



J-109 ALL-COMERS PRIZE GIVING REGATTA

6-7 May 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

**ORGANISING AUTHORITY:
THE ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB
YARMOUTH, ISLE OF WIGHT.**



By invitation of the J109 UK and Ireland Class Association



The Royal Solent Yacht Club

Commodore:	Tony Walton
Vice Commodore:	George Alford
Rear Commodore:	Nicholas Measor (Sailing)
Principal Race Officer	Jeremy Willcock
Secretary	Hamish Fletcher
Sailing Secretary	Peter Spink

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 upstairs hall and should acquaint themselves with the rules of the Royal Solent Yacht Club particularly those concerning dress.

Message from the J109 Class Association Committee

At a meeting of J-109 owners last year, the J-109 Class Association Committee was mandated to organise a J-109 event, to be inclusive of J-109's including those not set up for class racing. The intention is to "enhance the enjoyment of J/109 sailing" (in accordance with the Class Association objectives) and provide an event that would be fun and facilitate and encourage the owners of these great boats to get together whether they normally race one design, IRC or cruise!

The racing will be level handicap for simplicity. Fairness between boats will be achieved by limiting the maximum size and number of sails allowed.

The Royal Solent Yacht Club is pleased to announce that it has agreed to organise and run such an event over the weekend of the 6th/7th May 2017.

For simplicity the Class Rules as amended for this Regatta will apply. In order to achieve the objective above, they will be modified as set out in the Notice of Race including the following important changes:

- *"Furling or non-furling jibs with an LP of Max 110% (4455mm) will be used;*
- *Code type jibs with an LP of no greater than 105% can be used with in-haulers;*
- *.Class Asymmetric spinnakers with an IRC Area no greater than 107.57 square metres will continue to be required (maximum 3);*
- *Code Zeros will not be allowed;*
- *Any configuration of forestay and back stay will be allowed;*
- *Foresail furling drums are not required to be on the forestay nor be used.*

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Times throughout are British Summer Time.

TIDES ~ HW Portsmouth BST

Saturday 6th 09:10 4.0m

Sunday 7th 10.04 4.1m

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is the Royal Solent Yacht Club (RSYC).

2. RULES

2.1 Racing will be governed by:

2.1.1 the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020;

2.1.2 this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions;

2.1.3 The Class rules as adopted by the J109 UK and Ireland Class Association as modified for the purpose of this Regatta and annexed to this Notice of Race as Annex 1;

2.1.4 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2016-2017 Category 4 (monohulls) ("WSORSR");

2.1.5 In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7

2.2 The following RRS are changed:

2.2.1 The Two Turn Penalty is modified to a One turn Penalty, that is to say only one turn is required but must include one tack and one gybe in the same direction. This changes RRS 44.1 & 2.

2.2.2 RRS 35, Time Limits, will be changed by the Sailing Instructions.

2.2.3 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Low Points System except that RRS 90.3 and Appendix A2 is amended in that there will be no discard. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

2.3 The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other RRS.

3. INSPECTIONS

3.1 Random safety inspections may be carried out before and after racing to check compliance with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. A boat that either refuses an inspection or fails to give every reasonable assistance to an authorised inspector may be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1. 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 Race.

4. CLASS RULES

- 4.1 Boats must comply with the J109 Class Rules as modified for the purposes of this Regatta by the Committee.
- 4.2 All owners and skippers participating must be members of the Class Association – see Rule 5.2 of this Notice for special membership rates for the Regatta.

5. ELIGIBILITY/ENTRIES

- 5.1 Entries are invited from J109 Yachts that comply with their Class Regulations as changed herein.
- 5.2 **Entries to be made on the Entry Form in Appendix 1 and be accompanied by the appropriate Fee;** Entries received by 24:00hrs on 30 April 2017: £150; thereafter £190. In addition, if the owner and skipper are not members of the Class Association they may join for this event only by the payment of an additional fee of £5 each or the normal £20 for the full membership year commencing 1 March 2017. Entries will close on 4 May but may be accepted after this date at the discretion of the Race Committee.

6. VENUE/AREA OF RACING

- 6.1 The venue is RSYC, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, PO41 0NS
- 6.2 It is intended that racing will take place in the Western Solent, the approaches to the Western Solent and Christchurch Bay and will be a combination of windward-leewards, round the racing buoys and passage race to/from Christchurch Bay.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACING/BRIEFING

- 7.1 There will be a briefing at RSYC for skippers at 08:00hrs on Saturday 6 May. Formal registration is not required provided that the sail declaration required by Class Rules 5.2 has been completed and handed to the Race Committee prior to the commencement of the first race in the Regatta. Email delivery of the form is permitted.
- 7.2 Racing will not commence before 09:30hrs on the first day; all other timings will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Sailing Instructions will be available on RSYC website; www.royalsolent.org and from the RSYC Sailing Office not later than 30th April.

9 SAFETY, RISK STATEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 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 event 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;
- (j) 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;
- (k) All boats shall carry on-board a VHF Radio capable of receiving all the usual marine channels, including 8, 12, 16, 22, 69, 72, 77, M1(37a) and M2.

10. **PROTESTS**

- 10.1 The RYA Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures MAY be available.

11. **INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall throughout the Regatta be adequately insured with cover of at least £2,000,000 (two million pounds sterling) against third party claims.

12 **VHF RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

Communication by VHF will be specified in the Sailing Instructions

13 **PRIZES**

The Prizes to be awarded will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

14 **SOCIAL EVENTS**

All competitors are invited to a Regatta Dinner at the RSYC on Saturday evening and to prize-giving after racing on Sunday.

FURTHER INFORMATION

15 **Berths may be reserved in Yarmouth Harbour**

For further information re harbour facilities please contact Yarmouth Harbour:

Telephone: 01983 760321.

Website: www.yarmouth-harbour.co.uk

Email: info@yarmouth-harbour.co.uk

App1 J-109 ALL-COMERS PRIZE-GIVING REGATTA

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RACE Entry Form

I/We wish to enter my/our J-109 yacht for the J-109 All Comers and Prize-Giving Regatta to be organized by the Royal Solent Yacht Club.

I/We enclose payment by cheque/bank transfer (please delete as appropriate) of £150/£190 (please delete as appropriate: NoR 5.2)

Details for Bank Transfer: Royal Solent Y.C./ Sort Code 30-95-99/ Ac no. 02229231

DETAILS OF OWNER(S)/PERSON IN CHARGE (please delete as appropriate)

Address.....

..... Post Code

Telephone: Home Work Mobile.....

Email.....

Yacht Club (if not a member of RSYC)

DETAILS OF BOAT:

Name of Boat Make and Class: J-109

Sail No

Hull Colour..... Spinnaker Colour.....

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules governing this event. In particular I confirm that I have read the Notice of Race and accept its provisions and agree that my boat will conform to the requirements set out in the Notice of Race throughout the event.

Signed..... Owner(s)/Person in Charge (please delete as appropriate)

Date.....

PLEASE RETURN TO RSYC SAILING OFFICE: sailing@royalsolent.org: Royal Solent

Yacht Club, The Square, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, PO41 ONS