



Notice of Series

Summer Series 2019

18th/19th May

15th/16th June

13th/14th July

14th/15th September

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1 ORGANISATION and RULES

- 1.1 The event is organised by the Royal Southern Yacht Club, Hamble and will be governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing](#) (RRS).
- 1.2 Boats shall comply with Southampton & Portsmouth Harbour byelaws where applicable. In particular notice is drawn to [ABP Southampton Notice to Mariners No 3 of 2016](#).
- 1.3 [IRC Rules 2019](#), parts A, B and C will apply to boats racing under IRC ratings. IRC 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by "The maximum number of crew while racing shall be the Crew Number printed on her certificate plus two. There is no weight limit."
- 1.4 One-design class boats, J/88, HP30s and Performance 40s shall comply with their class rules.
- 1.5 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 1.6 This Notice of Series may be changed by Amendment or by the Sailing Instructions (SIs). If a conflict arises between the Notice of Race and the SIs, the SIs will take precedence.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to the following classes.

Class	Handicap Used	Group
IRC Classes	IRC	Black Group
J/88	Level Rated	Black Group
HP30	IRC	Black Group
Double Handed	RSrn Club Handicap	Black Group
Club Class	RSrn Club Handicap	Black Group
J/70	One Design	White Group
Mixed Sportsboats	RYA NHC Base Numbers	White Group
XOD	One Design	White Group

- 2.2 The highest eligible IRC rating is 1.360.
- 2.3 Other classes may be invited to attend, or may request an invitation to attend by email to sailing@royal-southern.co.uk.
- 2.4 Performance 40 Class boats are welcome in IRC in all the Regattas. For the September Regatta, they will be started with IRC 1 and dual-scored with extracted class results.

- 2.5 The J/88 Class will only race on Sundays. Any J/88 wishing to race on Saturday is welcome to do so and will join the appropriate IRC class. When racing as a separate class, or for extracted results, J/88s will be rated level instead of using their IRC ratings.
- 2.6 The Double Handed Class is for boats with LOA between 8.5m and 12.0m, crewed by two adults aged 18 or over. The race committee may grant dispensation to boats just outside those LOA limits at its sole discretion.
- 2.7 Each Club Class and Double Handed Class boat shall obtain a Club Handicap before racing.
- 2.8 The Mixed Sportsboat class will be scored using handicaps from the RYA's [NHC Base list](#).
- 2.9 Any class with fewer than 6 boats on the start line in the first race of a regatta may thereafter be started or amalgamated with another class for the duration of the respective regatta.

3 ENTRY and FEES

- 3.1 Entries shall be made completing an online entry form and paying the relevant fee. The entry form and event information is at www.royal-southern.co.uk/racing.
- 3.2 The Closing Date for entries will be at 23:59 the Wednesday before the first race entered.
- 3.3 Late entries may be accepted after the Closing Date, subject to increased Late Entry Fee.
- 3.4 Entry Fees are as follows:

Boat Type/ Hull Length	Individual Regatta		Whole Series	
	Standard	Late	Member	Non-Member
J/88 (Sundays)	£60	£75	£185	£210
Up to 9.99m	£115	£144	£355	£403
10m to 11.99m	£135	£169	£415	£471
12m & Above	£155	£194	£475	£539

The Closing Date for Standard Entry is 23:59 on the Wednesday before the respective regatta.

A 10% discount applies to all entry fees for Club Class and Double Handed Class entries.

4 SAFETY and COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1 Boats racing in Black Group shall comply with the [World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 races](#). A boat unable to comply in all respects with those requirements may seek a dispensation in writing from the race committee.
- 4.2 White Group boats shall comply with the [Royal Southern Yacht Club Sports Boat and Day Boat Safety Regulations 2019](#), which are available on the website— www.royal-southern.co.uk/racing.
- 4.3 All boats shall carry a functioning VHF Radio able to receive all the usual UK marine channels, including M1 (37a) and M2. Courses will be advised by VHF radio. The SIs will state the channels to be used.
- 4.4 Random safety inspections may be carried out to check compliance with the Notice of Race and SIs. A boat that either refuses an inspection or fails to give every reasonable assistance to an authorised inspector may be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

5 SCHEDULE of RACES

- 5.1 The Series will consist of four regattas, held on 18-19 May, 15-16 June, 13-14 July and 14-15 September 2019.
- 5.2 Racing for each regatta will be over two days.
- 5.3 All classes except Double Handed and Club class will be scheduled 3 races each day.
- 5.4 The Double Handed and Club classes will each be scheduled to have 2 races each day.
- 5.4 The first start each day will be at 1030. Subsequent races will start as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. No warning signal will be displayed after 1330 on Sundays.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The SIs will be available from 1 May 2019 on the website www.royal-southern.co.uk/racing and be available for collection from the RSrNYC Sailing Office.

7 RACE AREA and COURSES

- 7.1 The racing area will be in the Central Solent, using separate race areas for Black Group and White Group.
- 7.2 The courses and race area for each Group will be announced on each race day by VHF radio.
- 7.3 The courses to be sailed by Black Group will be 'round the cans' with a windward leeward flavour.

- 7.4 The courses to be sailed by White Group will be windward leeward; or occasionally 'round the cans'.
- 7.5 The courses to be sailed will use marks as described in the 2019 Royal Southern YC Solent Mark Codes, available from mid-February at www.royal-southern.co.uk/racing, or be as described in the diagrams published in the SIs.

8 PENALTIES

- 8.1 For Black Group boats, time penalties will apply. This will change RRS 44 and details will be in the SIs.
- 8.2 For White Group boats, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe).
- 8.3 Penalties arising from protests will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than DSQ. This changes RRS 64.1.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 RRS Appendix A will apply with the following changes.
- 9.2 Each individual weekend regatta is considered a separate series.
- 9.3 For each individual regatta, if less than 4 races are completed; a boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores. If 4 or more races are completed, her regatta score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 9.4 In the September Regatta, Performance 40s will be dual-scored in IRC and in their own class.
- 9.5 Each boat that enters any of the four individual regattas will also be entered into the overall summer series. The overall Summer Series will consist of all the races sailed in each of the individual regattas.
- 9.6 For the overall Summer Series, RRS Appendix A4.2 is changed such that a boat not competing will be scored either 36 points or one point greater than the number of boats in her class in the overall Summer Series, whichever is greater.

- 9.7 The Summer Series score will be the sum of the points from all the summer series races, discarding the worst scores as follows:

Races Sailed	Discards
8 or less	0
9—12	2
13—15	3
16—18	4
19—22	5
23 or more	6

- 9.8 One race is required to constitute a series for both the overall Summer Series and each individual Regatta.
- 9.9 Scoring for the overall winner or “champion” of the Summer Series will use the Royal Southern High Points Scoring System which is available at www.royal-southern.co.uk/racing.

10 PRIZES

- 10.1 Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place in each class, except:
- If there are between four and six boats racing, only first and second place will be awarded prizes.
 - If there are fewer than four boats racing, only first place will be awarded a prize.
- 10.2 Prizes for each individual regatta will be awarded that weekend at the end of racing.
- 10.3 Prizes for the overall Summer Series, as well as any further prizes chosen by the Organising Authority, will be awarded at the Annual Prize giving held at the Royal Southern Yacht Club on the 9th of November 2019, attendance at which is by invitation.

11 LAUNCHING, RECOVERING and BERTHING

- 11.1 Sportsboat or RIB launching & recovery may be available by prior booking. Please contact the Berthing Manager in advance at berthing@royal-southern.co.uk.
- 11.2 Berthing may be available at the Royal Southern Yacht Haven. Please contact the Berthing Manager at berthing@royal-southern.co.uk.

13 RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1 RRS 4 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 or 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.

13 INSURANCE

- 13.1 Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1 For further information, please contact the sailing office as below:

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