



ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB
SUNDAY WINTER SERIES
2015

FIRST RACE OF SERIES 1

Sunday 11th October 2015

Last Race of Series 1 Saturday 7th November 2015

LAST RACE OF SERIES 2

Sunday 13th December 2015

FINAL RACE

Boxing Day 26th December 2015

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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.
The RSYC Standard Sailing Instructions 2015, as amended by these Supplemental Sailing Instructions shall apply. In cases where there is conflict between the Notice of Race, the Club's Standard Sailing Instructions and the Supplemental Sailing Instructions; the Supplemental Sailing Instructions or failing that the Standard Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 2.2 RRS 35 is changed by RSYC SSI para. 12.1
RSYC SSI 12.1 (a) is changed by para 8.1
- 2.3 For Folkboats racing NFIA Class Rules 11.10 will not apply.
Boats shall comply with British Folkboat Racing Regulations rule 9.7.

3. VHF COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 All boats are required to carry an operational VHF radio at all times while racing.
All race communications will be on VHF Channel 77.

4. PROGRAMME

- 4.1 Series 1 ~ 11th October to 7th November (**Last race of Series 1 Saturday 7th Nov.**)
Series 2 ~ 15th November to 13th December.
Boxing Day Race Saturday 26th December (not part of Series)

5. SIGNALS

- 5.1 The warning and starting signals for all races will be:

Class	Class Flag	Warning Signal	Starting Signal
Cruisers/Folkboats	'W'	10:25	10:30

6. STARTING

- 6.1 The Starting line will be at 'Grants' in accordance with RSYC SSI para.11.1.

7. FINISHING

7.1 Finishing Line

Will be in accordance with RSYC SSI 12.4 [Club Balcony]

7.2 After the start of a race the 'Gate' or finishing line becomes as in RSYC SSI 12.4 [Club Balcony Line].

7.3 When the first boat in her race fails to complete the course by the time limit the results of the race may be determined by the placings of the boats through the 'Gate' when either '□' or '9' is a mark of the course and when RSYC SSI paras 12.1 (c) and 12.1 (d) do not apply.

8. TIME LIMIT

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

8.2 When the first boat finishes within the time limit the race shall be valid only for those boats which finish within the time limit or within 30 minutes of the first boat in that race whichever is the later.

9. SCORING

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

Four races are scheduled for the first series and five for the second series, of which TWO races in each series shall be completed to constitute a valid series.

Each boats series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded.

In the event that only two or three races are completed in the series, there will be no discard.

The Boxing Day Race will be scored separately and does not form part of either series.

9.2 Boats intending to race but unable to leave the river due to a malfunction of the bridge must inform the Sailing Office accordingly in order to obtain a score for that race. At the end of each series a boat so recorded will be awarded for that race an average of her scores in that series, including any discard but excluding DNC attributable scores.

10. HANDICAPPING

10.1 Handicaps will be determined by the Racing Sub Committee or its nominee; and will be posted on the Club board prior to racing each week.

11. PRIZES & PRIZE GIVING

11.1 The prize giving for the series will be in the Clubhouse as soon as practicable after the race on Sunday 13th 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 held as soon as practicable after that race.

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

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) 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 insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 (two million pounds) per event or the equivalent.