



Women's J70 Open Championship

19th & 20th September

ROYAL THAMES YACHT CLUB

COWES, ISLE OF WIGHT

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1.1. The championship will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020. The Associated British Ports Southampton Byelaws current at the start of the first race of the championship will apply.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

2.1. The Organising Authority is the RTYC Limited.

3. ADVERTISING

3.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. The championship is open to all Women Sailors.

4.2. Entrants may enter by completing the online entry form here together with the required fee, by 1st September.

4.3. Late entries may be accepted at the unfettered discretion of the organising authority.

5. FEES

5.1. The entry fee is £550 which includes the charter cost of a J70 - supplied by the Organising Authority, 4 dinner tickets and a daily breakfast. There is an entry fee of £350 for competitors bringing their own J70 and includes 2 nights berthing in Shepards Wharf, 4 dinner tickets and a daily breakfast. Extra guest tickets are available.

6. THE BOATS

6.1. The event will be sailed in J70s and the Organising Authority will provide 12 boats for charter. Alternatively you may enter in your own J70 provided it meets class regulations. The Organising Authority will also provide full suits of sails, namely a mainsail, jib and spinnaker. Sails will be retained by the teams to which they are allocated throughout the Regatta. The Sailing Instructions will contain provisions dealing with the substitution of sails suffering damage.

7. DAMAGE DEPOSIT

7.1. For those chartering from the Organising Authority, each crew will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment and property up to a maximum of £1000 per incident. A deposit of £1000 will be required at registration and before a crew may sail. When a crew is assessed as liable for damage, it shall restore the deposit to the original value in order to continue sailing.

8. FORMAT

8.1. The championship will consist of a series of races with windward/leeward courses with a gate at leeward end.

9. SCHEDULE

9.1. Registration: 0800 to 0900 on 19th September at the Island Sailing Club.

9.2. Competitors' Briefing: 0900 Saturday 19th September at the Island Sailing Club. Details of the race area and VHF channel will be available on the online notice board on yachtscoring.com immediately after the briefing.

9.3. Racing Days: 19th & 20th September

9.4. Number of races: A maximum of four races will be sailed each day.

9.5. The intended scheduled time of the warning signal of the first race is 1100 on Saturday 19th September. On Sunday 20th September it is 1030.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

10.1 The sailing instructions will be available at registration and will also be published on Yacht Scoring no later than one week before the start of the first race.

11. VENUE

11.1 The event will be run from the Island Sailing Club, Cowes

11.2 Racing will be in the Central Solent. The exact location of the first race will be announced at the briefing and on the dedicated VHF channel.

12. THE COURSES

12.1. The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward with a gate at the leeward end.

13. BERTHING

13.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the Shepards Wharf Marina.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

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

15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

15.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the championship.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

17. PRIZES

17.1 Prizes will be awarded throughout the regatta. The winning boat will be awarded the Lochan Challenge Cup and receive 2 tickets to the RTYC Prize Winners Dinner on the 3rd November.

18. ASSESSMENT OF RISK

- 18.1. 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".
- 18.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. All those taking part should be fully aware and conscious of the actual and potential risks involved in active watersports, including drowning, hypothermia and other physical injuries including head injuries.
- 18.3. By taking part in the championship, competitors and each and every competitor agree and acknowledge that:

(i) 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;

(ii) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

(iii) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

(iv) they have checked that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event;

(v) they have checked that they and their fellow crew members are fit to participate;

(vi) 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.

19. INSURANCE

- 19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1 For further information please contact the Sailing Office at the Royal Thames Yacht Club by phone on 020 7201 6262 or by email at rosa@royalthames.com