



HAMBLE CLASSICS REGATTA

ROYAL SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB 16th – 17th SEPTEMBER 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Royal Southern Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020 and the RYA Prescriptions.
- 1.2 The event is to be raced under the principles of the RYA Racing Charter.
- 1.3 IRC Rules 2017 Parts A, B and C shall apply for classes using IRC handicaps.
- 1.4 OGA Handicap Rule for traditional Gaff-Rigged Yachts.
- 1.5 Class rules for one-design and non-handicap entries.
- 1.6 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR), amended.

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising is permitted in accordance with the class rules and ISAF Regulation 20. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and/or supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Eligible boats may enter within the following categories:

(a) Yachts and Dayboats – Classic Style/ Traditional of pre-1971 design, originally built in traditional wood construction and to include GRP versions of same and with no restriction on build date. Includes International Metre class yachts and one-design dayboats classes, eg. Dragon, XOD, etc.

(b) Yachts - by Invitation: Those always built in GRP of Classic Style and pre-1971 design. Yachts of this type are invited to submit a request for an invitation to enter. Yachts that fall outside these criteria (i.e. of later design age or build material) but in the opinion of the Hamble Classics organising committee are of 'Classic Style' may also be invited to enter. All Yacht entries under (a) and (b) will be a single group before class splits are arranged.

(c) Gaff Rigged Yachts of traditional style with no restriction on design age, build date or construction. Includes OGA classes; traditional working boats, classic yachts, spirit of tradition/modern, and those designed and built primarily for racing. Old and modern gaffers may race together or in separate classes depending on numbers entered.

(d) Yachts - Spirit of Tradition (or Modern Classic) of Classic Style - no restriction on design age or build date. Yachts in this category will race in their own class, separate to traditional classics. It is therefore required that a class or group entry is discussed and agreed with the Royal Southern Sailing Office before entering.

(e) Light displacement/ Planing type Yachts & Dayboats of Classic Style (fixed keel & through-hull rudderstock) may be accepted but will not race in mixed fleets with displacement boats. It is therefore required that a class or group entry is discussed and agreed with the Royal Southern Sailing Office before entering.

(f) All Sparkman & Stephens designed Nautor Swans.

- 3.2 Note on Categories a, b & d: All boats in these categories shall be of displacement type and single fin keel design (with or without centreboard) but with any rudder type, eg. keel attached, spade, skeg, transom hung, etc.

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- 3.3 Invitations to enter in categories (b), (d) and (e) above will be issued at the discretion of the Hamble Classics organising committee whose decision will be final. Invitation entries will not be subject to protest from other yachts.
- 3.4 **Size and draft:** Provisionally the length limit for competing yachts is 18 metres Hull Length (HL) and the draft limit is 2.7 metres. However yachts that exceed these figures may request to take part. Any decision of the Organising Authority will be final.
- 3.5 **Eligible boats may enter by:**
 - (a) Providing a completed online entry form by the entry deadline of Monday 11th September 16:00, at www.royal-southern.co.uk or by email to the Royal Southern Sailing Office at: sailing@royal-southern.co.uk
 - (b) Paying the Entry fee as follows:
 - Dimensions are Hull Length (LH) not LOA - therefore excludes bowsprit & bumpkin length:
 - One-Design Dayboat Classes, eg. XOD: £30 (Early entry £24)
 - All other boats up to 7 metres (23ft): £ 40 (Early entry £32)
 - For each additional metre over 7 metres: £5 per metre (Early entry £4)
 - (For example, a boat up to 10 metres: £40 + (£5 x 3) = £55 total (Early entry £44)
- 3.6 **Early Entry Discount:** For entries received on or before Saturday 1st July 2017 there will be a 20% discount on the standard fees (as noted in 3.5).
- 3.7 Late entries may be accepted if received after Monday 11th September 16:00 but will be at the discretion of the Organising Authority. The Late Entry Fee is twice the standard entry fee.
- 3.8 Berthing is not included in the Entry Fees – if required see para 12 below.

4. EVENT SCHEDULE AND FORMAT

- 4.1

Friday 15th September	12:00 to 18:00 Yacht arrivals and Registration
	19:00 Welcome Reception – Club Supper available
Saturday 16th September	08:00 to 08:45 Registration
HW 08:23 (4.1m) LW 14:28 (1.7m)	08:30 Competitor Briefing
	10:30 First Warning Signal
	Pontoon Party after racing
	19:00 Hamble Classics Dinner (ticket sale details at the event web page)
Sunday 17th September	10:30 First Warning Signal
HW 09:27 (4.3m) LW 15:24 (1.4m)	Main Prize Giving after racing - target time 15:00

(All times are BST and tide times are for Portsmouth)

- 4.2 The list of entries, handicaps and class splits will be provided at or before 17:00 on Thursday 14th September.
- 4.3 Classes and class starts may be combined in the starting schedule depending on numbers entered.
- 4.4 One-Design Dayboat Classes require six or more entries for a class start.
- 4.5 The Hamble Classics Regatta will consist of up to 4 races for one-design dayboat classes, and 3 races for for all others classes.
- 4.6 On Sunday, no warning signal will be made after 13:30.

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5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and will be posted on the Royal Southern Yacht Club website events page at or before 17:00 on Thursday 14th September.

6 RACE AREAS

The racing area will be in the Central Solent and adjacent waters.

7 THE COURSES

A variety of windward-leeward and/or round the buoys courses will be sailed. Downwind and reaching starts may be used for some classes. Further details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

8 HANDICAPS

Yachts that wish to race in the IRC divisions will need a current IRC certificate (non-endorsed). Yachts without an IRC rating will be given a 'Regatta' handicap based on data submitted plus other relevant information, and will race in the 'Regatta' classes. A yacht with an IRC certificate but requested to join a Regatta class will be given a Regatta handicap. Regatta handicaps will be supplied free-of-charge and yacht data to obtain a handicap will be required at the club office by September 1st 2017. Handicaps for Gaff Rigged Yachts will be provided by the Solent Old Gaffers Association. A measurement form can be obtained from the Royal Southern Sailing Office and will be posted online.

9 PENALTIES

The sailing instructions will change RRS 44.1 so that the penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty (one tack & one gybe) unless otherwise specified for certain classes in the Sailing Instructions.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 One race shall be completed to constitute a series. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply except that there will be no discarded scores, and RRS A8.2 shall not apply.
- 10.2 For the 6-metre, 8-metre, XOD and other one-design classes, ties unbroken after A8.1 shall be resolved in favour of the boat with the lowest elapsed time for all races added together. For all other classes, ties unbroken after A8.1 shall be resolved in favour of the boat with the lowest corrected time for all races added together.

11 SAFETY AND COMMUNICATION

- 11.1 All yachts shall carry a VHF Radio capable of receiving all the usual UK marine channels.
- 11.2 All yachts (other than dayboats) shall comply with OSR Category 4, except that Regulations 3.09.1, 3.09.2 and 3.09.8 regarding cockpit self-draining, water tightness and draining, and height of the cockpit sole, and 3.14 regarding lifelines, stanchions and pulpits, shall not apply. Further dispensations can be requested in writing.
- 11.3 Yachts that normally sail with stanchions and guardwires in place shall not remove them for the regatta.
- 11.4 Dayboats shall comply with OSR Appendix B (Special Regulations for inshore racing) but excluding para 3.02 (Watertight Integrity), and International Rule and one-design dayboats shall also conform to their class rules.
- 11.5 Anchors stowed on deck shall not protrude over the bow.

12 BERTHING

Berthing at the Royal Southern Yacht Club may be available. Please contact the Sailing Office:
Tel: 02380 450302 Email: sailing@royal-southern.co.uk
Berthing rates are charged on length overall (LOA) to include bowsprits, bumpkins, etc.

13 PRIZES

Overall series awards based on the cumulative scores for the event will be awarded at the prize giving to first, second and third place boats in each class after the final race. Other awards and trophies may be presented.

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14 RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1 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:
- (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 if any, and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - (f) 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;
 - (g) 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;
 - (h) 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, in date, and is familiar to the crew; and
 - (i) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims.
 - (j) Any inspection of a boat by the race committee does not reduce the responsibilities set out in this Notice of Race.

15 RIGHT & COPYRIGHT

- 15.1 In participating in the Hamble Classics Regatta any competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority permission to make, use and show, from time to time, any motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event without compensation, in perpetuity.
- 15.2 Hamble Classics is a registered trademark of Jonty Sherwill. All rights reserved.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

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