



NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

BELLA MENTE submitted three questions concerning situations on the race course involving a J class boat interacting with an IRC boat and the responsibilities to comply with Notice to Marinas (Appendix 3 to the Sailing Instructions required by Sailing Instruction 9.5) together with responsibilities to comply with the rules of Part 2 of the Racing Rules.

It is not possible to give definitive answers to these questions.

If a hearing is brought under Sailing Instruction 9.6 the Jury will make its decision based on:

- whether or not an IRC boat had infringed SI 9.5 in that the skipper/helmsman of the J/Large Classic was concerned as to the safety of his vessel not through his own action (in which case the jury may impose a penalty under SI 21.4),
- whether or not either boat broke a rule of part 2 of the racing rules

The Jury notes that the Race Committee intends to set courses such that the only time the Js and Large Classes are likely to interact with other competing boats will be outside the Solent during the Race Around The Island, where the Notice to Mariners does not apply.

Tom Sheppard IJ HKG, Tony O'Gorman IJ IRL, Rut Subniran IJ THA Jean-Louis Fabry FRA, Bryan Willis IJ GBR (chairman)