



NOTICE OF RACE
ROYAL SOUTHERN SUMMER SERIES 2017
4 Regatta Weekends
13-14 May, 10-11 June, 22-23 July, 9-10 September 2017.

1.0 ORGANISATION

1.1 The organising authority is the Royal Southern Yacht Club.

2.0 RULES

2.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2.2 Competitors shall sail in accordance with the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.

2.3 For boats entered in IRC classes, IRC Rules 2017 Parts A, B and C shall apply; and IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by "The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat shall be the crew number printed on her certificate plus 2. There is no weight limit."

2.4 For the purposes of J/80 class rule C.3, the regattas in this series are designated as "Open" events.

2.5 For boats entered in the Cruiser class, the Royal Southern Club Handicap for Cruisers System (Club Series) will be used to handicap each boat entered.

2.6 Mixed Sports Boat class will use the base list from the RYA NHC system to handicap each boat entered.

2.7 This Notice of Race (NoR) may be changed by subsequent amendments.

2.8 RRS 63.7 will be changed so that in the event of conflict between the NOR and the SIs, the SIs shall prevail. SIs will notify this change.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 Entries will be accepted for:

(a) IRC classes and Cruiser Class, which will race in Black Group.

(b) J/70, J/80 and Mixed Sports Boat Class, which will race in White Group.

(c) International 6 Metre Class, XOD Class and other classes by invitation and will be assigned to a race area.

3.2 For White Group classes to qualify for a class start, 6 or more boats will be required to come to the start line, otherwise starts may be combined.

3.3 IRC entries must have a valid IRC certificate with a minimum TCC of 0.820 and a maximum of 1.360 and must be listed on the RORC IRC database before racing.

3.4 J/70, J/80 and SB20 boats shall hold a valid Class Certificate.

3.5 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3.6 Online entry is available at www.royal-southern.co.uk where payment can be processed.

4.0 SAFETY

4.1 Boats entered in IRC and Cruiser classes shall comply with the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 Races. A boat unable to comply in all respects with those safety requirements may seek a dispensation in writing from the organising authority.

4.2 All other boats shall comply with Royal Southern Yacht Club Sports Boat and Day Boat Safety Regulations 2017.

4.3 All boats shall carry a functioning VHF Radio capable of receiving all the usual marine channels, including M1/37a and M2.

5.0 RACE SCHEDULE

5.1 Racing is provided for all classes on Saturdays and Sundays on all 4 weekends.

5.2 For Black Group, except Club Cruiser Class, up to 3 races are scheduled each race day. Club Cruiser class are scheduled to sail 2 races on Saturdays and 1 race on Sundays.

5.3 For White Group, up to 3 races are scheduled on each race day.

5.4 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1025 on each race day. Subsequent races will be started as soon as possible after earlier races.

6.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The SIs will be made available on the Royal Southern Yacht Club Website www.royal-southern.co.uk in the week preceding the racing, and copies may be collected from the Club Sailing Office.

7.0 RACE AREA AND COURSES

7.1 Racing will take place in the Central Solent, with separate race areas for Black, White and any other Groups, as posted on the official notice board. The starting area will be announced regularly via VHF from 90 minutes prior to the first warning signal.

7.2 Black Group courses will be mainly "round the cans" but may sometimes be windward-leeward. Courses will be announced by VHF radio.

7.3 White Group courses will be mainly windward-leeward but may sometimes be "round the cans." Courses will be announced by VHF radio.

7.4 Other classes will be agreed and confirmed in the Sailing Instructions and posted on the official notice board.

7.5 Courses will be announced using the 2017 Solent Mark Codes or diagrams from the Sailing Instructions.

8.0 PENALTIES

8.1 For Black Group boats, time penalties will apply for penalties at the time of an incident. This will change RRS 44 and details will be specified in the SIs.

8.2 For White Group boats, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the penalty shall be a One-turn penalty (1 tack & 1 gybe)

8.3 Penalties arising from protests will be at the discretion of the protest committee and maybe less than DSQ. This changes 64.1.

9.0 SCORING

9.1 The RRS Appendix A Low Points System will apply, with the following changes.

9.2 Each individual weekend regatta is a series on its own. When 4 or more races are completed, 1 score shall be excluded.

9.3 1 race is required to constitute a series

9.4 The overall Royal Southern Summer Series comprises the 4 weekend regattas and the following will apply:

(a) A boat entering any of the regattas will receive a Summer Series score.

(b) RRS Appendix A4.2 is changed so that any boat not competing will be scored 36 points or one point more than the number of boats competing in her class, whichever is greater.

(c) The summer series score will be the sum of the points from all the summer series races discarding the worst scores as follows:-

- When 8 or less races are completed, no score shall be excluded
- When 9 - 12 are completed, 2 scores shall be excluded
- When 13 - 15 are completed, 3 scores shall be excluded
- When 16 - 18 are completed, 4 scores shall be excluded

- When 19 - 22 are completed, 5 scores shall be excluded
- When 23 or more are completed, 6 scores shall be excluded

10.0 PRIZES

- 10.1 Prizes are awarded at the end of racing for each individual weekend regatta.
- 10.2 The presentation of the series prizes and trophies will be on 11th November 2017. Attendance at the prize giving dinner is by invitation.
- 10.3 The overall winner of the Royal Southern Summer Series will be awarded a trophy and prize courtesy of Barbados Tourism Marketing.

11.0 RISK STATEMENT

- 11.1 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."

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;

12.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

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All competitors are welcome as temporary members of the Royal Southern Yacht Club on Race Days. Food and drink will be available and the weekend's prize giving will be held as soon as possible after racing has finished on the Sunday.