

ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON BICENTENARY

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INTERNATIONAL REGATTA

25-31 July 2015

GENERAL NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY – ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON RACING (RYSR)

All times UT+1 (British Summer Time)

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Royal Yacht Squadron Bicentenary International Regatta (BICIR) is an invitational Regatta to celebrate the bicentenary of the Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS). Five days of varying format and multi class racing are scheduled. Separate documentation will address the comprehensive social programme. Racing will include team racing in J70s, level rating racing (one from each invited club), and an IRC handicap event. Each event within the Regatta will be covered by a separate annex to this General Notice of Race (GNoR), see below.

The Organising Authority, while fully supporting the need for some yachts to be crewed by ISAF Crew Classification Category 3 sailors, wishes to encourage as many crew members as possible, in the spirit of the regatta, to be Category 1 sailors and members of invited clubs. For the avoidance of doubt “members” means members of the invited yacht club, its sailing academy (where applicable), or be closely related (sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, fathers, mothers (or in-laws of these), cousins,) to members of the yacht club.

GNoR Annex A – the team racing event

GNoR Annex B – the level rating event

GNoR Annex C – the IRC racing

GNoR Annex D – the Race Around the Island (RATI) or long race.

GNoR Annex E – the J Class Event

- 1.2 The location of Regatta Headquarters and the Regatta Office will be decided at a later date.
- 1.3 Racing will take place in the Solent and waters surrounding the Isle of Wight. The recommended chart folios are Imray 2200 Solent Chart Pack or Admiralty SC5600 The Solent and Approaches.

1.4 This Notice of Race supersedes the Preliminary Notice of Regatta dated 7 July 2013

2. Rules

2.1 The Organising Authority (OA) will be Royal Yacht Squadron Racing.

2.2 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, together with, as appropriate:

The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4

The IRC Rules Parts A, B & C

The MOCRA Rating Rule

Class Rules where appropriate, with the exception of the J70s for team racing.

2.3 Any changes to the Rules will be identified in the relevant Annexes in accordance with RRS Appendix J1.

3. Eligibility and Crew Classification

3.1 The Regatta, which is by invitation only, is open to the following:-

3.1.1 Monohull yachts of the Royal Yacht Squadron and all invited clubs, including J Class Yachts which are members of the J Class Association, Classic and Cruising Classes with current IRC certificates and of minimum hull length (HL) 12 M and minimum IRC rating 1.050, (except that Classic Yachts (defined as classic monohull yachts of wooden hull construction built before 1970) may have lower ratings) and maximum draft 6m, or maximum IRC rating of 1.850. The OA may, at its sole discretion, allow entries of other yachts that do not meet the minimum rating limit, which are of special historical interest.

3.1.2 Transatlantic Race monohull yachts, including those that exceed the draft limit or the rating limits stated in GNoR 3.1.1 and Transatlantic Race multihull yachts, may enter the Race Around the Island or the equivalent long distance race only. Yachts entered in this category need not be owned or chartered by members of invited clubs.

3.1.3 Within the IRC divisions two yachts from invited clubs, as well as two yachts from member clubs of Cowes Combined Clubs, are invited to enter for separate inter-club trophies, based on their points scores in the IRC fleet racing event, as detailed in Annex C of this GNoR. These yachts may, at the discretion of the Organising Authority, be divided into more than one class.

- 3.1.4 Class splits and the total number of classes in the IRC divisions will be decided after the total number of entries is known. The Organising Authority's intention is that one or more of these classes will be for classic yachts (see Annex C).
- 3.1.5 One single yacht from each invited club to participate in a one design class fleet racing competition, with crew member age stipulations for each crew (see Annex B).
- 3.1.6 Two boat teams (crews of three, maximum age 30) from invited clubs to participate in a J70 team racing competition. There will be a maximum of twelve teams in total (see Annex A).
- 3.1.7 The maximum number of yachts in all classes will be limited to 200, not including the J70s (GNoR 3.1.6 above) or those eligible only for the RATI or long race (GNoR 3.1.2 above).
- 3.1.8 The permitted ISAF Classification Code of crew members for each event is detailed in the appropriate Annex. For the avoidance of doubt sailors without a Group 1 classification shall be deemed to be Group 3.
- 3.1.9 Yachts may carry advertising as allowed by the ISAF advertising code (ISAF Regulation 20) subject to class rule restrictions.

4. Registration and measurement

- 4.1 Yachts may register at the Regatta Office between 0800 and 1800 on both Saturday 25 July and Sunday 26 July. Measurement, where appropriate for IRC classes, will take place by prior arrangement with the Race Committee between the same times, at Cowes Yacht Haven.

5. Entry forms and berthing

- 5.1 Entry forms are attached to each Annex to this GNoR. The deadline for entries to be received at the Regatta Office, with the correct entry fee is detailed on each entry form (see separate annexes).
- 5.2 Arrangements for berthing will be outlined in the relevant annexes.

6. Schedule of events

Date	Time	Event
Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 July	0800-1800	Registration at the Regatta Office and Measurement at

		Cowes Yacht Haven
Sunday 26 July	1800	Skippers briefings at RYS
HW Portsmouth 0728	1830	Opening ceremony at RYS
Monday 27 July	0900-1200	Team Racing first flights
HW Portsmouth 0842	1300-1600	Team Racing second flights
	1025	First Warning Signals for IRC and level rating classes
Tuesday 28 July	As for Monday 27 July	As for Monday 27 July
HW Portsmouth 0958		
Wednesday 29 July	0900-1200	Team Racing first flights
HW Portsmouth 1059	1300-1600	Team Racing second flights
	0755	First Warning Signal for the RATI or Long Race
Thursday 30 July	0900-1200	Team Racing first flights
HW Portsmouth 1151	1300-1600	Team Racing second flights
	1025	First Warning Signals for IRC and level rating classes
Friday 31 July	1000-1400	Team Racing semi finals and finals
HW Portsmouth 1239	1025	First Warning Signals for IRC and level rating classes
	1900	Prize Giving ceremony at the RYS

7. Sailing Instructions

- 7.1 The SIs for each event will be available online from the Regatta website www.rysr.org.uk from 2359 on 31 May 2015.

8. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority

9. **Indemnity**

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 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) 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]; and
- h) Their boat is adequately insured against third party claims. For this Regatta the amount required for IRC rated yachts is not less than £2 million or equivalent.

Annex E

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THE J CLASS EVENT

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Notice of Race should be read in conjunction with the General Notice of Regatta (GNoR), particularly GNoR 9.
- 1.2 The Organising Authority's intention is for racing to take place in the Solent and adjacent waters.
- 1.3 Crew members shall provide their own personal floatation devices.

2. Rules and advertising

- 2.1 Racing will be governed by GNoR 2 and RRS.
- 2.2 Advertising: see GNoR 3.1.9.
- 2.3 The J Class shall have current JCA Ratings.

3. Crew Classification and entry

- 3.1 The owner/charterer of each yacht shall be a member of the invited yacht club and shall helm the yacht while racing. However, an exception may be made for the starts and in close quarter situations, when the professional skipper (boat captain) may take the helm. The J Class may have a professional helm at any time.

- 3.2 For safety reasons, all the crew of the J Class, except the owner/charterer may, with prior permission from the OA, be Group 3.
- 3.3 The classification protest time limit is two hours after the end of the last race on the first day of racing.
- 3.4 The entry fee will be as follows:
 - 3.4.1 £4000 including VAT per yacht, which includes 6 tickets for the opening and closing ceremonies and 8 tickets for the Regatta Ball at Osborne House.

4. Schedule of events

- 4.1 One race per day around navigation and racing marks in the Solent and adjacent waters is scheduled on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, with a Race Around the Island or a long race scheduled for Wednesday. The intended schedule is described at NOR 4.4 below.
- 4.2 A minimum of three completed races will constitute a series.
- 4.3 At least one member from each crew shall attend the Skippers Briefing at 1800 on Sunday 26 July. The location of the briefing, which will take place within Race Headquarters, will be available at Registration.
- 4.4 Schedule of events:

Date	Time	Event
Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 July	0800-1800	Registration at the Regatta Office
Sunday 26 July	1800	Skippers briefings at RYS
HW Portsmouth 0728	1830	Opening ceremony at RYS
Monday 27 July	1025	Earliest time for the first Warning Signal
HW Portsmouth 0842		A second race may be held after completion of the first race.

Tuesday 28 July HW Portsmouth 0958	1025	Earliest time for the first Warning Signal A second race may be held after completion of the first race.
Wednesday 29 July HW Portsmouth 1059	0755 1030	Earliest time for the first Warning Signal of the Race Around the Island or Long Race J Class Warning Signal
Thursday 30 July HW Portsmouth 1151	1025	Earliest time for the first Warning Signal A second race may be held after completion of the first race.
Friday 31 July HW Portsmouth 1239	1025 1800 approximately (to be confirmed at Registration)	Earliest time for the first Warning Signal Prize Giving ceremony at the RYS

5. Sailing Instructions

- 5.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Regatta website from 2359 on 10 July 2015.

6. Courses

- 6.1 The courses will be designed to recognize the requirements of the J Class. With the exception of the Race Around the Island the intended duration of each race will be in the order of three hours.
- 6.2 Races will be run from the Royal Yacht Squadron start and finish lines.

- 6.3 The Race Around the Island or Long Race will be sailed in conjunction with the Level Rating fleet and those other competing yachts that are ineligible for the main regatta events (GNOR 3).

7. Prizes

- 7.1 Prizes will be awarded to the winner, second and third placed yachts scored based on the JCA handicap System excluding the worst score if four or more races have been completed (This changes RRS Appendix A), but shall include the Race Around the Island or Long Race.