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75th ROYAL ARTILLERY KEELBOAT REGATTA, SEA VIEW YACHT CLUB, ISLE OF WIGHT 7-8 JUL 21

1. **General.** The 75th RA Keelboat Regatta will be held on 7-8 Jul 21 at Sea View Yacht Club (SVYC), Seaview, Isle of Wight. The Regatta is open to serving members of the Regiment and all members of the RAYC.
2. **Aim.** The aim of this Regatta is to celebrate our 75th year of charter with SVYC, and to encourage units and RAYC members to participate in keelboat sailing in a competitive and potentially challenging environment.
3. **Racing.** Racing will take place at the Seaview Mermaids Yacht Club, further details are at www.seaviewmermaids.co.uk. Each boat requires a competent helmsman (at least at the standard of RYA Seamanship Skills from the Keelboat/Dinghy/Multihull Scheme or RYA Day Skipper from the Yachting Scheme) and can take up to a maximum of 3 crew members. If an RA headquarters, regiment or unit does not have a competent helmsman but is still keen to participate they should contact the Rear Commodore Dinghies [RC(D)]. There are training opportunities available prior to the event at AISTC(S) on Thorney Island. Arrangements can also be made to provide a suitable helm through any available RAYC full member or SVYC however there will be an additional cost for a SVYC Helm. The Regatta will consist of a series of races held over the two days. Races will be sailed under the current Racing Rules of Sailing and the Seaview Mermaid Sailing Instructions.
4. **Trophies.** The following trophies will be awarded:
 - a. **Commodore's Trophy.** The Commodore's Trophy is for crews representing RAYC groups, units or headquarters.
 - b. **Crane-Mills Cup.** The Crane-Mills Cup will be awarded to the highest placed RA unit in the Commodore's Trophy fleet.
 - c. **Ryde Cup.** The Ryde Cup is awarded to the highest place retired crew. Note that the helmsman and at least one member of the crew must be retired members of the RAYC.
 - d. **The Morton-Wood Friends' Trophy.** Awarded to the highest placed crew not eligible for the Commodore's Trophy or the Crane-Mills Trophy.

- e. **The Mer-Maiden Trophy.** A trophy awarded to reward a crew introducing sailors to Sea View for the first time.

Prize giving will take place immediately after sailing on 8 Jul 21. Winners of trophies in 2019 are requested to get in touch with the undersigned NLT 1 May 21 to arrange their return prior to the Regatta.

5. **Eligibility.** The rules for eligibility are contained in the RAYC Yearbook. For convenience, an appropriate extract is at Annex A. The Committee will accept entries where individuals wish to group together to sail, i.e. 3 RA officers or soldiers from any headquarters or regiment could combine and race together in one boat or a retired members crew; all will be eligible for a trophy.

6. **Entries.** Online entry is available at www.gunnersailing.com through the events page and is the preferred method of entry. All entries should be submitted NLT 1 May 21. Where entries cannot be submitted online an e-mail must be sent to the RC(D) and a manual entry form will be distributed. Entry fees is £180 per boat and is to be made online through the Gunner Sailing website using PayPal or Go Cardless. It should be noted that the RAYC subsidises two thirds of the cost of hiring the keelboats.

7. **Membership.** All competing crews are to hold RAYC membership. An introductory membership is available for £10 per person, this gives full RAYC membership for 12 months. For further details on membership and to apply view www.gunnersailing.com. Where online membership is not possible an e-mail must be sent to the RC(D) and a manual application form will be distributed.

8. **Training.** Keelboat training courses are available at the Army Inshore Training Centre South (AISTC(S)) at Thorney Island on the dates listed below. Each course is for up to 6 pax, a crew consists of 3 therefore on each course a unit could train 2 crews or 2 units could train a crew each. Units should apply for these courses through [AISTC\(S\)](http://AISTC(S)).

9. **Insurance.** The club insurance insists on an excess of **£400** for any damage to the boats. In the event of a claim resulting in damage, a helm found responsible can be asked to pay the full excess amount. Helmsmen should therefore consider insuring themselves against this excess.

10. **Call-over/Briefing.** Call-over will be at 0930hrs 7 Jul 21 at SVYC. The sailing/race briefing will take place at 1000hrs.

11. **Clothing.** The club will provide buoyancy aids. Wet weather gear is a unit or individual responsibility, plus extra warm layers as required, hat, sun glasses, towel and a change of clothing. Sandals and flip flops may not be worn in the boats. If acquiring sailing jackets and trousers is proving problematic, please speak with the RC(D) at the earliest opportunity so a possible solution can be found.

12. **Travel.** There is a frequent ferry service from Portsmouth Harbour to Ryde, or a hovercraft from Southsea to Ryde. Further details are available from Sam Hampton on 01983 613268 or e-mail Sam Hampton on info@seaviewmermaids.co.uk. Serving personnel competing should be able to obtain travel for sport to offset costs.

13. **Accommodation.** Several camping pitches have been secured at Nodes Point campsite. Individuals have the option to camp in their own tents (the cost for camping will be calculated based on demand, estimated £10 pp). Cot beds, sleeping bags etc. are an individual responsibility. For units wishing to make their own arrangements, a list of private hotel accommodation can be found on the SVYC website at www.svyc.co.uk. Addressees are advised to book early. Accommodation options must be identified on the entry form to allow accurate booking and preparation.

14. **Feeding.** Feeding is an individual responsibility. A snack lunch of soup and a sandwich can be purchased for approximately £5.50 in the SVYC clubhouse. It is planned to hold an informal meal commencing at approximately 1800hrs on 7 July 21 in the SVYC clubhouse (C-19 restrictions compliant). Payment for the meal (approximately £16 per person) will be on the night either by cash or debit card.

15. **COVID 19.** Government guidelines and FHP measures must always be adhered to. SVYC will provide the Covid 19 risk assessment and local measures for this event.

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Annexes:

A. RAYC Keelboat Regatta entry eligibility rules.

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HQ Jt GBAD	19 Regt RA	105 Regt RA
RSA HQ & YO's Branch	26 Regt RA	106 Regt RA
1 RHA	29 (Cdo) Regt RA	NRHQ RA
3 RHA	32 Regt RA	259 Sig Sqn
4 Regt RA	47 Regt RA	RAYC Members

ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR HELMSMAN AND CREW AT RAYC KEELBOAT REGATTA

Ser (a)	Trophy (b)	Helmsman (c)	Crew (d)	Remarks (e)
1	Commodore's Trophy	Serving Member RA	Members RA or Group Member RAYC or Regatta Member	
2	Crane-Mills Cup			First RA unit crew in Commodore's Trophy.
3	Ryde Cup	Retired RAYC	At least one of the crew must be a retired RAYC member	
4	Morton-Wood Friends' Trophy	Serving Member RA	Members RA or Group Member RAYC or Regatta Member	Not eligible for the Commodore's Trophy or Crane-Mills Cup.
5	Mer-maiden Trophy	See across	See across	A trophy awarded to a boat with at least one person sailing at Seaview for the first time. RC (D) responsible for awarding.