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# NOTICE OF RACE



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## DUBARRY WOMEN'S OPEN KEELBOAT CHAMPIONSHIP 2020

13th—14th June

Organised by the Royal Southern Yacht Club in association with the Women's Open Keelboat Society.

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## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the current version of [The Racing Rules of Sailing](#) (RRS).
- 1.2 Boats shall comply with Southampton & Portsmouth Harbour byelaws where applicable. In particular notice is drawn to [ABP Southampton Notice to Mariners No 14 of 2019](#).
- 1.3 [IRC Rules 2020](#), parts A, B and C will apply to boats racing under IRC ratings. IRC 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by “The maximum number of crew while racing shall be the Crew Number printed on her certificate plus two. There is no weight limit.”
- 1.4 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 1.5 This Notice of Series may be changed by Amendment or by the Sailing Instructions (SIs). If a conflict arises between the Notice of Race and the SIs, the SIs will take precedence.

## 2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all-women crews.
- 2.2. Entries will be accepted from the following boats:

Class	Handicap Used	Eligible Boats
IRC Classes	IRC	TCC 0.88—1.101
Mixed Sportsboats	RSrnYC Sportsboat Handicap	J/70 and SB20

- 2.3 Entries may be accepted from other classes at the discretion of the OA.
- 2.4 Any class with fewer than 5 entries may not be raced.

## 3 ENTRY and FEES

- 3.1 Entries shall be made completing an online entry form and paying the relevant fee. The entry form and event information is at <https://www.royal-southern.co.uk/calendar/events/event/7521/>.
- 3.2 The Early Entry Deadline is at 12:00 on Friday 15th May 2020.

- 3.3 The Closing Date for entries is at 12:00 on Wednesday 10th June 2020.
- 3.4 Late entries may be accepted after the Closing Date, subject to the increased Late Entry Fee.
- 3.5 Entry Fees are as follows:

	Early <i>By 15th May</i>	Base <i>By 10th June</i>	Late <i>From 10th June</i>
IRC Boats	£80	£100	£120
Sportsboats	£70	£90	£110

## 4 SAFETY and COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1 IRC Boats shall comply with the [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.
- 4.2 Sportsboats shall comply with the [Royal Southern Yacht Club Sports Boat and Day Boat Safety Regulations 2019](#), which are available on the website— [www.royal-southern.co.uk/racing](http://www.royal-southern.co.uk/racing).
- 4.3 All boats shall carry a functioning VHF Radio able to receive all the usual UK marine channels, including M1 (37a) and M2. Courses will be advised by VHF radio. The SIs will state the channels to be used.

## 5 RACE AREA and COURSES

- 5.1 The racing area will be the Central Solent.
- 5.2 The courses and race area for each Group will be announced on each race day by VHF radio.
- 5.3 The courses to be sailed may use marks as described in the 2020 Royal Southern YC Solent Mark Codes, available from mid-February at [www.royal-southern.co.uk/racing](http://www.royal-southern.co.uk/racing), or as described.

## 6 SCHEDULE of EVENTS

- 6.1 The Championship will consist of the following scheduled races:

	Saturday	Sunday
All Classes	Up to 3	Up to 2

6.2 The planned programme is as follows:

Day	Time	Event
Friday 12th June	18:00-19:00	Registration
	19:30	Race Briefing and Talk
Saturday 13th June	08:00-08:45	Late Registration
	10:30	First Start of the Day
	19:00	Frocks & Flip Flops Party
Sunday 14th June	10:00	First Start of the Day
	15:30 Target	WOKC Prize Giving

## 7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The SIs will be available from 17:00 on Wednesday 10th June 2020 on the website—<https://www.royal-southern.co.uk/calendar/events/event/6521/>.

## 8 PENALTIES

- 8.1 For IRC boats, time penalties will apply. This will change RRS 44 and details will be in the SIs.
- 8.2 For Sportsboats, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe, continuously).
- 8.3 Penalties arising from protests will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than DSQ. This changes RRS 64.1.

## 9 SCORING

- 9.1 RRS Appendix A will apply with the following changes.
- 9.1.1 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 9.1.2 When five races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 9.2 The overall Women's Open Keelboat Champion will be determined by a formula that weights the points slightly in favour of larger classes. The formula is:
- Each boat's championship score in her class multiplied by 60, divided by the number of races to count for that class, and divided by the square root of the number of entries in her class. The boat with the lowest resultant score is the champion.

## 10 PRIZES

- 10.1 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class and in the championship overall, and other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 10.2 Prize giving will take place following racing on Sunday 14th June at the Royal Southern Yacht Club.

## 11 LAUNCHING, RECOVERY and BERTHING

- 11.1 Sportsboat or RIB launching & recovery, and berthing for all boats, may be available by prior booking. Please contact the Sailing Office in advance (details on p1).

## 12 RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing 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:

- 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;
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- The provision of a race management team, patrol boats (if any) and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- The provision of patrol boat cover (if any) is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;
- It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this 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;
- 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.
- Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.