

## RORC Spring Series

3<sup>rd</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 17<sup>th</sup> April\* and 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021

(\*2H boats only in conjunction with SORC ([www.offshoresolo.com](http://www.offshoresolo.com)) with separate NOR, SIs and fees)

### NOTICE OF RACE

*Organising Authority: Royal Ocean Racing Club*

*The notation '(DP)' in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 National Authority Prescriptions; the Prescriptions of the RYA will apply. (<http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/racingrules/pages/the-rules.aspx>)
- 1.3 Class Rules; the rules and regulations of appropriate one design and/or class rules and IRC Rules parts A, B and C and MOCRA rules will apply. (DP)
- 1.4 Where Class Rules do not specify mandatory safety equipment, 2020 - 2021 World Sailing Offshore Regulations Category 4 will apply.

#### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be emailed to each competitor one week before the race date.

#### 3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The online notice board is located at <http://www.rorc.org/racing/race-documents>
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 72, 16 and 12.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. (DP)

#### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to the following:
- 4.2 IRC rated boats with a TCC of 0.850 or higher.  
Multihulls with a MOCRA rating of 1.100 and greater.  
2H IRC rated boats with a TCC of 0.850 or higher.  
IRC rated boats shall have a crew with a minimum of three people but limited to 80% of the IRC crew number (to the nearest whole number). All crew shall comply with current Covid-19 guidelines, and with respect to social distancing at all times, including whilst travelling/on passage before the start and after the finish. This changes IRC Rule 22.4.
- 4.3 Eligible boats should enter using the RORC online entry system (SailGate) <https://rorc.sailgate.com>  
For the race on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April, 2H boats only should enter via SORC.
- 4.4 The closing date is 1800 on the Friday preceding each event.
- 4.5 The rating deadline is 1800 on the Thursday preceding each event.
- 4.6 All boats shall comply with current Covid-19 guidelines. Boats shall not compete if they have, or if they have been in contact with anyone with, symptoms of Covid-19 in the 14 days prior to participation, please use the advice available at

## 5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are £45 per boat per race for members, £60 for non-members.

## 6 ADVERTISING

6.1 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. (DP)

## 7 SCHEDULE

The proposed schedule is as follows:

### IRC and MOCRA

Date	Time	Event	HW Portsmouth	Duration	OSR Category
3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2021	09:50	First warning signal	16:50 4.4M	6 – 8 Hrs	4
10 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	09:50	First warning signal	11:24 4.3 M	6 – 8 Hrs	4
1 <sup>st</sup> May 2021	09:50	First warning Signal	15:37 4.6M	6 – 8 Hrs	4

### 2H IRC Class

Date	Time	Event	HW Portsmouth	Duration	OSR Category
3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2021	10:00	First warning signal	16:50 4.4M	6 – 8 Hrs	4
10 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	10:00	First warning signal	11:24 4.3 M	6 – 8 Hrs	4
17 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 with SORC – see separate NOR and Sis)	(see NOR)	First warning signal	15:28 4.3M	4 – 6 Hrs	4

## 8 COURSES

8.1 Courses will be e-mailed to competitors no later than 12 hours before the race start.

## 9 PENALTIES

9.1 For all classes the SIs will state that RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by a one-turn penalty.

## 10 AUTOMATIC AND WIND VANE DEVICES FOR STEERING

10.1 Automatic and wind-vane devices for steering are permitted (this changes RRS 52)

## 11 SCORING AND PRIZES

11.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series

11.2 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. For the 2H class, results from the 17<sup>th</sup> April SORC race will count towards the overall score.

11.3 Prizes will be awarded to each class and overall winner, classes will be determined once entries are complete.

## 12 RISK STATEMENT

12.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, the attention of Persons in Charge is drawn to fundamental rule 3 'the responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone'. Sailing is by 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 omission.
- 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- f) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event, and to attend any safety briefing held for this event.
- g) Activities are currently restricted by regulations and guidelines emanating from the government, port authorities and marinas. Key links are provided below:  
Government: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>  
Port authorities: Cowes: [https://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/local\\_notices\\_to\\_mariners](https://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/local_notices_to_mariners)  
Portsmouth: <https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/qhm/portsmouth/local-notice>  
Southampton: [http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/Yachting\\_and\\_Leisure/Notices\\_to\\_Mariners/](http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/Yachting_and_Leisure/Notices_to_Mariners/)

## **13 INSURANCE**

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

## **14 CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE**

- 14.1 Changes to this Notice of Race will be made on the online notice board at <http://www.rorc.org/racing/race-documents>

## **15 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 15.1 For further information please contact [racing@rorc.org](mailto:racing@rorc.org)