



NOTICE OF RACE

LADIES' RACE

Saturday 30th September 2017

ANCIENT MARINERS' RACE

Sunday 1st October 2017

1.0 ORGANISATION

1.1 The events are organised by the Royal Southern Yacht Club.

2.0 RULES and ELIGIBILITY

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

2.2 The Royal Southern's Club Handicap system will be used to handicap boats.

2.3 **Ladies' Race:** only women may helm; men are permitted in other crew roles. All-female crews are eligible for an additional prize.

2.4 **Ancient Mariners' Race:** handicaps will be modified to allow for the average age of the crew. The person helming shall be at least 60 years of age, no crew member may be under 40 years and the average age of the crew shall be at least 50 years of age. Boats helmed throughout by lady helms are eligible for an additional prize.

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

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

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

3.0 ENTRY

3.1 Entries shall be made on the official Entry Form, accompanied by the appropriate entry fee.

4.0 SAFETY

4.1 Except for boats mentioned in paragraph 4.2, boats 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 race committee.

4.2 J/70s, J/80s, 1720s and SB20s 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.

4.4 When flag "Y" is displayed, the appropriate personal flotation device shall be worn so as to be visible to other boats.

5.0 RACE SCHEDULE

5.1 For the Ladies' and Ancient Mariners' Races, the warning signal will be at 1025.

6.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The SIs will be made available on the Royal Southern Yacht Club Website www.royal-southern.co.uk a few days prior to each event 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.

7.2 Courses will be announced by VHF radio and will use marks on the Royal Southern Mark Codes 2017 list.

8.0 PENALTIES

8.1 Time penalties will apply for penalties at the time of an incident. Details will be in the SIs. This changes RRS 44.

8.2 Penalties arising from protests will be at the discretion of the protest committee.

9.0 SCORING

9.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

10.0 PRIZES

10.1 Prizes are awarded for each event.

10.2 The presentation of prizes and trophies will be on Saturday 11th November 2017. The prize giving dinner is by invitation.

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). 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

(h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims.

(i) Any inspection of a boat by the race committee does not reduce the responsibilities set out in this Notice of Race.

11.2 By entering, competitors undertake to accept the Notice of Race and comply with its provisions.

11.3 In addition, it is the responsibility of each competitor 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.

12.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

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