



ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB

**WINTER SERIES & BOXING DAY RACE
2017**

SERIES 1: 15 OCTOBER - 11 NOVEMBER

SERIES 2: 19 NOVEMBER - 17 DECEMBER

BOXING DAY RACE: 26 DECEMBER

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1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The organising authority is the Royal Solent Yacht Club.

2. RULES

2.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), the Royal Solent YC Standard Sailing Instructions 2017 (SSI), this Notice of Race (NoR) and the Supplemental Sailing Instructions (Supp SI). In cases where there is conflict between the NoR and/or the SSI, and/or the Supp SI, the Supp SI or failing that the SSI shall prevail.

2.2 SSI 10.1(a) (time limit) is changed by 8.1 herein.

2.3 The Nordic Folkboat International Association Rules (NFIA) and UK Class Rules and Regulations shall apply, except that there shall be no penalty for a breach of NFIA Class Rule 13.10 (Crew Limitation) or of NFIA Class Rule 8.20 (headsail furling) and the use of spinnakers is permitted as per UK Class Regulation Part 11 1.4

3. VHF COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 All boats are required to carry an operational VHF radio while racing. **All race communications will be on VHF Channel 37.**

4. PROGRAMME

4.1 **Series 1:** 15 October - 11 November

Series 2: 19 November-17 December

4.2 **Racing will be weekly on Sundays except for Series 1 Race 5, which will be on Saturday 11 November.**

4.3 **Boxing Day Race:** 26 December (not part of Series)

5. ELIGIBILITY/SIGNALS

5.1 Entries are invited from Cruisers and Folkboats, a Standard RSYC Entry Form shall be completed before a boat's first race of the Series (needs only to have been completed once in 2017)

5.1 The warning and starting signals for races will be:

Class	Class Flag	Warning Signal	Starting Signal
Cruisers/Folkboats	'W'	10:25	10:30
• Series 2 Race 5 (17December)		09.55	10.00

6. STARTING

6.1 The Starting Line will be from 'Grants' in accordance with SSI 9.

7. FINISHING/COURSE INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The Finishing Line will be the RSYC Balcony Line in accordance with SSI 10.4.

7.2 When '□' is displayed as part of the course signal, it indicates that boats shall pass through the gate formed by the line described in 7.1 above from the direction of the previous mark.

7.3 When the first boat in a race fails to complete the course within the time limit the results of the race will be determined by the placings of the boats through the 'Gate' when '□' is a mark of the course.

7.4 When two or three white diamond shapes are displayed with the course signal, it indicates that the course shall be sailed two or three times round respectively. Boats shall pass through the gate formed by the line referred to in 7.1 above, from the direction of the previous mark at the end of each round before commencing the next round.

8. TIME LIMIT

8.1 RRS 35 is changed in that the time limit for all boats shall be 12:30hrs.

8.2 If one boat sails the course as required by RRS 28.1 and finishes within the time limit, boats that do not finish within the time limit or within 30 minutes of the first boat, whichever is the later, will be scored 'Did Not Finish'.

9. SCORING

9.1 Both series will be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix A, Low Point System except that the score for DNC will be 2 more than the number of boats starting. This amends RRS A4.2

9.2 Two races in each series shall be completed to constitute a valid series.

9.3 Each boats series score will be the total of her race scores, except if 4 or more races are completed her worst score shall be discarded.

10. HANDICAPPING

10.1 Handicapping will be in accordance with RYA National Handicap for Cruisers.

11. PRIZES & PRIZE GIVING

11.1 **The Prize-giving for Series 1&2** will be in the Clubhouse as soon as practicable after the race on Saturday 16th December.

11.2 **The Blount Cross Cup** will be presented to the overall winner of both series in the Cruiser Class.

11.3 **The Prize-giving for the Boxing Day Race** will be in the Clubhouse as soon as practicable after racing.

11.4 **The Winston Churchill Trophy** will be presented to the boat placed first in the Boxing Day Race.

12. RISK STATEMENT.

12.1 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.
- (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.

13. INSURANCE.

- 13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability cover of not less than £2,000,000 (two million pounds sterling) or the equivalent.