



IRC Solent Region Championship 2014 - Notice of Series

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The seven participating clubs listed in paragraph 2 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 secretary@solentirc.org.uk, Website www.solentirc.org.uk.
- 1.4. **SCRA:** Regatta House, 18 Bath Road, Cowes, IOW, PO31 7QN. Telephone 01983 295744
Email admin@scra.org.uk, Website www.scra.org.uk.
- 1.5. **IRC Rating Office** www.ircrating.org.

2. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND CLUBS

Saturday 31st May

IRC Day 1 - Clarkson Cup Regatta - Royal Southampton Yacht Club.

Racing around the cans in the central Solent. 3 races scheduled, 10.00am.

Royal Southampton Yacht Club, 1 Channel Way, Ocean Village, Southampton, SO14 3QF.

Email: racing@rsyc.org.uk.

Website: www.rsyc.org.uk.

Telephone 023 8022 3352.

Saturday 28th June

IRC Day 2 - Portsmouth Sailing Club.

Racing in the Eastern Solent with starts and finishes in the vicinity of Gilkicker.

Portsmouth Sailing Club, The Old Consulate, 21 Bath Square, Old Portsmouth, PO1 2JL.

Email: parhelion@portsmouthsc.co.uk.

Website: www.portsmouthsc.co.uk.

Telephone: 023 9282 0596.

Saturday 12th July

IRC Day 3 - Royal Southern Yacht Club.

Racing around the cans in the central Solent.

The Royal Southern July weekend regatta continues on Sunday 13th July, although that day is not part of the IRC Solent Region Championship. Enter for the Sunday directly through the Royal Southern.

Royal Southern Yacht Club, Rope Walk, Hamble, SO31 4HB.

Email: sailing@royal-southern.co.uk.

Website: www.royal-southern.co.uk.

Telephone: 023 8045 0302.

Saturday 26th July

IRC Day 4 – Royal Solent Yacht Club.

Racing in the Western Solent.

The Royal Solent regatta continues on Sunday 27th July, although that day is not part of the IRC Solent Region Championship. Enter for the Sunday directly through the Royal Solent.

Royal Solent Yacht Club, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, PO41 0NS.

Email: office@royalsolent.org.

Website: www.royalsolent.org.

Telephone: 01983 760256.

Saturday 13th September

IRC Day 5 – Battle of Britain Regatta – RAF Yacht Club.

Racing in the central Solent.

The Battle of Britain Regatta continues on Sunday 14th September, although that day is not part of the IRC Solent Region Championship. Enter for the Sunday directly through the RAFYC.

RAF Yacht Club, Riverside House, Rope Walk, Hamble, SO31 4HD.

Email: office@rafyc.co.uk.

Website: www.rafyc.co.uk.

Telephone: 023 8045 2208.

Saturday 27th September

IRC Day 6 - Nab Tower Race - Island Sailing Club.

A passage race from Cowes to the Nab Tower and back, perhaps with some extra marks depending on wind direction.

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

Email: chris@islandsc.org.uk.

Website: www.islandsc.org.uk.

Telephone: 01983 296621.

Sunday 28th September

IRC Day 7 for the Tiny Mitchell Trophy - Royal Corinthian Yacht Club.

Racing around the cans in the central Solent, on the day after the Nab Tower race as above.

Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, The Parade, Castle Hill, Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 7QU.

Email: jo@rcyc.co.uk.

Website: www.rcyc.co.uk.

Telephone: 01983 293581.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND CLASSES

- 3.1. The IRC Solent Region Championship is open to boats with a valid IRC certificate and an IRC rating between 0.820 and 1.360.
- 3.2. The fleet will be divided into 4 classes. Rating bands will be announced on the SIRCOA website prior to the first event in the series.
- 3.3 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.

- 3.4. All boats taking part in the Championship shall comply with ISAF 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.
- 3.5. Each club running a day of racing for the IRC Solent Region Championship reserves the right to amalgamate starts as required.

4. ENTRY

- 4.1. Entries may be made on-line via the SIRCOA website (www.solentirc.org.uk) for the full series and for individual race days. Entries through SIRCOA close on the Friday before the first race day entered.
- 4.2. The entry fees are:
IRC 1.00 and above £40.00 for each day entered or £240 for the whole series.
IRC 0.999 and below £35.00 for each day entered or £210 for the whole series.
- 4.3. Individual race days may also be entered directly through the organising Clubs. For details, including fees, contact the club concerned. Club contact details are in paragraph 2 above.

5. SCORING

- 5.1. Any eligible boat entering an IRC class with one of the participating clubs for a Series day will automatically be entered into the Championship.
- 5.2. For the purposes of scoring for the Solent Region Championship, RRS Appendix A will apply, modified as below.
- 5.3. The Solent Region Championship will consist of seven days of racing and each day may comprise one or more races.
- 5.4. For each race, a boat that did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing, was disqualified or did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.
- 5.5. If there is a single race on a day, a boat's score for the day will be her score in that race.
- 5.6. If there is more than one race in a day, a boat's score for the day will be her ranking for the day, determined by adding together her scores in all the day's races. Ties in daily scores will be broken using RRS A8.
- 5.7. A boat entered in the Championship but which came to the starting area for none of the races on a day shall receive a score of 100 points for that day.
- 5.8. A boat's Solent Region Championship score will be the total of her best five daily scores. If no races for her class are scored on two days, a boat's Championship score will be the total of her best four daily scores. If no races for her class are scored on more than two days, a boat's Championship score will be the total of all her daily scores.
- 5.9. Solent Region Championship ties will be broken using RRS A8 except that daily scores will be used instead of race scores. Any remaining un-broken ties will stand.
- 5.10. To calculate an overall ranking for the IRC Solent Region 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. Any remaining ties shall be broken in accordance with paragraph 5.9.
- 5.11. 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. RESULTS, PRIZES AND PRIZEGIVING

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. If necessary, for Solent Region Championship scoring, SIRCOA will re-score the daily results in compliance with section 5.
- 6.3. SIRCOA will coordinate the Championship results and display them on its website at www.solentirc.org.uk.
- 6.4. There will be overall Series trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class.
- 6.5. Other prizes may be awarded.
- 6.6. The IRC Solent Region Champion will be selected regardless of class, with scoring as described in paragraph 5 above, and will hold the overall trophy for the top boat in the Championship.
- 6.7. The IRC Solent Region Championship Prize giving will be held at the Royal Southern Yacht Club on Saturday 25th October at 1530 for 1600.

7. 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, with at least £2M against third party claims.

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.

Note to competitors

It is planned to organise social events after each event and at other times during the season. Details will be publicised on the SIRCOA website (www.solentirc.org.uk) and where appropriate will be circulated with the event Sailing Instructions.