



NOTICE OF RACE Easter Challenge 2023

Friday 7th – Sunday 9th April 2023

Hosted by the Royal Ocean Racing Club, The Disrespect, 82 High Street,
Cowes, Isle of Wight. PO31 7AJ

The Organising Authority is the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC).

1. RULES

- a. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024*.
- b. RRS 41 – outside help, will not apply. Coaching support will be provided with post-race debriefing and on the water advice during racing.
- c. The National Authority (RYA) prescriptions will apply.
- d. Competitors should note that the RORC implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it.
- e. IRC rules 2021 parts A, B and C shall apply. IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by “The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a yacht shall be the number shown on the certificate plus 2. There is no weight limit.”
- f. With the permission of the IRC Rating Authority, IRC Rule 8.2 is modified to include GBR or FRA boats holding single event ratings.
- g. As allowed under IRC Rule 22.1.1, boats competing in the event will not be required to carry bunk cushions.
- h. As allowed under IRC Rule 21.1.5. d, sails may be removed from the boat at the end of each day.
- i. 2021-2024 World Sailing Inshore Regulations; Appendix B inshore racing will apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be sent to competitors and published on the <http://www.rorc.org/racing/race-documents> website by Monday 3rd April.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. The online official notice board is located at <http://www.rorc.org/racing/race-documents>
- b. All boats are required to have a working VHF.

- c. 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.
- d. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the sailing instructions.
- e. In addition to the official ONB, a WhatsApp group with voluntary sign up, will be used to assist competitors to stay informed of RC intentions, notices, results, protest details and other information during the event. Sign up details will be available to all competitors at registration.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- a. Entries are welcomed for boats with a valid IRC Certificate with a rating between 0.850 and 1.420
- b. Entries will only be accepted via the event website at the following link:
www.sailracehq.com
- c. The closing date for entries is Thursday 30th March 2023.
- d. When entries or entry fees are received after the closing date, they may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.

5. ENTRY FEES

- a. The entry fee details are provided on the entry system.
- b. Should the organising authority reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee in full.
- c. The Organising Authority may cancel the event and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.

6. RATING CERTIFICATES

- a. Boats shall have a valid IRC certificate issued by the RORC rating office before the 30th March 2023. After this date changes will only be permitted with the permission of the OA.

7. REGISTRATION

- a. All registration requirements shall be completed online before racing, including providing a nominated shoreside contact details and accepting the declaration statement.

8. ADVERTISING

- a. Advertising is permitted in accordance with the Class Rule and World Sailing Regulation 20.

9. INTENDED SCHEDULE

- a. **All classes**

Date	Time	Event	HW Portsmouth
Friday 7th April	1055	Practice Starts	1311 4.5m
	1155	First Warning Signal	
Saturday 8th April	1025	First warning signal	1342 4.5m

Sunday 9th April

1025

First warning signal

1416 4.5m

- b. The event will consist of up to eight races.
- c. No warning signal will be displayed after 14:30hrs on Sunday 9th April.

10. RACE AREA AND COURSES

- a. The race-course area will be on the Central Solent and adjacent waters.
- b. Races will be a mixture of windward/leeward and round the buoys courses. Racing will be provided to test the performance of a boat and its crew, whilst sailing at all angles of the wind. Downwind and reaching starts may be used.

11. INSPECTIONS

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.

12. PENALTIES

- a. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe).
- b. All boats: Penalties arising from protests will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2.

13. SCORING

- a. The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply, including the following changes.
- b. One race are required to constitute a series.
- c. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

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

15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats whilst they are in the water.

16. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES

Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped, or filmed television of or relating to the event.

17. PRIVACY STATEMENT

The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis of processing that

personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

18. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall ensure that their boat is adequately insured, against all third-party claims.

19. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 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 if any 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.

20. PRIZE GIVING

- a. The event prize giving will be held at the RORC Cowes clubhouse as soon as possible after racing on Sunday 9th April.

FURTHER INFORMATION



All Competitors will be welcome at the RORC Cowes clubhouse during the event. For details of accommodation and dining facilities please contact the clubhouse. RORC clubhouse Telephone: +44 1983 293581 Email: cowes@rorc.org

Additional social arrangement details will be communicated and published to competitors using the event WhatsApp group or event noticeboard.

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