

NOTICE OF RACE

for

2018 PASSAGE SERIES

Hamble-Yarmouth

9-10 June 2018

Poole and Back

30 June – 1 July 2018

Hamble Scramble

22-23 September 2018

1 Rules and Eligibility

- 1.1 The Organising Authority is the Royal Southern Yacht Club.
- 1.2 The events will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.3 The Series is open to boats in the IRC and Club Classes. The IRC Rules 2018 parts A, B and C will apply to all boats racing under IRC. Royal Southern Club handicaps will be used for the Ladies' and Ancient Mariners' Races and boats should enter in good time to enable the handicaps to be calculated.
- 1.4 IRC Boats may elect to sail with only two persons aboard and use their short-handed IRC certificate rating for any of the Hamble-Yarmouth, Poole & Back and Hamble Scramble races. The Race Committee must be informed at least 24 hours before the race in question.
- 1.5 A boat that enters in IRC may change to Club class, and vice versa. A boat changing class or ownership will not carry scores forward but will be treated as a new entry in the new class.
- 1.6 Boats shall comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 Races; except that a boat unable to comply in all respects with those safety requirements may seek a dispensation from the race committee. All boats shall carry a functioning VHF radio with all the usual UK marine channels.
- 1.7 Entries shall be made on the official using the Yachtscoring entry system available online at www.royal-southern.co.uk, accompanied by the appropriate entry fee.
- 1.8
 - a) The entry fee for the Hamble Yarmouth Cup is £45 for members and £68 for non-members.
 - b) The entry fee for the Hamble Scramble is £45 for members and £68 for non-members.
 - c) The entry fee for the Poole and Back is £60 for members and £90 for non-members.
- 1.9 The Notice of Race (NoR) may be changed by Amendment or by the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.10 RRS 63.7 is changed in that in the event of conflict between the NoR and the SIs, the SIs shall prevail.
- 1.11 The Series comprises the three events listed (six races), plus the Deauville Race which is jointly organised by the Royal London YC and for which the rules are detailed in separate documents. Scores for the Deauville Race (25-27 May 2018) will be taken into account for Passage Series scoring. See paragraph 5.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The SIs will be available a few days before each event and published here: www.royal-southern.co.uk. Copies may be collected from the Club Sailing Office.

3 RACE SCHEDULE and COURSES

- 3.1 Each event will each have two races: an outward race and a return race. Hamble-Yarmouth and Hamble Scramble each have a race from near Royal Thames buoy (code 3S) to Yarmouth on the Saturday; and back on the Sunday. Poole & Back races from near Royal Thames buoy (code 3S) to Poole on Saturday; and back on Sunday.
- 3.2 The start times will be stated in the SIs. They are usually around 1000/1100 for each outward race and 0900/1000 for each return race.
- 3.3 Courses will be announced by VHF radio and will use marks on the Royal Southern YC Solent Mark Codes 2018 list and may use other marks which will be named in full.

4 PENALTIES

- 4.1 Time penalties will apply for penalties at the time of an incident. Details will be in the SIs.
- 4.2 Penalties arising from protests will be at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 4.3 This changes SI changes RRS 44 and 64.1.

5 SCORING

- 5.1 RRS Appendix A will apply with the following changes:
- 5.2 A boat entering any of the three events listed at the head of this NoR or the Deauville Race will receive a Series score which will be the sum of the scores for the six races comprising the three listed events 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.
- 5.3 Appendix A4.2 is changed in that any boat not completing in a race will score 36 points or one point more than the number of boats competing, whichever is greater.
- 5.4 A boat's Series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

6 PRIZES

- 6.1 Prizes may be awarded at the end of racing for individual events; details will be in the SIs. In each event, the award of a 1st prize is dependent on at least 3 boats starting in that class.
- 6.2 The presentation of main prizes and trophies will take place on Saturday 10 November 2018 except as indicated in the SIs. The prize giving dinner is by invitation.

7. RISK STATEMENT

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) 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;
- (h) 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;
- (i) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims; and
- (j) The fact that the race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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