

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules defined in the 2017-2020 World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), RYA Prescriptions, this Notice of Race, RVYC Sailing Instructions 2018, RVYC Race Chart 2018 and Class Rules, except where modified by the RVYC Sailing Instructions 2018 and special RVYC Sailing Instructions for Open Events. In a case of conflict, the RVYC Sailing Instructions 2018 or, for Open Events, the event's special Sailing Instructions will apply.
- 1.2 The organising authority is the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Isle of Wight.
- 1.3 This Notice is applicable to all Club series and to Open Events unless special Sailing Instructions are issued.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 All Club racing series are open to members of the RVYC. Non-members wishing to race must have the permission of a Flag Officer or the Race Officer of the day.
- 2.2 All competitors in club racing series and open events must lodge with the Club a completed RVYC 2018 Racing entry form (available on the Club website) before their first race of the season.
- 2.3 All competitors, members and non-members, must comply with the requirements of Clause 16 of the RVYC Sailing Instructions 2018 regarding safety.
- 2.4 Except in Open Events, only boats with at least one RVYC member on board will be scored.

3. SCHEDULE

- 3.1 The Schedule of Races is printed in the RVYC 2018 Programme and is available on the website. In the case of conflict, the printed programme will apply.

4. START TIMES

- 4.1 The scheduled time of the first start is published in the RVYC 2018 programme or special Notice of Race for an open regatta.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 The RVYC Sailing Instructions 2018 will be available from the Club website by Sunday 11th March 2018.

6. INSURANCE

- 6.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with third-party liability insurance valid for racing with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.

7. RISK STATEMENT

- 7.1 RRS Fundamental Rule 4 Decision to Race states:

"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

- 7.2 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 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.