



ROYAL SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE

PASSAGE SERIES 2017

24-25 June Hamble to Yarmouth

12-13 August Poole and Back

23-24 September Hamble Scramble

Note that the Passage Series score shall add the score for the Deauville Race (26-29 May 2017) organised by the Royal London Yacht Club in conjunction with the Royal Southern Yacht Club to the scores for the three passage races notified in this NoR, providing that the boat shall have sailed in the same class in all four races.

1. ORGANISATION

1.1 The organising authority is the Royal Southern Yacht Club.

2. RULES

2.1 Races will be held under the current Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS").

2.2 This Notice of Race ("NoR") may be changed by a subsequent amendment or by the Sailing Instructions ("SIs").

2.3 RRS 63.7 is changed in that in the event of conflict between the NoR and the SIs, the SIs shall prevail.

2.4 The RYA Racing Charter will apply.

3. ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

3.1 Racing is open to all boats in the IRC and club handicap classes.

3.2 Boats shall hold a valid current IRC, class or one-design certificate as appropriate, or a club handicap.

3.3 The club handicap is based on the RSrNYC handicap system.

3.4 All boats may apply for a club handicap.

3.5 IRC Boats that are not entering the Passage Series may elect to use their short-handed IRC certificate rating for the Hamble-Yarmouth, Hamble Scramble and Poole and back races.

3.6 IRC boats shall have a TCC of at least 0.820 unless the race committee has granted dispensation.

3.7 Boats that enter a series in a class of one rating type may change to another.

3.8 Boats changing class or ownership shall not carry scores in the previous class forward but will be treated as a new entry in the new class.

3.9 Boats wishing to race in club class shall lodge an application for a club handicap as early as possible on the forms available from the Sailing Office.

The application must state whether the boat will race with or without spinnakers or other downwind sails.

3.10 Entry is by completed entry form with the required entry fee, to be received by the Royal Southern YC before the boat races.

3.11 Standard entry fees are:

3.11.1 Hamble to Yarmouth: Members £36, non-Members £54.

3.11.2 Poole and back: Members £44, non-Members £66

3.11.3 Hamble Scramble: Members £36, non-Members £54.

Standard entry fees close at 1000 hrs on the Monday before the race. Late entries may be accepted subject to an extra 50% late entry fee.

3.12 Owners may cancel their entry for one or more race days. If, and only if, the cancellation is received by 1000 hrs on the Monday before the race a refund of the entry fee less an administrative charge of £10 per race day will be made.

4. COURSES

4.1 Courses shall be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

5. SAFETY

5.1 Boats shall comply at least with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 races, except for the Deauville Race where the requirement is Category 3 plus Liferaft(s) as defined for Category 2.

5.2 If one design class rules provide a higher standard, boats in the relevant one design class shall comply with that higher standard.

5.3 All boats shall carry functioning VHF radio capable of receiving all usual marine channels, including M1 (37) and M2.

5.4 Boats unable to comply in all respects with the safety requirements may seek a dispensation in writing from the race committee.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 SIs will be issued on the RSrnYC website a few days before each event.

6.2 The start will be in the central Solent at 1030 hrs unless otherwise stated in the SIs.

6.3 Sail numbers shall be readily readable and in case of doubt sail number dodgers must be displayed to the committee boat at the start and finish of each race.

7. PENALTIES

7.1 Scoring or Time penalties shall apply and will be detailed in the SIs.

8. SCORING

8.1 RRS Appendix A will apply.

8.2 A boat entering any of the events in the Passage Series or the Deauville Race shall receive a Series score which shall be the sum of the scores for the Passage Series races covered by this NoR plus the score for the Deauville Race. If the boat has sailed in more than one class it shall receive separate scores for each class. The power-and-sail division of the Deauville race does not count in the series for the Club Class.

- 8.3 Appendix A4.2 is changed in that any boat not completing will score 36 points or one point more than the number of boats competing, whichever is greater.
- 8.4 A boat's Series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9. PRIZES

- 9.1 Prizes are awarded at the end of racing for individual events in accordance with the SIs. In each event, the award of a 1st prize is dependent on at least 3 boats starting in that class.
- 9.2 The presentation of main prizes and trophies will take place on Saturday 11th November 2017 except as indicated in the SIs. The prize giving dinner is by invitation.

10. RISK STATEMENT

- 10.1 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:
- 10.1.1 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;
 - 10.1.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 10.1.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - 10.1.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - 10.1.5 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;
 - 10.1.6 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;
 - 10.1.7 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; and
 - 10.1.8 Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims.
- 10.2 Any inspection of a boat by the race committee does not reduce the responsibilities set out in this paragraph.

For any further information please contact the RSrNYC Sailing Office on 02380 450318 or via sailing.assistant@royal-southern.co.uk