

ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB YARMOUTH, ISLE OF WIGHT

NOTICE OF RACE

Thursday 31st May and Friday 1st June

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is the Royal Solent Yacht Club.

RULES

- 2.1 The races will be governed by the current World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS) including the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions and any relevant class rules.
- 2.2 RRS 40 and 35 are changed in the Sailing Instructions.

ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Boats shall not be deemed to be racing unless the owner or person in charge has completed and returned an entry form together with the required fee for this event to RSYC by Wednesday 30th May 2018.
- 3.2 All competitors must ensure that they have completed a participation form which has been signed by a parent or guardian.
- 3.3 The Age Limit is 18.

FEES

4.1 Entry for the event is £50

CLASSES

- 5.1 Classes will include:
 - Optimist
 - Pico (race sail)
 - Laser 4.7

5.2 Classes may be combined at the discretion of the Race Committee.

SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration will be at the Boathouse, Port la Salle on Thursday 31st May 2018 at 13.30.
- 6.2 There will be two races run back to back each day. At the discretion of the Race Officers a third race may be run. Competitors will need to check with the principal Race Officer.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 14.55.

RACING AREA

7.1 Racing will be in the area of Bouldnor Bay, with launching at the Boathouse, Port la Salle.

PROTESTS

8.1 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

SCORING

- 9.1 The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 9.2 In each class 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

10.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available from RSYC or to download on <u>www.royalsolent.org</u> from Wednesday 30th May 2018.

PRIZES

11.1 Trophies will be awarded to the overall winner in each class. The Prize Giving will take place after racing on Friday.

14 INSURANCE

14.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

15 BOAT HANDLING ABILITY

15.1 All competitors must be capable of launching and recovering their boats as sea conditions at the slipways can be demanding. This is a SAFETY MATTER and ALL COMPETITORS are solely responsible for this activity. Launching and recovery teams are at hand but cannot guarantee to be always available at busy times. Parents are required to assist with this SAFETY task.

16 RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1 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.

17 INSPECTION

17.1 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.