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IRC European Championship
Incorporating the Commodores' Cup

COWES, ISLE OF WIGHT

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(ALL TIMES ARE IN LOCAL TIME)

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NOTICE OF RACE

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1.1 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Date	
Friday 25 th May 2018	<p>Entry Race entry shall be completed, which includes payment and the lodging of a provisional crewlist, through Sailgate, with the RORC by noon on Friday 25th May 2018.</p> <p>The entry fee is £1000 and includes berthing in Cowes Yacht Haven.</p> <p>Cancellations Cancellations made before 25th May 2018 will be eligible for a refund of 50% of the entry fee. For cancellations on or after 25th May 2018 the entry fee cannot be refunded.</p>
Friday 25 th May 2018	<p>Race entry to be completed, see NoR 1.4.1 Entry</p> <p>A Provisional Crew list shall be submitted to the RORC, see NoR 1.7.1 Provisional Crewlists</p>
Thursday 31 May 2018	<p>Final Crew list in respect of each boat shall be provided no later than 1700 hrs. See NoR 1.7.2 Final Crewlist Rating Deadline: Valid IRC Endorsed certificates shall be lodged with the RORC, see Nor 1.6.2 Rating Deadline.</p>
Friday 8 June 2018	<p>Early Registration opens at 1200. Cowes Yacht Haven opens for competitor berthing.</p>
Saturday 9 June 2018	<p>Registration - all boats must be in Cowes Yacht Haven from 0900. Briefing for skippers and navigators Opening Party, RORC Clubhouse, Cowes</p>
Sunday 10 June 2018	<p>Two Inshore races</p>
Monday 11 June 2018	<p>Race around the Isle of Wight</p>
Tuesday 12 June 2018	<p>Two Inshore races</p>
Wednesday 13 June 2018	<p>Long Offshore race</p>
Thursday 14 June 2018	<p>Offshore race continues</p>
Friday 15 June 2018	<p>Two Inshore races</p>
Saturday 16 June 2018	<p>Two Inshore races</p>
Saturday 16 June 2018	<p>Prizegiving, RORC Clubhouse, Cowes.</p>

Note: full details of the race and social programmes will be available before the regatta.

1.2 RULES AND REGULATIONS

1.2.1 ENGLISH LAW

This Notice of Race, and the terms of the contract created by the acceptance of a boat's entry in any race or event governed by this Notice of Race, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law. Any dispute which cannot be resolved under Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing shall be referred to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.

1.2.2 RACING RULES OF SAILING

The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). RRS Appendix D, Team Racing Rules will not apply. (<http://www.sailing.org/documents/racing-rules.php>)

1.2.3 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES OF SAILING

Changes to RRS are listed in this Notice of Race. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

1.2.4 IRC RULES PARTS A, B, AND C SHALL APPLY

For the purposes of the IRC Rules the regatta is run on consecutive days.

Replacement sails may be permitted during the regatta in exceptional circumstances with the permission of the International Jury. A replacement sail will only be permitted if it is of similar cloth weight, area and design.

1.2.5 WORLD SAILING OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS (OSR)

The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations and RORC Prescriptions.

When details of Special Regulations cannot be met the Committee may accept an alternative.

1.2.6 INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA

The rules of RRS Part 2 shall not apply between the times of local sunset and sunrise, except when changed in Sailing Instructions, and shall be replaced with the right-of-way rules of IPCAS (International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea).

1.2.7 NOTICE OF RACE

This Notice of Race and any amendments to the Notice of Race.

1.2.8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be issued to boats that have met all the entry requirements.

NOTE: Where there is conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

1.3 ADVERTISING

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

1.4 ENTRY

1.4.1 ENTRY

Race entry shall be completed, which includes payment and the lodging of a provisional crewlist, through Sailgate, with the RORC by noon on Friday 25th May 2018.

The entry fee is £1000 and includes berthing in Cowes Yacht Haven.

1.4.2 CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations made before 25th May 2018 will be eligible for a refund of 50% of the entry fee. For cancellations on or after 25th May 2018 the entry fee cannot be refunded.

1.5 RESPONSIBILITY

1.5.1 THE PERSON IN CHARGE

Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of Persons in Charge is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone" and to Special Regulation 1.02.1 which begins: "The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge...."

1.5.2 THE RORC

The RORC, its sponsors, and other organising clubs accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property.

1.5.3 MISCONDUCT

The Person in Charge and crew will be held jointly responsible for the conduct of the boat's crew before, during and after a race. Misconduct may result in both the Person in Charge and crew being excluded from future races and renders a boat liable to disqualification.

1.5.4 STARTING AND CONTINUING TO RACE

The Race Committee will make starting signals unless in their opinion it is manifestly unsafe for any of the boats entered to remain in the vicinity of the starting line. Each boat shall exercise her responsibility under RRS Fundamental Rule 4 and decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.

1.5.5 SAFETY AND LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT

Crew members' attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 life-saving equipment "Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions."

See also Special Regulation 5.02.

1.6 ELIGIBILITY

1.6.1 BOAT ELIGIBILITY

1.6.1.1 Rating: Boats with IRC ENDORSED rating of between 0.995 and 1.270 and maximum DLR 210

Boats rated under IRC for the use of moveable and/or variable ballast, for the purposes of increased stability, are not eligible.

1.6.1.2 Maximum Draft

The maximum draft is 3.00m

1.6.1.3 Rating Deadline

Valid IRC Endorsed certificates shall be lodged with the RORC by Thursday 31st May 2018. After this date changes will only be permitted with the express permission of the RORC Technical Director.

1.6.1.4 OSR Stability and Safety Indices

In accordance with OSR 3.04.2 the RORC uses minimum stability/buoyancy indices. Either SSS or STIX and AVS indices are used depending on the series date of the boat and the category of the race.

Boats with series date of 2000 and later will be categorised under STIX only.

Boats with series date before 2000 may be categorised under either STIX or SSS.

Minimum Permitted Values

OSR Category	Category 3
STIX minimum	23
AVS minimum	130-0.005*m
SSS minimum	15

* Where m is the boat's Minimum Sailing Weight

More information about Safety and Stability Indices can be found at <http://www.ircrating.org/>

1.6.1.5 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) and RORC Prescriptions

The regatta is a Category 3 regatta with Category 2 Liferaft and RORC Prescriptions. Liferrafts shall be carried for all races.

Notes:

Liferaft(s) shall be stowed in accordance with OSR 4.20.3 iv, except that the date shall be the series date; i.e.. Not below decks on boats with a series date of June 2001 and later.

1.6.1.6 OSR Compliance

Responsibility for compliance rests with the Person in Charge of the boat. However the RORC will endeavour to help Competitors to understand the OSR.

The Person in Charge shall, before registration for the regatta, complete an OSR Checklist (available on the Sailgate Documents Page).

The complete 2018 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations with RORC Prescriptions are available to download from the RORC website – www.rorc.org when available.

1.6.2 CREW ELIGIBILITY

1.6.2.1 Crew Numbers

1.6.2.1.1 Maximum Crew Numbers

IRC Rule 22.4.2 Crew Number/Weight is deleted and replaced by "The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a yacht shall be the number shown on the certificate except that; when the crew consists of either - at least 2 females, at least 2 25 years old or under (25 or under on the 9th June 2018) or at least 1 female and 1 25 years old or under (25 or under on the 9th June 2018) then the crew limit is certificate number plus 1. There is no weight limit."

1.6.2.1.2 Minimum Crew Numbers

The **minimum number of crew** is 75% (rounded up) of the IRC Certificate's Crew Number.

1.7 CREWLISTS

1.7.1 PROVISIONAL CREWLISTS

A Provisional Crewlist shall be submitted to the RORC no later than 25th May 2018. A Provisional Crewlist shall be completed through RORC Sailgate. It shall identify anticipated crew including their Nationality, Sailor ID and WORLD SAILING classification status.

1.7.2 FINAL CREWLIST

A Final Crewlist in respect of each boat shall be provided no later than 1700 on Thursday 31st May 2018, including all the details above, as well as Emergency Contact details.

All listed crew members shall sail all races.

However, in exceptional circumstances and on written request to the International Jury only, changes to the crew may be accepted as follows provided that all other eligibility criteria are met:

Before the start of the first race, late substitutions may be accepted; proof of the exceptional circumstances may be required by the International Jury.

After the start of the first race, only when a listed crew member is unable to continue in the event, the International Jury may authorise a substitute or other adjustment.

Crewlists will be displayed on the RORC website www.rorc.org as soon as possible after receipt.

1.8 REGISTRATION

Owners or their representatives shall register promptly on Saturday 9th June 2018 at the RORC Office, 82 High Street, Cowes. The office will open at 0900. Boats shall be present in Cowes Yacht Haven from 0900 on Saturday 9th June 2018. Early registration opens at 1200 on Friday 8th June 2018.

1.8.1 INSPECTION & OFFICIAL SEALS

1.8.1.1 Measurement and Inspection Checks

Measurement and Inspection checks will be conducted from 0900 on Saturday 9th June in Cowes Yacht Haven. Boats shall be ready for inspection at 0900 on Saturday 9th June with lifelines tensioned and liferafts stowed in accordance with Offshore Special Regulations. Early measurement and inspection checks will be available for fully registered boats from 1200 Friday 8th June 2018.

1.8.1.2 Random Inspections

Inspections will also be carried out at random throughout the regatta. Inspectors may check sails, Offshore Special Regulations, and may check/measure rated dimensions. Infringements found during the regatta will be protested by the Race Committee.

1.8.1.3 Official Seals

The RORC reserves the right to apply official seals on certain items on each boat before racing. Sealed items shall remain sealed for the duration of the regatta. When a seal is broken the boat shall immediately fly an orange streamer (supplied by the RORC) and report the circumstances in writing to the International Jury.

1.8.2 MEASUREMENT PROTESTS

(See RRS 64.3)

Measurement protests which require that the protested boat be hauled out for re-measurement shall be accompanied by a cash deposit of £1500 toward the cost of the haul out and re-measurement. Measurement protests which require other measurement work shall be accompanied by a cash deposit of £300 towards the cost of re-measurement.

Protests from competitors regarding measurement will not be accepted after the time limit for lodging protests for Race 2. This changes RRS 60.1.

Protests against measurement shall be accompanied by a clear and specific complaint which the International Jury shall examine. Re-measurement will be carried out only on the direction of the International Jury after they have satisfied themselves that there is adequate reason.

Upon re-measurement, if the certificate is invalidated by IRC rule 9.7 (except that IRC 9.7 is amended to read "more than 0.002" instead of "more than 0.005") then a new certificate shall be applied to all races thereafter and the boat shall receive a 50% place penalty in any race in the series in which her rating was incorrect.

Upon re-measurement, if the certificate is found to be valid in accordance with IRC rule 9.6 (except that IRC 9.6 is amended to read "more than 0.002" instead of "more than 0.005") then the original certificate shall be considered valid for the races already sailed. An amended certificate will be issued for all races still to be sailed.

Upon re-measurement, if the TCC is found to be less than the certificated figure the original certificate shall remain in force for the series.

1.8.3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available approximately 14 days before the event.

1.8.4 BATTLE FLAGS, DECALS

When registering, each boat may receive battle flags or bow decals, if lost they shall be replaced. They may be obtained at the regatta office.

Decals shall be fixed at the bow on both sides and shall be visible during the entire event. Battle flags shall be displayed whilst not racing or in transit to or from racing.

1.9 COMMUNICATION

1.9.1 VHF RADIO

VHF may be used for radio recalls, courses to be sailed and race information.

1.9.2 MEDIA BROADCASTING

There is no restriction on broadcasting from a boat to the media during racing provided that RRS 41 is always observed.

1.9.3 ON BOARD CAMERAS

The RORC reserves the right to place a camera on board each boat for media purposes.

1.10 COURSES

The marks and courses will be detailed in the sailing instructions.

1.11 INSHORE & OFFSHORE TRACKING

It will be mandatory for boats to carry an Inshore and an Offshore Tracker unit during the regatta. The units are standalone and will be supplied by the RORC. The entry fee includes tracking. A signature against a deposit of £700 for the Offshore Tracker and £200 for the Inshore Tracker will be required in case either unit is lost or damaged.

1.12 PENALTIES

Where no other penalty is provided for, the International Jury may waive any penalty, or award a lesser penalty than disqualification, when it decides that a boat has infringed a rule, other than a rule of Part 2, and the infringement has had no significant effect on the outcome of the race (changes RRS 64.1 (a)).

1.12.1 PENALTIES FOR INSHORE RACES

For inshore races only, RRS 44.1 is changed so that for rule infringements outside the **Zone** the penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty.

If the boat caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.

1.12.2 PENALTIES FOR THE OFFSHORE RACE AND ROUND THE ISLE OF WIGHT RACE

For the purposes of RRS 44.1 the penalty shall be 120 seconds added to the boats elapsed time.

A boat that takes a penalty shall act in accordance with RRS 44.3 (a) & (b) (Scoring Penalty).

1.12.3 PENALTY FOR CREW INFRINGEMENTS

When a boat is found to have raced in the Commodores' Cup with a crew member on board to which she was not entitled under the NoR, the boat shall be disqualified from every race in which the infringement occurred.

1.12.4 INTERNATIONAL JURY

Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS70.5

1.13 SCORING

1.13.1 RACE RESULTS

Corrected Time = Elapsed Time X TCC (the IRC Time Correction Factor)

Weighting: points will be multiplied by the points factor applying to the race. For Solent Inshore Races 1-7 the points factor is 1.0, the final Solent Inshore Race factor is 2.0, Race Around the Isle of Wight factor is 1.5 and the Long Offshore Race factor is 2.5.

UFD, BFD, DSQ, and DNE shall receive points for one place worse than DNF (changes RRS A4.2)

1.13.2 SERIES SCORES

At least 4 races, including either the Long Offshore Race or the Race Around the Isle of Wight, must be completed to constitute a series.

When 6 races or more have been completed in an IRC class, the score of a boat in this class will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When her worst score is for the long offshore race (race factor 2), only 50% of this score will be excluded.

For teams competing in the Commodores' Cup; a team's series score will be the total of the individual series score of the boats representing the team.

1.13.3 SERIES TIES

A tie in overall points will be broken by the points gained in the Offshore Race, or if that fails, the Round the Isle of Wight Race. If a tie remains the International Jury shall determine the outcome (changes RRS A8).

1.14 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

The interpretation of the terms of award for all trophies and prizes will be made by the Race Committee, whose decision is final.

1.14.1 TROPHIES

IRC European Championship Trophy	The boat with the best score when the following is applied, (A yacht's series score divided by (number of scored races minus 1)) divided by (Number of entries in class plus 2).
Royal Cork Trophy	Runner up
Third Overall	Third Place
Best Offshore Boat	The trophy will be awarded to the boat with the best combined performance in the Offshore Race and Race around the Isle of Wight.
Best Inshore Boat	The trophy will be awarded to the boat with the best combined performance in the inshore races.
Commodores' Cup (generously made available to the RORC by the Island Sailing Club)	The trophy will be awarded to the team with the best points score.
Kindberg Cup (given by the Offshore Racing Congress in memory of Ernst Kindberg)	The trophy will be awarded to the team with the best combined performance in the Offshore Race and Race around the Isle of Wight.
Seahorse Trophy (given by Seahorse Magazine)	The trophy will be awarded to the team with the best combined performance in the inshore races.
Edward Heath Trophy	The trophy will be awarded to the best boat from a European country or territory, excluding GBR.
Twee Gezusters Trophy (presented to the RORC by Hans Zuiderbaan)	The trophy will be awarded to the best individual boat with at least two women on board during every race.
Dave Johnson Memorial Trophy (presented to the RORC by Nautor of Finland)	The trophy will be awarded to the best GBR boat in the event.
Gamboa Cup (given by Ander de Arambalza in memory of José de Gamboa)	The cup will be awarded to the boat with the best Corinthian boat (no Group 3 sailors).

Trophies are lent to the winners until recalled by the RORC.

When conditions for trophies are not fulfilled, the Race Committee may at its discretion decide trophies on other criteria.

1.14.2 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for each race. Prizes become the property of the winners.

1.15 BERTHING

Boats may attend at Cowes Yacht Haven from 1200 Friday 8th June and shall attend from 0900 Saturday 9th June until Saturday 16th June 2018 and all other times during the regatta when not racing or in transit for racing. This requirement may be waived only by written request to the International Jury, whose decision is final.

Berthing fees (1200 Friday 8th – 1200 Sunday 16th June inclusive) for competing boats at Cowes Yacht Haven are included in the Race Entry Fees. Berthing outside these dates and for tenders, including RIBs, dinghies, powerboats shall be pre-booked and paid direct with Cowes Yacht Haven. Due to space constraints, craft arriving without booking may not be accommodated.

1.16 RACE ENTRY DECLARATION

The Person in Charge for each race shall agree to the terms of the declaration below using Sailgate the online entry system. In exceptional circumstances the RORC may accept a signed printed declaration.

Race Entry Form Declaration to be signed by every Person in Charge

To the best of my knowledge the information I have given is accurate. I understand that boat racing can be dangerous. I agree that the RORC, organising clubs, sponsors and their agents, have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to any vessel or property. I have paid particular attention to and agree to be bound by Special Regulation 1.02 and I have read and understand and where appropriate agree to be bound by NoR - Responsibility. Before racing I will affect adequate and suitable insurance. Before racing I will ensure that my crew is aware of:

- the undertaking in this Declaration
- the importance of effecting appropriate personal insurance
- their responsibility in rules observance, and in particular RRS 1.2 (wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions). See also RORC Prescription to the Special Regulations 5.01.5

I agree to be bound by RRS, RYA Prescriptions, this Notice of Race, WORLD SAILING Offshore Special Regulations and other applicable rules. The boat will be available for inspection. If any alteration likely to affect the handicap or rating is made, e.g. to sails, rig, mast, ballast, trim, engine or propeller, I will notify the Rating Authority and Race Committee immediately. I will ensure that no crew member races on my boat contrary to the terms of any ban imposed by WORLD SAILING, or a National Authority or the RORC.

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 Club's computer to be used for all aspects of race organisation.

1.17 INSURANCE

Boats shall affect adequate and suitable insurance before racing.

1.18 CONTACT DETAILS

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APPENDIX A – ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY FOR THE COMMODORES' CUP

Introduction

The Commodores' Cup is a 3-boat team competition for Corinthian crews within the IRC European Championship.

COMMODORES' CUP CHALLENGES

Competitors are invited to form teams and challenges shall be lodged on the official form (available from RORC).

RATING

Teams shall be formed of 3 boats with IRC Endorsed certificates between 0.995 and 1.270 and a maximum DLR 210.

SAILOR CLASSIFICATION

The following classification requirements will apply (see RRS 79). See NoR 1.12.3 regarding penalties for crew infringements.

CREW LIMITATIONS

The WORLD SAILING Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code shall apply. Details of the WORLD SAILING Classification Code and information on how to apply can be found on the WORLD SAILING website: <http://www.sailing.org/sailors/>

The crew of each boat in the 3 boat team shall include no more than 1 Group 3 Sailor. All other crew shall hold a valid Group 1 classification.

Any Sailor without a valid classification will be deemed to be Group 3. Sailors requiring a classification should apply, in plenty of time, on the WORLD SAILING website: <http://www.sailing.org/sailors/>

Full crew lists, to include; boat name, full name, Sailor ID, Sailor Group and Sailor Status will be posted online at www.commodorescup.rorc.org

Classification protests may be submitted to the RORC Race Office from Monday 4th June 2018. The Classification Protest Time Limit under WORLD SAILING Regulation 22.1 is 1800hrs on Sunday 10th June 2018.

A representative of the WORLD SAILING Sailor Classification Commission may be present during registration and may carry out spot checks.

The Person in Charge of each boat is strongly advised to check carefully the classification of each crew member.

LIMITATION ON STEERING

A Group 3 Sailor shall not steer for any inshore race. A Group 3 Sailor shall not steer a boat when starting either the Race around the Isle of Wight or the Long Offshore Race and shall not steer for the first hour of either race.

Notes for Owners

Owners considering chartering their boats and being aboard while the boat is racing should study the SCC and the Frequently Asked Questions carefully - see <http://www.sailing.org/classification/index.php>

Under the WORLD SAILING Sailor Classification Code there are circumstances where an owner who charters his boat and sails on it while racing may not be a Group 3 Sailor. However, if he steers his boat while racing when the boat is chartered then he becomes one.