

**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**RORC IRC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS and**  
**IRC 2H NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020**  
**Cowes, Isle of Wight.**

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Ocean Yacht Club, The Disrespect, 82 High Street, Cowes,  
Isle of Wight. PO31 7AJ.

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

**1. RULES**

- a. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020* (RRS).
- b. The National authority (RYA) prescriptions will apply.  
<http://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/Racing/RacingInformation/RacingRules/RYA%20Prescriptions%202017.pdf>
- c. **[DP]** The IRC Rules 2020 Parts A, B, and C shall apply, except that IRC rule 21.1.5 (d) & (e) shall not apply.
- d. **[DP]** 2019-2020 World Sailing Inshore regulations; Appendix B inshore racing will apply. All boats are required to have a working VHF.
- e. **[DP]** Competitors are reminded, notwithstanding the crew limitations NOR 4b, of the government guidance on social distancing and other Covid19 measures, including those issued by the Royal Yachting Association and Harbour Authorities.  
<https://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/clubs/RYA%20Sailing%20%26%20Racing%20in%20Mixed%20Households.pdf>

**2. [DP] ADVERTISING**

- a. Advertising is permitted in accordance with class rules and World Sailing Regulation 20.
- b. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and/or supplied by the OA.

**3. RATING CERTIFICATES**

- a. Entrants to the 2H National Championships shall have a valid IRC certificate issued by the RORC Rating Office 7 days prior to the event as per 4.f. After this date changes will only be permitted with the permission of the OA.
- b. Entrants to the IRC National Championships shall have a valid IRC certificate issued by the RORC rating office 7 days prior to the event as per 4.e. After this date changes will only be permitted with the permission of the OA. Boats that do not have an endorsed IRC certificate will be subject to random measurement checks.

**4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

- a. For the 2H Championships, the event is open to all boats with an IRC rating up to 1.150 that is crewed by two people.
- b. For the IRC National Championships, the event is open to all boats with an IRC Rating between 0.850 and 1.420 with a crew limited to 80% to the nearest whole number of the boats IRC Certificate crew number. This changes IRC rule 22.4.
- c. Entries will only be accepted via the event website <https://rorc.sailgate.com/>
- d. The closing date for entries is 23:59hrs on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020.
- e. The Rating deadline is 23:59 hrs on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020.

**5. FEES**

The entry fees are as described in sailgate: <https://rorc.sailgate.com/>  
The entry fee is non-refundable, with the exception of the event being cancelled by the OA.

**6. [DP] REGISTRATION**

All boats shall have provided before racing the following:

- a. a copy of the boats IRC endorsed rating certificate
- b. proof of insurance (NOR 19)
- c. All owners shall have a list of crew members for covid-19 track and trace purposes

**7. SCHEDULE**

The intended schedule is as follows:

<i>Date:</i>	<i>Event:</i>	<i>Time</i>
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	RORC Cowes Race Office open	09:00 – 18:00
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> September Portsmouth 1823 3.8m	Race Office open First Warning Signal for IRC Nationals	08:30 11:55
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> September Portsmouth 0705 3.7m	First warning signal for IRC 2H Nationals First warning signal for IRC Nationals	10:25 10:55
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> September Portsmouth 0911 3.8m	First warning signal for IRC 2H Nationals First warning signal for IRC Nationals Virtual Prize Giving at RORC Cowes clubhouse	10:25 10:55 16:00

- a. For the IRC 2H Nationals up to four (4) races are scheduled.
- b. For the IRC Nationals up to eight (8) races are scheduled.
- c. No warning signal will be displayed after 14:30hrs on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

**8. [DP] INSPECTIONS**

- a. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat and its equipment does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

**9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. The SIs will be published on the RORC website event page by Tuesday 8th September 2020.

**10. RACE AREA**

- a. The racing area will be on The Solent and adjacent waters.

**11. THE COURSES**

- a. Courses will be windward/leeward and/or Round the Buoys.

**12. SCORING**

The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply with the following changes:

- a. For IRC Classes the corrected time will be the elapsed time \* IRC Time Correction Factor
- b. For all classes one race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- c. For the 2H IRC Nationals:
  - i. When one (1) to three (3) races are completed there will be no discard.
  - ii. When four (4) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst.
- d. For the IRC Nationals:
  - i. When one (1) to five (5) races are completed there will be no discard.
  - ii. When six (6) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst.
- f. The overall prize for the National Championships will be awarded to the yacht with the lowest resultant score when the following formula is applied: A yacht's series score divided by (number of scored races minus 1) divided by (Number of entries in class plus 2).

**13. [DP] HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- a. Boats shall not be hauled out, after 17:00 the day before their first scheduled day of racing until racing is completed, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

**14. [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- a. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

**15. PRIZES**

- a. The event prize giving will be held at the RORC Cowes clubhouse on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September after racing.
- b. Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

**16. [DP] SUPPORT BOATS**

- a. All support boats shall be registered with the OA.

**17. RIGHTS TO USE, NAMES & LIKENESSES**

- a. 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.

**18. DATA PROTECTION**

- a. By entering this event, you agree to provide personal data to the OA. The OA will process your personal data for the purpose of administering the event, in accordance with the Data Privacy Policy.

[www.rorc.org](http://www.rorc.org)

**19. INSURANCE**

- a. Boats shall be adequately and suitably insured with valid third party liability insurance before racing.

**20. 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 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.
- i. The OA and its organisation partners, the sponsors, the committees, the insurers and any other party and/or persons involved in the organisation will accept no liability whatsoever for any personal or material damage (including but not limited to death, injury, consequential damages, etc.) sustained prior to, during or after the regatta.

**21. COVID STATEMENT**

- a. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the Royal Ocean Racing Club COVID-19 procedures. [DP] Key links are provided below.

Government: [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) and Royal Yachting Association

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**FURTHER INFORMATION**

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