



SIR KENNETH PRESTON TROPHY 1 – 3 MAY 2021

**ORGANISING AUTHORITY
ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON
COWES, UK**

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NoR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two_Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, except that when a boat may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.
- 1.3 The Class will provide Bow Sticker Numbers, which shall be displayed 52.5cm back from the bow and 6cm from the shearline. Single digit numbers (e.g."2") must display the leading zero (e.g."02"). [DP]
- 1.4 Non-owners may compete in loaned boats provided that the boat is insured in accordance with this NoR.
A boat chartered or loaned may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rule.
- 1.5 Notices to Mariners for the Ports of [Southampton](#), [Portsmouth](#) and [Cowes apply](#). [DP]
- 1.6 All crews are required to follow all the latest Covid-19 guidance from NHS England and the Government. [DP]
- 1.7 All crews should also follow the latest [RYA Guidance on sailing & racing with participants from different households](#) during COVID-19 in England.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available on the website at www.yachtscoring.com by 23 April 2021.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard (ONB) is located on the website at www.yachtscoring.com. [There is no physical ONB.](#)
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving all normal International VHF Channels. All VHF communication shall be on International VHF channels. [DP]
- 3.3 On the water the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel used will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 From the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a yacht shall not make voice or data transmissions nor receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]
- 3.5 The Race Committee intends using a "Whats App" group to communicate with Competitors and a "QR code" in Addendum C of this NOR is available with details of how to join. Failure to receive information broadcast using "Whats App" will not be grounds for redress.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the International Etchells Class whose owners are current members of the Class Association unless the Cowes Etchells Committee has agreed dispensation. [DP]
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form online at www.yachtscoring.com and paying the entry fee.
- 4.3 The skipper of each boat shall complete and submit an 'Event Personal Declaration Form' in the 24 hours immediately prior to the event. This form is available on the Yacht Scoring Website. Competitors who answer 'False' to any of the questions shall not take part in the event. [DP]

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is £240 and must be received before Friday 30 April 2021.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 There are no World Sailing Sailor Classification restrictions.
- 6.2 Boats wishing to be eligible for the Corinthian Prize shall provide valid WSSC Group 1 IDs for all crew on their entry form. Sailors who fail to provide a valid WSSC Group 1 ID by 1700 on the 30 April will be deemed to be Group 3.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with Class Rules and World Sailing Regulation 20. [DP]
- 7.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. [DP]

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 8.1 Does not apply.

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1 The intention of the Race Committee is to run nine (9) races over the three days of the event.
- 9.2 The Race Committee intends to run no more than three races each day. However additional races may be sailed in order to complete the programme because of weather or other reasons and will be advised by 0900 on the affected day.
- 9.3 On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500.
- 9.4 Schedule

DAY HWP (BST)	BRIEFING	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	NOTES
Sat 1 May HW 1540 4.6m	0930	1155	CYH Race 1. Race 2 & 3 asap after each finish.
Sun 2 May HW 1640 4.4m		1055	Race 4. Race 5 & 6 asap after each finish.
Mon 3 May HW 1740 4.2m		1055	Race 7. Race 8 & 9 asap after each finish.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 Each boat shall be in possession of a valid Measurement Certificate.
- 10.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1 Not applicable – RRS 50 applies. *[DP]*

12. VENUE

- 12.1 Racing will take place from a Committee Vessel in the Central and Eastern Solent.
- 12.2 The approximate position of the Committee Vessel will be announced by VHF radio and at the briefing.
- 12.3 The Race Office will be at the Royal Yacht Squadron.

13. COURSES

- 13.1 The format for racing will be windward/leeward courses. See Addendum A.
- 13.2 The Race Committee intend to run courses using laid marks.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, except that when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the

zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 One race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 (a) When fewer than five races have been completed a boats series score shall be the total of all their scores.
(b) When five or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1 All support vessels shall carry a marine VHF radio and comply with RRS 37 'Search and rescue Instructions'. *[DP]*
- 16.2 Support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for each start thereafter until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. *[DP]*

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 17.1 RRS G3 applies.

18. BERTHING

- 18.1 Event berthing is the responsibility of each boat and is not included in the entry fee. See NoR 25.1

19. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1 All boats shall be afloat by 1730 the day before the first race. *[DP]*
- 19.2 Boats shall not be hauled out during the Event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. *[DP]*

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 20.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event. *[DP]*
- 20.2 Keelboats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event. *[DP]*

21. DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1 The Royal Yacht Squadron, in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 (GDPR), will use information provided by competitors for the purposes of RYS event management only. This data will be held in compliance with the GDPR and will not be shared with any third parties or used for marketing purposes other than contacting competitors by email, post, SMS and telephone with information regarding this event or future events. Competitors will be required to provide their specific consent to this on their entry form.
- 21.2 Competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to

make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event provided that they do not infringe the privacy rights of participants.

- 21.3 The Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS) and Royal Yacht Squadron Racing (RYSR) Armorial, Burgees and all other associated logos shall not be used by any club or individual without the prior written permission of the RYS. [DP]

22. RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1 Rule 3 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."

- 22.2 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, and other officials and volunteers by the event 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) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any competitor or safety briefing held for the event;
- (h) 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.

22.3 COVID Statement

- (a) By taking part in any of the events covered by this Notice of Race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the Royal Yacht Squadron COVID-19 procedures.
- (b) The penalty for a breach of this rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification. Boats may not protest for breaches of this rule. This changes rule 60.1(a).

23. INSURANCE

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

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third boats in the series. The first boat will be awarded the Sir Kenneth Preston Trophy.

- 24.2 There will be a prize for the highest placed "Youth" boat. A youth boat is defined as one where all crew members are under 29 years of age on the 01/01/2021.

- 24.3 In addition, a Corinthian Prize will be awarded to the highest placed boat whose helm and crew are all World Sailing Sailor Classification Group 1.

- 24.4 Those crews wishing to be eligible for the Corinthian Prize shall register their Corinthian status on the Yacht Scoring website prior to the start of the event.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 25.1 Visiting boats may contact [Coves Yacht Haven](#) or [Shepards Wharf Marina](#) for berthing reservations.

- 25.2 There will be an un-official WhatsApp group for receiving general information from the Race Office. The QR Code will be provided to boats entered in the event.

- 25.3 Further information requests or completed entries should be sent to the address below.

NOTICE OF RACE ENDS

ADDENDUM A

Course Illustrations – Windward Leeward

L

Course: Leeward finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – Finish
L3	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – Finish
L4	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – Finish

W

Course: Windward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
W2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – Finish
W3	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – Finish
W4	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – Finish

LA / WA

Course: Windward/leeward with offset mark 1a

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
WA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – Finish
WA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – Finish
WA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – Finish

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