

Notice of Race Vice Admirals Cup 2021

Friday 21st – Sunday 23rd May 2021

Hosted by the Royal Ocean Racing Club, The Parade, Cowes, Isle of Wight. PO31 7QU

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.
<https://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/Racing/RacingInformation/RacingRules/RYA-Prescriptions.pdf>
- 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 at <https://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/Racing/RacingInformation/RacingCharter/Racing-Charter.pdf>
- d. [DP] For IRC Classes, IRC rules 2021 parts A, B and C shall apply.
- e. [DP] The Fast 40+ Class Rule will apply to the Fast 40+ class boats.
- f. [DP] Boats racing as One Design classes shall comply with the respective Class Rule.
- g. [DP] When the Class Rule does not specify mandatory safety equipment, 2021-2024 World Sailing Inshore Regulations; Appendix B inshore racing will apply.
- h. When RRS rule 20 applies, a boat may indicate her need for room to tack or her response by using VHF radio.
- i. [DP] Competitors are reminded of the applicable government guidance on Covid19 measures, including those issued by the Royal Yachting Association and Harbour Authorities.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be published on the <http://www.rorc.org/racing/race-documents> event website before Tuesday 18th May.

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 Fast 40+, Performance 40, Quarter Tonners, SB20, J/111, J/109, HP30 and Cape 31.
- b. SB20, J/109 and J/111 boats will race as one design classes in accordance with their Class Rule, provided there are sufficient entries. Classes with small entry numbers may be started with other classes.
- c. Entries will only be accepted via the event website at the following link <https://rorc.sailgate.com>
- d. The closing date for entries is 17:00 on Tuesday 18th May.
- e. 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 as below.

Class	Members	Non-Members
Fast 40+	277	396
Performance 40	277	396
HP30	175	250
J/111	245	350
J/109	202	289
Cape 31	175	250
Quarter Ton	118	169
SB20	118	169

- b. Should the organising authority reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee in full.
 c. If an entry is cancelled by a competitor, the entry fee will be refunded, less a 10% administration charge.
 d. 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 racing with an IRC certificate shall have a valid IRC certificate issued by the RORC rating office 4 days prior to the event. After this date changes will only be permitted with the permission of the OA.

7. REGISTRATION

- a. All registration requirements shall be completed before racing, including providing a nominated shoreside contact details and accepting the declaration statement.
 b. The Fast 40+ class, sailor category *crew deadline* shall be at 0845hrs on Friday Thursday 21st May.

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. **Fast 40+, HP30, Cape 31 and Quarter Ton classes**

Date	Time	Event	HW Portsmouth
Friday 21 st May	1200	First warning signal	0723 3.8m
Saturday 22 nd May	1030	First warning signal	0834 4.0m
Sunday 23 rd May	1030	First warning signal	0928 4.3m

- b. The event will consist of up to eight races for Fast 40+, HP30, Cape 31 and Quarter Ton classes.

- c. **Performance 40, J/111, J/109, and SB20 classes**

Date	Time	Event	HW Portsmouth
Saturday 22 nd May	1030	First warning signal	0834 4.0m
Sunday 23 rd May	1030	First warning signal	0928 4.3m

- d. The event will consist of up to six races for Performance 40, J/111, J/109, and SB20 classes.
 e. No warning signal will be displayed after 14:30hrs on Sunday 23rd May.

10. RACE AREA AND COURSES

- a. The race-course area will be on the Central Solent and adjacent waters.
 b. The courses will be a windward / leeward configuration using laid inflatable marks or 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. All boats: RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe).
- b. Fast 40+ Class: In addition to RRS 44.2: A boat may delay taking a penalty up to the next mark rounding whilst a spinnaker is hoisted. No part of a penalty may be taken inside the zone of a rounding mark that begins, bounds or ends the leg that the boat is on when the infringement occurred or on a leg from the windward mark (1) to the offset mark (1a), before the extension of the straight line from the gate or leeward mark (1) and the offset mark (1a).
- c. All boats: Penalties arising from protests will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.

13. SCORING

- a. The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply, including the following changes.
- b. One race is 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.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

[DP] Keelboats 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 20th May 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. COVID-19 STATEMENT

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 applicable Royal Ocean Racing Club COVID-19 procedures. Key links are provided below:

Government: www.gov.uk/coronavirus and Royal Yachting Association https://www.rya.org.uk/training-support/Pages/coronavirus_guidance.aspx

21. 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 23rd May.

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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