



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

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: Double handed and family/ household crewed IRC rated boats with a IRC TCC of 0.900 and higher that comply with current Covid-19 guidelines and with respect to social distancing at all times, including whilst travelling/on passage before the start and after the finish.
- 3.3 Eligible boats should enter using the RORC online entry system (Sailgate) <https://rorc.sailgate.com>
- 3.4 All boats shall comply with current Covid-19 guidelines. Boats shall not compete if they have, or if they have been in contact with anyone with, symptoms of Covid-19 in the past 14 days, please use the advice available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/>

4 FEES

- 4.1 Entry fees are £40 per boat. Payment of entries to be donated by RORC to the Scaramouche Sailing Trust 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