturday 1st August – Race the Wight

Saturday 15th August – Long day race

Saturday 22nd August – Long day race

Either Friday 4th September – Cherbourg Race or Saturday 5th September – Long day race

Both series and event notices of race will be issued in due course.

Please contact the RORC Race Team (racing@rorc.org) for further information.