



# NOTICE OF RACE



## British Open and National Championship Saturday 26, Sunday 27 & Monday 28 May 2018

### 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Royal London Yacht Club in association with the International Etchells Cowes Fleet. This event is part of the World qualifier series.

### 2. RULES

- 2.1 The event will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Etchells Class Rules. The Championship is a Class B Sanctioned Event in accordance with Etchells Class Rules Appendix A; sail nomination and weigh-in are required.
- 2.2 This notice of race and amendments will be available on the Yacht Scoring website.
- 2.3 A two digit number shall be displayed 52 cm from the bow and 6cm from the sheerline and 5cm apart.
- 2.4 Boats shall carry a working marine band VHF receiver.

### 3. ADVERTISING

Advertising is permitted in accordance with Class Rules and World Sailing Regulation 20. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and/or supplied by the organising authority.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form requirements on the Yacht Scoring website and paying the entry fee of £240 per boat.
- 4.2 The event is open to boats of the International Etchells Class whose owner and crews are current members of the Class Association unless dispensation has been agreed.

### 5. VENUE

The regatta venue will be at the Cowes Yacht Haven (CYH) and the official notice board and flagstaff will be at the regatta venue; signals may be repeated at the Royal London Yacht Club.

### 6. SCHEDULE

Day	<i>Weigh in &amp; Registration at CYH</i>	Briefing	First Warning Signal	Final Warning Signal	Social
Friday 25 May	1800 - 1900				
Saturday 26 May	0800 - 0900	0900	1155	1700	Nationals Dinner RLYC (1900)
Sunday 27 May			1055	A/R	
Monday 28 May			1055	1530	Prize Giving at CYH (Soon after racing)

## **7. NUMBER OF RACES**

- 7.1 Nine races are scheduled. Three races are required to constitute a series.
- 7.2 The intention is that there will be no more than 3 races per day. Additional races may be sailed in advance or arrears in order to complete the programme because of weather or other reasons.
- 7.3 No warning signal will be made after 1700 on Saturday 26 May and 1530 on Monday 28 May, unless there is a postponement or general recall during a starting sequence.

## **8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 8.1 The sailing instructions will be available at the briefing and on the Yacht Scoring and Royal London YC websites prior to the event. In case of conflict between the sailing instructions and this notice of race, the sailing instructions shall prevail. This changes Rule 63.7.
- 8.2 Oral alterations to the sailing instructions may be made by VHF before a warning signal in accordance with rule 90.2 (c).

## **9. TRACKING**

Competitors may be required to carry a tracking unit which will be supplied by the organising authority, or to use their own smart phone using a recommended app.

## **10. COURSES**

- 10.1 Racing will be in the central Solent from a committee boat.
- 10.2 Courses using laid inflated marks will be broadcast on VHF and/or displayed on the committee boat. The course format will be predominantly windward/leeward.
- 10.3 A list of fixed marks that may be used to help identify the starting area and in the event of not being able to use laid inflated marks, will be in the sailing instructions.

## **11. PENALTIES**

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

## **12. SCORING**

- 12.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 12.2 There will be one discard after 4 races have been completed.

## **13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Boats shall be afloat by 1800 the day before the first race and not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

## **14. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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 to any tracker which might be supplied. Protests and retirements shall be notified by VHF on a channel to be briefed.

## **15. PRIZES**

- 15.1 The event main prize-giving will be held at Cowes Yacht Haven as soon as possible after the last day's racing and after any protest(s).
- 15.2 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 shall provide their World Sailor Classification number before racing starts.

15.3 There is a trophy for the Open winner and another for the British winner.

## **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 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 while taking part in the event;

(b) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their 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) 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;

(e) before racing they will ensure that their crew is aware of:

- the undertakings of this notice of race and entry form 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);
- they agree to be bound by RRS, RYA Prescriptions, the notice of race and other rules;

(f) the boat will be available for inspection. If any alteration likely to affect the boat is made, e.g. to the sails, rig, mast ballast or time, they will notify the race committee immediately;

(g) 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;

(h) they understand and agree that the information given in this race entry and also the race entry lists and results will be maintained on the Club's computer to be used for all aspects of race organization.

## **17. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat is required to hold insurance cover and in particular to hold adequate insurance against third party claims of at least £3 million.

## **18. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

RRS G3 applies.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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Please note that the event dinner will be a smart casual social with hot buffet, on the Saturday evening at the Royal London Yacht Club at 1900hrs. The cost of the supper will be £16 per head which can be paid with the entry on the Yacht Scoring Website.