



RSrNYC Academy Winter Series

Notice of Series

For 4th and 25th November and 9th December

1.0 ORGANISATION

- 1.1 This event is organised by the Royal Southern Yacht Club Academy.
- 1.2 Racing will take place on the following Saturdays: 4th November, 25th November and 9th December 2017.

2.0 RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The events will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2 RRS 55 is changed by adding to the rule: "Material used to band spinnakers shall not be considered to be trash for the purposes of this rule."
- 2.3 Racing will be in the following One Design Classes: J/70, J/80, SB20 and other invited classes subject to demand.
- 2.4 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority (OA).
- 2.5 RRS 63.7 is changed in that in the event of conflict between the NoS and the SIs, the SIs shall prevail.

3.0 ENTRY

- 3.1 Entries shall be made online via the RSrNYC website accompanied by the appropriate fee.

4.0 SAFETY

- 4.1 Except for boats mentioned in paragraph 4.2, boats shall comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 races. A boat unable to comply in all respects with those safety requirements may seek a dispensation in writing from the race committee.
- 4.2 J/80s shall comply with the Royal Southern Yacht Club Sportsboat and Dayboat Safety regulations 2016.
- 4.3 All boats shall carry a functioning VHF Radio capable of receiving all the usual marine channels including M1 (37a) and M2.
- 4.4 When flag "Y" is displayed, appropriate personal flotation devices shall be worn so as to be visible to other boats.

5.0 RACE SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The first warning signal shall not be before 1055.

6.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The SIs will be made available on the Royal Southern Yacht Club website: one week prior to the first day of racing, as well as distributed to competitors via email.

7.0 RACE AREA AND COURSES

- 7.1 Racing will take place in the Central Solent.
- 7.2 Courses will be short course windward-leewards announced via VHF.

8.0 PENALTIES

- 8.1 Time penalties will apply for penalties at the time of an incident. Details will be in the SIs. This changes RRS 44.
- 8.2 Penalties arising from protests will be at the discretion of the protest committee.

9.0 SCORING

- 9.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

10.0 PRIZES

- 10.1 The presentation of prizes from our series sponsor Doyle Sails will be on Saturday 3rd December, at the Royal Southern Yacht Club after the final day of racing.

11.0 RISK STATEMENT

- 11.1 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".
- 11.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. All those taking part should be fully aware and conscious of the actual and potential risks involved in active water sports, including drowning, hypothermia and other physical injuries including head injuries.
- 11.3 By taking part in the event, competitors and each and every competitor agree and acknowledge that:
 - (i) 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;
 - (ii) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - (iii) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - (iv) they have checked that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event;
 - (v) they have checked that they and their fellow crew members are fit to participate;
 - (vi) the provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the HOA does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - (vi) the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

12.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

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