



Royal Thames Yacht Club Saida Cup

NOTICE OF RACE May 12/13 2018

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY AND RULES

- 1.1. The organising authority is Royal Thames Yacht Club Limited.
- 1.2. The event will be governed by
 - 1.2.1. The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing;
 - 1.2.2. The International Etchells Class Rules; and
 - 1.2.3. The Associated British Ports Southampton Byelaws current at the start of the first race of the event.
- 1.3. This Notice of Race and amendments will be available on the Yacht Scoring website.
- 1.4. Boats shall display bow sticker numbers, to be supplied by the organising authority. They will be placed 52 cm aft from the bow and 6 cm from the shearline and 6 cm apart. Single digit numbers (e.g.'2') shall display the leading zero (e.g.'02').
- 1.5. All boats shall carry a marine VHF capable of receiving all normal international channels while racing.

2 SCHEDULE and FORMAT

Saturday 12th May	10:00	Briefing at Cowes Yacht Haven
	11:55	First Warning Signal
Sunday 13th May	10:55	First Warning Signal
	14:30	No Warning Signal will be made after 1430 unless there is a postponement or general recall during starting sequence

After Racing: Prize Giving at Cowes Yacht Haven

- 2.1 The intention of the Race Committee is to run six races and no more than three races a day. However more than three races may be sailed on either day if the race committee so decides. Any such decision shall not be the subject of a request for redress changing Rules 60.1 (b) and 62.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 In accordance with Regulation 20.4.1 of the World Sailing Advertising Code, the OA may require certain boats to display advertising.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the International Etchells Class whose owners and crews are current members of the Class Association unless dispensation from that requirement has been given by the Organising Authority.
- 4.2 Boats may enter by completing the entry form on the Yacht Scoring website and paying the entry fee in accordance with the instructions there. They are required to tick their agreement to the risk assessment clause in the space provided on the website. Sailors are also required to tick the 'Corinthian' box, if applicable.
- 4.3 The entry fee is £160.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 The sailing instructions will be available at the briefing and may be posted on the Royal Thames Yacht Club and Yacht Scoring websites some weeks prior to the event.

6 VENUE

- 6.1 Racing will be in the Central Solent.
- 6.2 The Regatta Venue, Regatta Office, Flag Pole and the Official Notice Board will be at the Cowes Yacht Haven. Boats may be berthed either at the venue or at Shepards Wharf Marina.

7 COURSES

- 7.1 Racing will be in the Central Solent with Committee Boat starts.
- 7.2 The format for racing will be predominantly windward/leeward.
- 7.3 Courses using laid, fixed racing and navigation marks will be broadcast on VHF and/or displayed on the signal boat.
- 7.4 A list of marks to be used will be issued with the Sailing Instructions.

8 PENALTIES

- 8.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 shall be One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements occurring within the Zone when the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction).

9 SCORING

- 9.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute an event.
- 9.2 When fewer than five-races have been scored in the event, the boat's score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's event score will exclude her worst score.

10. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 10.1 Keelboat shall be afloat by 17.30 on the day before racing commences and cannot be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 11.1 VHF radio channels used for course information and announcements will be identified at the briefing.

- 11.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to all communication devices except any trackers used.

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 The First Prize is the Saida Cup. The winner will be invited to the Royal Thames Yacht Club Prize Winners' Dinner in November 2018 to receive it. There will also be a prizegiving at the event, which will be held at Cowes Yacht Haven as soon as possible after the final day's racing and any subsequent protests on Sunday 13th May.
- 12.2 The Corinthian Prize will be awarded to the highest placed boat sailed under World Sailing Classification Group 1. Those crews competing for the Corinthian Prize must provide their World Sailor Classification Number on Yacht Scoring before racing starts on the Yacht Scoring system.

13 INSURANCE

- 13.1 All competitors shall be adequately and suitably insured before racing.

14 SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1 Any interference by a support boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the Protest Committee to the associated team.

15 MEASUREMENT, CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS AND SAILS

- 15.1 It is not intended to carry out measurement checks of sails, boats or to check crew weight or inspect sail cards.
- 15.2 This is not an Etchells class sanctioned event and sails may be borrowed.
- 15.1 RRS G3 applies.

16 RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1 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".
- 16.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. All those taking part should be fully aware and conscious of the actual and potential risks involved in active watersports, including drowning, hypothermia and other physical injuries including head injuries.
- 16.3 By taking part in the event, competitors and each and every competitor agree and acknowledge that:
- (i) 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;
 - (ii) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - (iii) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - (iv) they have checked that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event;
 - (v) they have checked that they and their fellow crew members are fit to participate;
 - (vi) the provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

(vii) the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

YOU MUST TICK AGREEMENT TO THIS ON THE YACHT SCORING WEB SITE ENTRY

Liability Waiver Declaration by Owner/ Skipper

I understand that Yacht Racing can be dangerous and accept my responsibilities as set out in the Risk Statement in the Notice of Race. Before racing I will effect adequate and suitable insurance and ensure that my crew is aware of:

- ┆ The undertaking of this Declaration
- ┆ The importance of effecting appropriate personal insurance
- ┆ Their responsibility in rules observance, and in particular RRS 1.2 (wearing personal floatation devices adequate for the conditions).

I agree to be bound by RRS, RYA Prescriptions, the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and other applicable rules. The boat and sails will be available for inspection. If any alteration likely to affect the boat is made, e.g. to sails, rig, mast ballast or trim, I will notify the Race Committee immediately. I will ensure that no crew member races contrary to the terms of any ban imposed by World Sailing, a National Authority or the OA.

In participating in the event any competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority permission to make, use and show, from time to time, any motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event without compensation, in perpetuity.

I understand and agree that the information given in this race entry and also the Race entry lists and results will be maintained on the Class's or OA's computer to be used for all aspects of race organization including publicity.