



ROYAL SOUTHERN
— YACHT CLUB —



Notice of Race

Royal Southern Summer Series 2025

North Sails May Regatta – 16-19 May

Key Yachting Mid-Summer Regatta – 20-22 June

Salcombe Gin July Regatta – 12-13 July*

September Regatta – 19-21 September

*J/70 class will race on 26-27 July instead

Organising Authority: Royal Southern Yacht Club

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. [NP] Boats shall comply with Southampton & Portsmouth Harbour byelaws where applicable. In particular, notice is drawn to ABP Southampton Notice to Mariners No 6 of 2025 which can be found [here](#).
- 1.3. [NP] The Moving Prohibited Zone (MPZ), as detailed in above mentioned Notice to Mariners is designated as an obstruction.
- 1.4. IRC Rules parts A, B and C shall apply to boats racing under IRC ratings.
- 1.5. Competitors should note that the Organising Authority implements the RYA Racing Charter and they will be expected to sail in compliance with it.
- 1.6. The following classes shall comply with the current World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 races. A boat unable to comply in all respects with those requirements may seek a dispensation in writing from the Race Committee.
 - 1.6.1. IRC Classes
 - 1.6.2. J/111
 - 1.6.3. J/109
 - 1.6.4. J/99
 - 1.6.5. Cape 31
- 1.7. All other classes shall comply with the Royal Southern Yacht Club Sports Boat and Day Boat Safety Regulations 2025, which will be made available on the Official Noticeboard.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The 'Standard Summer Series Sailing Instructions' will apply for all classes at each regatta, except as follows, for which separate Sailing Instructions shall be published:
 - 2.1.1. J/70 Southern Championships (GS#2) – part of North Sails May Regatta - 17-18 May
 - 2.1.2. Cape 31 Round 2 – part of North Sails May Regatta – 16-18 May

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Noticeboard can be found on the event webpage: <https://scm.royal-southern.co.uk/event/summer-series-2025>
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a functioning VHF radio capable of communicating on all the usual UK marine channels, including M1 (37A) and M2 (P4).

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

4.1. The series is open to the following classes:

| Event | Black Group | White Group | Red Group |
|---|---|---|---|
| North Sails May Regatta 16-19 May | IRC Classes (inc HP30 & P30) J/111 SB20 (Sat-Sun) | J/70 GS#2 (Sat-Sun) | Cape 31 Round 2 (Fri-Sun) |
| Key Yachting Mid-Summer Regatta 20-22 June | IRC Classes (inc HP30) (Fri-Sun) <i>Friday optional</i> | J/70 Sprints #1 Sonata Southernns SB20 (Sat-Sun) | J/111 J/109 J/99 (Fri-Sun) |
| Salcombe Gin July Regatta 18-19 July | IRC Classes (inc HP30) J/111 (Sat-Sun) | Etchells Southernns SB20 (Sat-Sun) | - |
| 26-27 July | - | J/70 Sprints #2 | - |
| September Regatta 19-21 September | IRC Classes (inc HP30 & P40) J/111 (Sat-Sun) | J/70 Sprints #3 SB20 (Sat-Sun) | P30 Nationals (Fri-Sun) <i>Will race in BG on Sat & Sun</i> |

- 4.2. Group assignments are for information only and may be changed at any time before each regatta by the Organising Authority.
- 4.3. For May, Cape 31s should enter via their Class entry system. For other regattas, Cape 31s may enter under IRC.
- 4.4. In the Mid-Summer Regatta, J/109s and J/99s will race as individual classes. For other regattas, they will sail within the IRC classes.
- 4.5. IRC boats entering the Mid-Summer Regatta as an individual event, may choose to enter for two or three days. However, to be eligible for the J-Cup, they must enter all three days.
- 4.6. For IRC Classes, the highest eligible IRC rating is 1.464.
- 4.7. For IRC Classes, the rating deadline (as per IRC Rule 8.2.1(c)) is the same as the standard entry deadline. Boats may not change their declaration once submitted. Declarations may be made at the point of entry – or in writing to the Organising Authority. If no declaration is received the higher of her ratings shall apply.
- 4.8. Other classes may be invited to attend, or may request an invitation to attend by email to sailing@royal-southern.co.uk.
- 4.9. Classes may be started together, or amalgamated with another class, at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.10. Eligible boats may enter via the event webpage.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The Early Entry Deadline is 30th April 2025.
- 5.2. The Closing Date for standard entries will be one week before the first race entered.
- 5.3. Late entries may be accepted after the Closing Date at the discretion of the OA, subject to an increased Late Entry Fee.
- 5.4. Entry Fees are as follows:

| | | Whole Series | | | | Individual Regatta (Two days) | | Individual Regatta (Three days) | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------|------------|------|----------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| | | Member | | Non-Member | | Member | Non-Member | Member | Non-Member |
| Class | Rating Band* ¹ | Early | Std | Early | Std | | | | |
| IRC | 1.280 and above | £445 | £530 | £560 | £670 | £190 | £210 | £285 | £315 |
| | 1.050 to 1.279 | £400 | £470 | £500 | £590 | £170 | £190 | £255 | £285 |
| | 0.985 to 1.049 | £355 | £410 | £440 | £510 | £150 | £170 | £225 | £255 |
| | 0.984 and below | £310 | £350 | £380 | £430 | £135 | £150 | £200 | £225 |
| J/111 | | £400 | £470 | £500 | £590 | £170 | £190 | £255 | £285 |
| J/109* ² | | | | | | | | £225 | £255 |
| J/99* ² | | | | | | | | £225 | £255 |
| SB20 | | £310 | £350 | £380 | £430 | £135 | £150 | | |
| Etchells | | | | | | £150 | £170 | | |
| Sonata | | | | | | £150 | £170 | | |
| J/70 Sprints | | £320 | £360 | £390 | £440 | £135 | £150 | | |
| J/70 GS | | | | | | £150 | £170 | | |
| Late Entry | | 25% increase on entry rate | | | | | | | |

*¹Please note that rating bands do not relate to class splits. They are for entry fees only.

*²J/109s and J/99s that enter the series under IRC are automatically entered into their class for the Mid-Summer Regatta and need not pay separately.

- 5.5. Entry fees **do not** include berthing or craneage.
- 5.6. Cape 31 entry fees will be specified on their Class entry system.
- 5.7. Refunds will be issued as follows:
 - 5.7.1. If entry is withdrawn by the competitor before the entry deadline, a full refund (less a £10 admin fee) will be issued.
 - 5.7.2. If entry is withdrawn by the competitor after the entry deadline, no refund will be issued.
 - 5.7.3. If entry is withdrawn by the Organising Authority, or if the Organising Authority decide in advance not to run the event, a full refund will be issued.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. For IRC Classes, IRC 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by "The maximum number of crew while racing shall be the Crew Number shown on her certificate plus two. There is no weight limit."
- 6.2. [NP] Mixed gender and youth teams are strongly encouraged.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8. NOT USED

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1. The Series will consist of four regattas.
- 9.2. For the July Regatta, the J/70 class will race on a separate weekend (26-27 July).
- 9.3. At each regatta, on each day, the first warning signal will be made not before 1025.
- 9.4. At each regatta, on the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be displayed after 1400.
- 9.5. The full schedule will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1. [NP] Random safety inspections may be carried out to check compliance with this NoR and the SIs. A boat that refuses 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 race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.
- 10.2. [NP] A boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of RRS Appendix G and/or her class rules, provided that the Race Committee has approved, in writing, her sail identification before 1800 on the day before the first race entered. Approval will only be given in exceptional circumstances.

11. NOT USED

12. VENUE

- 12.1. The racing area will be the Central Solent, with separate race areas for each group.

13. COURSES

- 13.1. The courses to be sailed will be as follows as defined in the Sailing Instructions:

| Class | Course(s) to be sailed |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| IRC | Windward-leeward or 'round the cans' |
| J/111 | Windward-leeward or 'round the cans' |
| J/109 | Windward-leeward or 'round the cans' |
| J/99 | Windward-leeward or 'round the cans' |
| SB20 | Windward-leeward or 'round the cans' |
| Etchells | Windward-leeward |
| Sonata | Windward-leeward or 'round the cans' |
| J/70 Sprints | Short course windward-leeward |
| J/70 GS | Windward-leeward |

- 13.2. For 'round the cans' courses, the marks to be used are as described in the 2025 Royal Southern YC Solent Mark Codes, which will be made available on the series webpage.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing."
- 14.2. In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: "However, on a windward/leeward course, if Mark 1a (windward spreader mark) is set, a boat shall take a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 1a".
- 14.3. Except for the J/70, Cape 31, and Etchells classes, instead of a One-Turn Penalty, a boat may accept a Scoring Penalty in accordance with RRS 44.3.
- 14.4. Appendix T1 shall apply.
- 14.5. For breaches of any rule, other than a rule of RRS part 1 and 2 the penalty shall be at the discretion of the Protest Committee unless the penalty is stated in the rule itself. The penalty shall be applied to all races in which the rule was broken.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. Each individual regatta will be scored separately.
- 15.2. For each individual regatta, if less than 4 races are completed; a boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores. If 4 or more races are completed, her regatta score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.3. There will be overall Summer Series scoring for the following classes:
- 15.3.1. IRC Classes
 - 15.3.2. J/111
 - 15.3.3. J/70
 - 15.3.4. SB20
- 15.4. Any boat that enters at least one regatta in a class listed in NoR 15.3 will be scored in the overall Summer Series; for any regatta that she has not entered she will be scored DNC.
- 15.5. Cape 31s, J/109s, or J/99s that enter the series under IRC, but compete in one regatta within their respective one design class, will be scored in the overall series for that regatta as follows:
- 15.5.1. $\text{Points in series race} = \text{points in class race} \div \text{number of boats in class race} \times \text{number of boats in series race}$
- 15.6. For the overall Summer Series, RRS Appendix A4 is changed such that a boat not competing will be scored either 36 points or one point greater than the number of boats in her class in the overall Summer Series, whichever is greater.
- 15.7. One race is required to constitute a series for both the overall Summer Series and each individual Regatta.
- 15.8. A boat's overall Summer Series score shall be calculated from the total of all Summer Series races, excluding her worst scores as shown:

| Races Sailed | Excluded Scores |
|--------------|-----------------|
| 8 or less | 0 |
| 9—12 | 2 |
| 13—15 | 3 |
| 16—18 | 4 |
| 19—22 | 5 |
| 23—29 | 6 |
| 30—37 | 8 |
| 38 or more | 10 |

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1. [NP] All Support Person Vessels must register with the Race Committee before the entry deadline (NoR 4.4) at which time they will be issued with a Support Person Rules document which they shall comply with.

17. NOT USED

18. BERTHING

- 18.1. [NP] No berthing is permitted, even temporarily, on the RAFYC Pontoons, or alongside any boats or vessels berthed there.
- 18.2. [NP] A limited amount of berthing is available in the Prince Philip Yacht Haven by prior booking – please contact haven@royal-southern.co.uk in advance.

19. NOT USED

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21. DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1. The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.
- 21.2. By taking part in the event, competitors automatically grant the Organising Authority and any sponsors without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of our relating to the event.

22. RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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 organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - f. The provision of patrol boat cover, if any, 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, regulations and/or bye-laws specific to sailing on the Solent including, but not limited to, to MPZ referred to in NoR 1;
 - h. They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of the 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

23. INSURANCE

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

24. PRIZES

24.1. Individual regatta prizes will be awarded after the completion of racing at the event, at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.

24.2. Prizes for the overall Summer Series will be awarded at the Annual Prize Giving held at the Royal Southern Yacht Club on Saturday 1st November 2025.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1. For further information, please contact:

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