



**CONTESSA 32 CLASS  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**15-17 September  
2017**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**ORGANISED BY  
THE ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB**



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The Flag Officers and Members of the Royal Solent Yacht Club extend a warm welcome to competitors as visitors to the Club. They are requested to sign and enter their name and address in the Visitors' Book situated in the entrance hall and should acquaint themselves with the rules of the Royal Solent Yacht Club particularly those concerning dress.

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Times of HW Portsmouth (BST):	Friday	07.42	4.0
	Saturday	08.57	4.2
	Sunday	10.02	4.4

### 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The organising authority is the Royal Solent Yacht Club (RSYC).

### 2. RULES

2.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association, the Rules of the Contessa 32 Class, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 The regatta will be held under the category "A" provisions of World Sailing Regulation 20.

2.3 RRS 35: time limit, RRS 60: Rights of protest and race committees to initiate a protest, and RRS 26: Starting Races, will be changed by the Sailing Instructions.

2.4 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the two turn penalty is replaced by the one turn penalty.

2.5 World Sailing Special Regulations Category 4 shall apply when racing.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY/ ENTRIES

3.1 Contessa 32 Class yachts with a current valid measurement certificate and third party insurance of at least three million pounds sterling are eligible to enter.

3.2 All yachts shall have a member of the Contessa 32 Association on board at all times when racing

3.3 Entries should be made online at [www.co32.org](http://www.co32.org)

#### **4. SCHEDULE OF RACING (RRS 26 changed)**

	<b>Warning signal</b>	<b>Start Time</b>
<b>4.1 Friday</b>		
Race 1	12:50	13:00
Race 2 will start after the completion of Race 1.		
<b>Saturday</b>		
Race 1	10.50	11.00
Races 2 and 3 will start after the completion of Race 1 & 2 respectively.		
<b>Sunday</b>		
Race 1	10:50	11:00

Should one or more races be cancelled on Friday and/or Saturday an additional race may be held on Sunday; notification of the intention to hold an additional race will be posted on the RSYC Notice Board no later than 19:00hrs on Saturday.

4.2 There will be no warning signal made after 1500hrs on Sunday.

#### **5. RACING AREA/COURSES**

- 5.1 Racing will be in the Western Solent & Western Approaches, including Christchurch Bay.
- 5.2 Courses will be as specified in the Sailing Instructions and will include a combination of racing round racing marks and windward leewards.

#### **6. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 6.1 VHF radio communication will be made on channel M1 (37).
- 6.2 All boats are required to carry an operational VHF radio at all times while racing.
- 6.3 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

#### **7. SCORING**

- 7.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A low point system except that there will be no discard; this changes RRS A2.1

#### **8. PRIZES**

- 8.1 Prizes will be presented at the Annual Class Association Dinner.

## **9. RISK STATEMENT.**

9.1 Rule 4 of the RRS 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, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the race organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the venue or event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
- (h) For offshore races, they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of 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.

## **10. INSPECTION**

10.1 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.

**11. INSURANCE**

- 11.1 Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with cover of at least £3,000,000 (three million pounds sterling) against third party claims.

**12 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 12.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on or before 10<sup>th</sup> September and will be published on the RSYC Notice Board and website.

**NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

**Berthing**

Berths will be at Harold Hayles Boatyard, reservations should be made with the boatyard (tel: 01983 760373).