

NOTICE OF RACE

IRC National Championships 2022

Friday 10th – Sunday 12th June 2022

The Organising Authority is the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (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

- a. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024*.
- b. The National Authority (RYA) prescriptions will apply.
- c. Competitors should note that the RORC implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found on the RYA website.
- d. [DP] IRC rules 2022 parts A, B and C shall apply. IRC Rule 22.4.2 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 two females, or at least two 25 or under (25 years or under on 10th June 2022) or at least one female and one 25 or under (25 years or under on 10th June 2022) then the crew limit is certificate number plus two. There is no weight limit."
- e. [DP] 2021-2024 World Sailing Inshore Regulations; Appendix B inshore racing will apply.
- f. When RRS rule 20 applies, a boat may indicate her need for room to tack or her response by using VHF radio.
- g. [DP] Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be sent to competitors and published on the <http://www.rorc.org/racing/race-documents> website on Monday 6th June.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. The online official notice board is located at <http://www.rorc.org/racing/race-documents>
- b. [DP] All boats are required to have a working VHF.
- c. [DP] While racing, 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.
- d. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the sailing instructions.

- e. In addition to the official ONB, a WhatsApp group with voluntary sign up, will be used to assist competitors to stay informed of RC intentions, notices, results, protest details and other information during the event. Sign up details will be available to all competitors at registration.
- 4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**
- a. Entries are welcomed for boats with a valid endorsed IRC Certificate with a rating between 0.850 and 1.420
 - b. Entries will only be accepted via the event website at the following link:
<https://rorc.sailgate.com/>
 - c. The closing date for entries is 17:00 on Thursday 2nd June 2022.
 - d. When entries or entry fees are received after the closing date, they may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 5. ENTRY FEES**
- a. The entry fee details are provided on the entry system.
 - b. Should the Organising Authority reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee in full.
 - c. The Organising Authority may cancel the event and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.
- 6. RATING CERTIFICATES**
- a. Boats shall have a valid endorsed IRC certificate issued by the RORC rating office before the 2nd June 2022. After this date changes will only be permitted with the permission of the OA.
- 7. REGISTRATION**
- a. All registration requirements shall be completed online before racing, including providing a nominated shoreside contact details and accepting the declaration statement.
- 8. ADVERTISING**
- a. [DP] Advertising is permitted in accordance with the Class Rule and World Sailing Regulation 20.
 - b. [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

9. INTENDED SCHEDULE

a. All classes

Date	Time	Event	HW Portsmouth
Friday 10 th June	1130	First warning signal	0826 4.2m
Saturday 11 th June	1030	First warning signal	0921 4.4m
Sunday 12 th June	1030	First warning signal	1011 4.1m

- b. The event will consist of up to eight races.
- c. No warning signal will be displayed after 14:30hrs on Sunday 12th June.

10. RACE AREA AND COURSES

- a. The race-course area will be on the Central Solent and adjacent waters.
- b. It is intended that six races will be a windward / leeward configuration using laid inflatable marks and two races using fixed marks. Further details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

11. INSPECTIONS

The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

12. PENALTIES

- a. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe).
- b. All boats: Penalties arising from protests will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2.

13. SCORING

- a. The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply, including the following changes.
- b. Three races are required to constitute a series.
- c. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- d. The overall prize for the IRC National Championship 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).

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

[DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. All boats shall be in the water from 16:00hrs on Thursday 9th June until the completion of the last race of the event.

15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

[DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats whilst they are in the water.

16. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES

Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped, or filmed television of or relating to the event.

17. PRIVACY STATEMENT

The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis of processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

18. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall ensure that their boat is adequately insured, against all third-party claims.

19. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 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 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.

20. PRIZE GIVING AND TROPHIES

- a. The daily prize giving will be held each day immediately after racing at the RORC clubhouse.
- b. Prizes be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- c. The event prize giving will be held at the RORC Cowes clubhouse as soon as possible after racing on Sunday 12th June.

FURTHER INFORMATION

All Competitors will be welcome at the RORC Cowes clubhouse during the event. For details of accommodation and dining facilities please contact the clubhouse. RORC clubhouse Telephone: +44 1983 293581 Email: cowes@rorc.org

Additional social arrangement details will be communicated and published to competitors using the event WhatsApp group or event noticeboard.

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