



ROYAL SOUTHERN  
— YACHT CLUB —



# NOTICE OF RACE



**dubarry**  
aquatech

## Women's Open Keelboat Championships 16 – 17 July 2022

Organising Authority: Royal Southern Yacht Club

For more information visit [www.royal-southern.co.uk](http://www.royal-southern.co.uk) or contact the Sailing Office on either 02380 450 302 or [sailing@royal-southern.co.uk](mailto:sailing@royal-southern.co.uk).

**IF PRINTING THIS DOCUMENT, WE RECOMMEND ONLY PRINTING PAGES 2-4.**

v1.0



The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule.

## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. [NP] Boats shall comply with Southampton & Portsmouth Harbour byelaws where applicable. In particular, notice is drawn to ABP Southampton Notice to Mariners No 08 of 2022.
- 1.3. [NP] Competitors should note that the Organising Authority implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it.
- 1.4. IRC Rules parts A, B, and C applies to all boats.
- 1.5. [NP] Boats shall comply with the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 races. A boat unable to comply in all respects with those requirements may seek a dispensation in writing from the Organising Authority.
- 1.6. In the event of a conflict between documents, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.7. [NP] By taking part in this event, 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 any OA Covid-19 procedures.

## 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions will be made available online before the event, and will be found on the Official Noticeboard.

## 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Noticeboard can be found online here: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15296>
- 3.2. [NP][DP] All boats shall carry a functioning VHF radio capable of communicating on all the usual UK marine channels, including M1 (37A) and M2 (P4).
- 3.3. [NP][DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1. [NP] The event is open to any IRC boat with a TCC of between 0.88 and 1.15 inclusive where all crew are female.
- 4.2. Other classes who are able to field at least 6 boats may be invited to enter at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.3. Entries shall be made online: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15296>
- 4.4. The entry deadline is 23:59 on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Entries may be accepted after this time at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## 5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fees are as follows:

Description		Fee
Early Entry Fee	Entries received before 1 June	£100
Standard Entry Fee	Entries received by entry deadline (NoR 4.4)	£120

- 5.2. All fees must be paid to validate an entry.

## 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. [NP] All crew shall be female.
- 6.2. [NP] IRC 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by "The maximum number of crew while racing shall be the Crew Number printed on her certificate, except that one extra crew member is permitted if the total weight of the crew does not exceed her IRC certificate crew number multiplied by 70 kilograms."

## 7. ADVERTISING

7.1. [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the Organising Authority.

## 8. NOT USED

## 9. SCHEDULE

9.1. The schedule is as follows:

Day	Time	Event
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	1800 – 1900	Registration
	1900	Skipper's Briefing
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	0800 – 0900	Registration
	1025	First warning signal
	Post-Racing	BBQ & Live Music
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	0955	First warning signal
	1500	Last permissible warning signal
	ASAP after racing	Prize Giving

9.2. 6 races are scheduled for the Championship – the intention is to run 3 per day, but up to 4 per day may be run to account for adverse weather conditions or other factors at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## 10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules, NoR and Sl's.

## 11. NOT USED

## 12. VENUE

12.1. The racing area will be in the Central Solent.

## 13. COURSES

13.1. The course will be Round the Cans with a Windward-Leeward flavour as defined in the Sailing Instructions.

## 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe).

## 15. SCORING

15.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2. A boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores, excluding her worst scores as follows:

Races completed	Scores excluded
1 – 4	0
5 - 6	1

15.3. The overall Women's Open Keelboat Champion will be determined by a formula that weights the points slightly in favour of larger classes. The formula is:

Each boat's championship score in her class multiplied by 60, divided by the number of races to count for that class, and divided by the square root of the number of entries in her class. The boat with the lowest resultant score is the champion.

## **16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

- 16.1. [NP] All Support Person Vessels must register with the Race Committee before the entry deadline (NoR 4.4) at which time they will be issued with a Support Person Rules document which they shall comply with.

## **17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

- 17.1. [NP] A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the Race Committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

## **18. BERTHING**

- 18.1. A limited amount of berthing is available in the Prince Philip Yacht Haven by prior booking – please contact [havenandfacilities@royal-southern.co.uk](mailto:havenandfacilities@royal-southern.co.uk) in advance.
- 18.2. [NP] Boats shall berth as directed by the Organising Authority.
- 18.3. [NP] No berthing is permitted, even temporarily, on the RAFYC Pontoons, or alongside any boats or vessels berthed there.

## **19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 19.1. [NP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with, and according to the terms of, prior written permission of the Race Committee.

## **20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

- 20.1. [NP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

## **21. DATA PROTECTION**

- 21.1. The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

## **22. RISK STATEMENT**

- 22.1. RRS 3 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer 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 safety briefing held for the event.

## **23. INSURANCE**

23.1. 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.

## **24. PRIZES**

24.1. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class and in the championship overall, and other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

## **25. FURTHER INFORMATION**

25.1. For further information, please contact:

James Ripley

Sailing Secretary

Royal Southern Yacht Club, Rope Walk, Hamble, Hampshire, SO31 4HB

Tel: 02380 450 302

Email: [sailing@royal-southern.co.uk](mailto:sailing@royal-southern.co.uk)

Website: [www.royal-southern.co.uk](http://www.royal-southern.co.uk)