NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority: Royal Ocean Racing Club

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.

The notation ‘(NP)’ in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).

1 RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
1.2 Appendix WP of the RRS
1.3 RRS part 2 rules will be replaced with the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) between the times of local sunset and sunrise; or government right-of-way rules if applicable. A scoring penalty (RRS44.3) will be applicable during these times.
1.4 National Authority Prescriptions; the Prescriptions of the RYA will apply. (https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/racing-rules/Pages/the-rules-and-rya-prescriptions.aspx)
1.5 Class Rules; the rules and regulations of appropriate one design and/or class rules and IRC Rules parts A, B and C will apply. (DP)
1.6 Where Class Rules do not specify mandatory safety equipment, 2020 - 2021 World Sailing Offshore Regulations Category 3 with Category 2 Liferaft, AIS Transponder and RORC Prescriptions 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 (NP) AIS

4.1 All boats are required to have their AIS transceivers switched on and able to transmit (at least every minute) and receiving from 0900 on Saturday 1st May and throughout the race.
4.2 A boat’s AIS must transmit: the boat’s MMSI number, current racing name.
4.3 Nothing shall be done to inhibit AIS transmissions.
4.4 Boats unable to meet these requirements shall submit comprehensive details of the reason on their Declaration Form and may be subject to protest. The penalty for breaking this rule is at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may include disqualification.

5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

5.1 The regatta is open to the following:
2H IRC rated boats with a TCC of 0.850 or higher.
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.

5.2 Eligible boats should enter using the RORC online entry system (SailGate) [https://rorc.sailgate.com/](https://rorc.sailgate.com/)

5.3 The closing date is 1800 on Friday 30th April.

5.4 The rating deadline is 1800 on Thursday 29th April.

5.5 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 [https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/)

6 FEES
6.1 The fees are as shown in the table below.

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<tr>
<th>LOA (m)</th>
<th>Non-Members</th>
<th>Members (discount)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Below 9.00</td>
<td>92</td>
<td>64 (28)</td>
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<td>9.00 – 9.99</td>
<td>105</td>
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<td>10.00 – 10.99</td>
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<td>11.00 – 11.99</td>
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<td>14.00 – 14.99</td>
<td>234</td>
<td>163 (71)</td>
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7 ADVERTISING
7.1 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)

8 SCHEDULE
The proposed schedule is as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>HW Portsmouth</th>
<th>Duration</th>
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<tr>
<td>1st May 2021</td>
<td>10:00</td>
<td>First warning Signal</td>
<td>15:37 4.6M</td>
<td>20 - 24 Hrs</td>
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9 COURSES
9.1 Courses will be e-mailed to competitors no later than 12 hours before the race start.

10 PENALTIES
10.1 The SIs will state that RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by a one-turn penalty.

Scoring Penalty:
10.2 When the right-of-way rules of IRPCAS apply (between the hours of sunset and sunrise) a scoring penalty applies (RRS 44.3).

10.3 The scoring penalty will be 10 minutes added to the boat’s corrected time for each penalty.

Standard Penalties:
10.4 When at a boat’s starting signal she is subject to RRS 29.1 Individual Recall and she fails to comply with RRS 29.1 to start correctly the Race Committee shall, without a hearing, apply a standard time penalty of 20%. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

10.5 For a breach of RRS 28 (Sailing the Course) the Race Committee shall, without a hearing, apply a standard time penalty of 20%. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

10.6 For a breach of any area designated an Obstruction, i.e. Traffic Separation Schemes, the Race Committee shall, without a hearing, apply a standard time penalty of 20%, unless the breach was unavoidable and unintentional and no advantage was gained. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

10.7 Should the Race Committee consider a standard penalty to be inappropriate, it may protest the boat.

11 AUTOMATIC AND WIND VANE DEVICES FOR STEERING
11.1 Automatic and wind-vane devices for steering are permitted (this changes RRS 52)
12 **SCORING AND PRIZES**
12.1 Prizes will be awarded to each class and overall winner, classes will be determined once entries are complete.

13 **RISK STATEMENT**
13.1 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 boat’s 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
     - Portsmouth: https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/qhm/portsmouth/local-notices
     - Southampton: http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/Yachting_and_Leisure/Notices_to_Mariners/

14 **INSURANCE**
14.1 Boats shall be adequately and suitably insured with valid third-party liability insurance before racing.

15 **CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE**
15.1 Changes to this Notice of Race will be made on the online notice board at http://www.rorc.org/racing/race-documents

16 **FURTHER INFORMATION**
16.1 For further information please contact racing@rorc.org