



NOTICE OF RACE

for

THE PILOT CUTTERS REGATTA

incorporating

The St. George's Day Trophy

on

**Friday 8th May &
Saturday 10th May 2015**



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

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1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the current rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
2.2 Racing rules will be changed as follows: rule 35, Time Limits; rules 44.1 and 44.2 penalty turns. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Boats may carry advertising as allowed by the ISAF advertising code unless their class rules further restrict what may be carried.
3.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to the following boats:

Class 1: Pilot Cutters; both original and replica.

Class 2: Gaff Rigged boats & traditionally built wooden sailing boats over 70 years old.

- 4.2 Entries should be made on the entry form, downloaded from the RSYC website - www.royalsolent.org - and returned to the Royal Solent Yacht Club Sailing office by Tuesday 5th May 2015.
4.3 Entries should be accompanied by the appropriate entry fee.
4.4 Late entry may be considered by the Race Committee.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Entry fee £35 per boat.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The event is scheduled as follows:

Friday 8th May

A maximum of 4 (four) races for Class 1 only, each between 1&2 hours duration. Each race starting as soon as practicable after the finish of the preceding race. There may be a short break for lunch.

Saturday 29th May

A maximum of 3 (three) races are scheduled for both Class 1 & 2, each race run separately, with a duration of between 1 to 3 hours. If Class 2 entry numbers are 3 or less then the Race Committee may combine the two classes, although they will still compete for separate trophies. Each race will start as soon as practicable after the finish of the preceding race. There may be a short break for lunch.

- 6.2 If one or more races on Friday are not run, an additional race may be run on Saturday. If the Committee decide to attempt an additional race on Saturday, a notice will be placed on the notice board no later than 1900hrs on Friday.
6.3 Registration and Skippers Briefing will take place at RSYC at 19:30hrs on Thursday 7th May.
6.4 Racing on Friday and Saturday will not start before 10:00 am.

7. MEASUREMENTS & HANDICAPS.

- 7.1 The Gaffers Handicap System will be used for this Regatta. For any boat that does not have an up to date Gaffers Handicap a time correction factor for each boat will be allocated by the Race Committee.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be e-mailed to entrants on or about the Friday 1st May 2015 and may be found on the RSYC web site www.royalsolent.org. Late entries must collect Sailing Instructions from the Royal Solent Yacht Club office before racing.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1 Racing will be in the Western and Central Solent and the Western Approaches to the Solent.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the two-turns Penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 12.1 Radio communication will be made on Ch 37 [M1] by the Race Committee.
- 12.2 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.
- 12.3 Failure to make or receive a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1 Prizes will be specified in the event sailing instructions.

14. RISK STATEMENT.

- 14.1 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) 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.

15. INSURANCE

- 15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million sterling or the equivalent.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1 For further information, please contact the Royal Solent Yacht Club during business hours on 01983 760256 or at www.royalsolent.org
- 16.2 Entrants requiring **harbour berths or moorings should be made directly** with the Yarmouth harbour, if you need more information on harbour facilities please contact them directly;
Telephone: 01983 760321.
Website: www.yarmouth-harbour.co.uk
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17. SOCIAL EVENT

- 17.1 Saturday evening St. Georges Day Dinner & Prize giving should be booked directly with the Royal Solent Yacht Club.