



ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB
CRUISER CHALLENGE
Saturday 13th August 2022

NOTICE OF EVENT & SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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

2. RULES

- 2.1 Please refer to the RSYC SI section 2.
2.2 Class rules shall apply except when changed by the SI.

3. CONDITION OF ENTRY/ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Keelboats and Class 1&2 are invited to enter by completing an Entry Form online via the RSYC website by **Friday 5th August**. Entries after this date may be considered at the discretion of the Event Committee.

4. THE EVENT

- 4.1 The Cruiser Challenge is a pursuit event for keelboats and Class 1&2 under sail. The event is a “FUN EVENT” and has been designed to appeal to all members with sailing boats of differing performances. The event is white sail – no spinnakers to be flown.
4.2 A briefing may be held at the **RSYC at 830am on Saturday 13th August**, at which start times and courses will be given.

5. CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1 Boats after the warning signal and whilst racing shall either strike their ensign and/or fly ‘**NP1**’ or class flag.
5.2 All boats shall clearly display their sail numbers or some other means of identification.

6. STARTING

- 6.1 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 26 & 29 are varied in that: the boat with the lowest handicap will **start at 10:30hrs**, warning signal (NP 1) or class flag at 10:25hrs, preparatory signal (flag P) at 10:26hrs, prep down at 10:29hrs, first start at 10:30hrs. Boats will start at their allocated time without further sound signals being used. This amends RRS 26. Recalls will be conducted in accordance with RRS 29.1 amended so that Flag X shall be flown only for one minute after the relevant start, notwithstanding that a boat may not by this time have sailed to the pre start side of the starting line.
6.2 Boats shall clear the start line no more than 10 minutes after their allotted time.

7. START LINE

- 7.1 The start will be from the RSYC shoreline at Grants, please refer to SI section 13.1 and 13.2

8. FINISH LINE

- 8.1 The Finish will be at Grants, please refer to SI section 16.2.
- 8.2 Boats shall cross the finishing line from the direction of the last mark.

9. HANDICAPPED START TIMES

- 9.1 Start times will be determined by the Handicap Sub-Committee or their nominee; and will be available on the day of the event from the Club.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 Course 'A': Line—1—C—G—4—Line (or reverse)
Course 'B': Line—1—8—Line twice round (or reverse)
Course 'C': As Course 'B'

BUT WITH DIFFERENT START TIMES

- 10.2 One of the above three courses will be selected by the Event Committee. A display board at Grants will show 'W' for a start in a westerly direction and 'E' for a start in an easterly direction.
The course to be sailed 'A' 'B' or 'C' will be displayed in the course frame in RED for all marks to be left to PORT or GREEN for all marks to be left to STARBOARD.
- 10.3 A diagram of racing marks is reproduced at Appendix B.
- 10.4 For course instructions please refer to SI section 12

11. TIME LIMIT

- 11.1 RRS 35 is changed: the time limit 2hrs after the first starting signal.

12. AMENDMENTS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 12.1 Please refer to SI section 11.

13. VHF COMMUNICATIONS, SAFETY, RETIREMENT

- 13.1 A listening watch may be kept, and transmissions may be made, by the Event Committee on **VHF channel 72**. Failure of competitors to receive transmissions made by the Event Committee and/or to contact the Event Committee shall not be grounds for redress.
- 13.2 A boat that retires from the event shall notify the Event Committee of her retirement on **VHF channel 72** as soon as is practicable.

14. SAFETY / RISK STATEMENT / INSPECTION / INSURANCE / PRIVACY

- 14.1 Please refer to SI sections 20, 21 & 22.

15. PROTESTS, ARBITRATION

- 15.1 Please refer to SI sections 17 & 18.

16. PRIZE GIVING & PRIZES

- 16.1 A bottle of Taittinger Champagne will be awarded to the first boat across the finish line. Prize Giving will take place after racing.