



SIRCOA and SCRA SOLENT REGION CHAMPIONSHIP 2023



IRC Solent Region and SCRA Cruiser Championships 2023 – Notice of Series

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The four participating clubs listed in paragraph 3 are the organising authorities for their respective events within the Championship Series, which is administered on their behalf by the Solent IRC Owners' Association (SIRCOA) and Solent Cruising and Racing Association (SCRA).
- 1.2. Each club will issue a Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for its event
- 1.3. SIRCOA: Email: lois_sailing@hotmail.com
- 1.4. SCRA: Regatta House, 18 Bath Road, Cowes, IOW, P031 7QN, Telephone 01983 295744, Email admin@scra.org.uk, Website www.scra.org.uk
- 1.5. IRC Rating Office www.ircrating.org

RULES

- 2.1 The Championships will be governed by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing, Class Rules when specified by a host club.
- 2.2 IRC Rules 2023 Parts A, B and C shall apply (for advertising)
IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall be applied according to each individual Club's policy.
Boats shall submit a copy of their IRC Certificate, when requested by the Host Club before the closing date for entry to their event.
- 2.3 Competitors are expected to follow the RYA Charter.

3. HOST EVENTS

3.1 Saturday 13th May

IRC and CC Event 1 – Christchurch Bay Race. Island Sailing Club *incorporating the SIRCOA Solent Region Championship.*

Racing from ISC line to Christchurch Bay and back.

Entry through the Island Sailing Club.

Island Sailing Club, 70 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight, P031 7RE.

Email: ben@islandsc.org.uk

Website: <http://www.islandsc.org.uk/iscinshore.aspx>

Telephone: 01983 296621.

3.2 Saturday and Sunday 3rd and 4th June

IRC and CC Event 2 – Champagne Charlie Royal Southern Yacht Club Regatta, *incorporating the SIRCOA Solent Region Championship.*

Racing in the central Solent. Saturday evening social.

The IRC Solent Region Championship is incorporated in the September Regatta.

Entry for the event is directly through the Royal Southern Y C.

Royal Southern Yacht Club, Rope Walk, Hamble, S031 4HB.

Email: sailing@royal-southern.co.uk

Website: www.royal-southern.co.uk

Telephone: 023 8045 0302.

3.3 Saturday and Sunday 14th and 16th July

IRC and CC Event 3 - Taittinger Regatta - Royal Solent Yacht Club. , *incorporating the SIRCOA Solent Region Championship.*

Racing in the Western Solent. Socials on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The IRC Solent Region Championship is incorporated in the Taittinger Regatta.

Enter the event directly through the Royal Solent.

Royal Solent Yacht Club, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, PO41 ONS.

Email: office@royalsolent.org

Website: www.royalsolent.org

Telephone: 01983 760256.

3.4 Saturday 9th September

IRC and CC Event 4 – Nab Tower Race. Island Sailing Club *incorporating the SIRCOA Solent Region Championship.*

Racing around the Nab Tower

Entry through the Island Sailing Club.

Island Sailing Club, 70 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 7RE.

Email: ben@islandsc.org.uk

Website: <http://www.islandsc.org.uk/iscinshore.aspx>

Telephone: 01983 296621.

3.5 Saturday and Sunday 14th - 15th October

IRC and CC Event 5 – Hamble IRC Autumn Championships, Hamble River Sailing Club, *incorporating the SIRCOA Solent Region Championship.*

Racing in the central Solent. Saturday evening social.

Entry for the event is directly through the Hamble Winter Series website.

Hamble River Sailing Club, The Ferry Hard, Hamble, SO31 4JB.

Email: hwsteam@hrsc.org.uk

Website: <https://www.hamblewinterseries.com/events>

Telephone: 023 80452070

4. ELIGIBILITY and CLASSES

4.1. The IRC Solent Region Championship is open to boats with a valid 2023 IRC certificate and an IRC TCC between 0.750 and 1.360.

4.2 The SCRA Cruiser Championship is open to boats that **do not** hold current IRC certificates.

4.3. The IRC fleets will be divided into 4 classes. Rating bands will be (subject to confirmation) :

IRC1 1.065-1.360 IRC2 1.000-1.064 IRC3 0.920-0.999 IRC4 0.750-0.919 (Also see NOS 6.10)

4.4 At its sole discretion, SIRCOA may allocate a boat with a TCF close to a rating band break to the adjacent class in order to keep boats of the same design class together.

4.5. All boats taking part in the Championships shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 races. Although individual Club events may permit boats that do not comply in all respects to take part in those events, such boats will not be eligible for the Championship.

4.6 There will be a Cruiser Class start at each event. The handicap system employed by the host Club will be used.

4.7. Each club running a day of racing for the IRC Solent Region Championship reserves the right to amalgamate starts as required.

5. ENTRY

5.1. Entries must be made on-line via each host Club's individual website, and the entry fees paid direct to the host Club. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the host club.

6. SCORING

6.1. Any eligible boat entering an IRC class, or Cruiser Class with one of the participating clubs for a Series day will automatically be entered into the respective Championship.

- 6.2. For the purposes of scoring for the Solent Region and Cruiser Class Championships RRS Appendix A will apply, modified as below.
- 6.3. The Championships will each consist of three weekend and two single Saturday events, ie seven days of racing. The format will be determined by each Club's NOR.
- 6.4. Events will be scored according to the NOR for each individual event.
The results from the scheduled 5 events will count toward the Overall Championships.
- 6.5. A competitor may discard their two worst events. (weekend & single day constitute individual events)
- 6.6. A boat entered in a Championship but which did not come to the starting area for any of the races in an event shall receive a score of 50 points for that day.
- 6.7 To calculate an overall ranking for the IRC Solent Region Championship and the SCRA Cruiser Championship, the series scores for each class will be amalgamated. The overall ranking shall be calculated from the amalgamated scores as above except that in the case of a place tie, this will be broken in favour of the boat which has beaten the highest number of competitors on the water.
- 6.8 If, during the Series, a boat changes her rating such that she changes class, previously scored points will not be transferred to her new class.
- 6.9 If there is no class start (IRC or Cruising Class) at any event. The event will be scored at average points for the remainder of the yachts event scores after two discards have been applied. The event with no start may also be a discard.
- 6.10 If there is no class start as per the NOS 4.3 results will be extracted to fit the listed NOS class splits.

7. RESULTS, PRIZES AND PRIZEGIVING

- 7.1. Daily results will be produced by the club running the racing, which may award prizes or trophies for that day. Details will be in the Sailing Instructions for that day.
- 7.2. SIRCOA will coordinate the Championship results and display them on its website at www.scra.org.uk/sircoa
- 7.3. There will be overall Series trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class. Other prizes may be awarded.
- 7.4. The IRC Solent Region Champion and SCRA Cruiser Champion will be selected regardless of class, with scoring as described in paragraph 6 above, and will hold the overall trophy for the top boat in each Championship.
- 7.5. The IRC Solent Region, and Cruiser Class Championships. Prize giving will be confirmed during later in the season.

8. 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 to race 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organisers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extreme 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; and
- g) Their boat is adequately insured, in accordance with NOR of each individual event.
- h) The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Series.