

ROYAL SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB

The Royal Southern Yacht Club
Notice of Series for the Summer Series 2018,
consisting of the 4 Summer Regattas
12th – 13th May, 23rd – 24th June,
14th – 15th July and 8th – 9th September

1 Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The Organising Authority (OA), is the Royal Southern Yacht Club.
- 1.3 The IRC Rules 2018, parts A, B and C will apply, to boats racing in all IRC classes.
 - a) 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 If conflict arises between the Notice of Series (NOS) and the sailing instructions (SI), the SI will take precedence.
- 1.5 For the purposes of J/80 Class Rule C.3 all regattas in this series are designated “Open events”.
- 1.6 All competitors shall comply with the Southampton Harbour Bye-Laws. These can be found here: [http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/Port Information/Regulations/Byelaws/](http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/Port%20Information/Regulations/Byelaws/)
- 1.7 Boats racing in an IRC class or the Club class 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 OA.
- 1.8 The Mixed Sportsboat class will use the RYA’s base NHC list of handicaps for scoring.
- 1.9 All one design boats must comply with their class rules.
- 1.10 All other boats shall comply with the Royal Southern Yacht Club Sports Boat and Day Boat Safety Regulations 2018.
- 1.11 This NOS may be changed by subsequent amendments.

2 Advertising

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
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3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The regatta is open to:

Class	Handicap used	Race Course
IRC Classes	IRC	Black Group
Club Class	RSrNYC Club Handicap	Black Group
J/70	One Design	White Group
J/80	One Design	White Group
XOD	One Design	White Group
Mixed Sportsboat	RYA NHC	White Group

- 3.2 All boats racing in IRC must hold a TCC not exceeding 1.360.
- 3.3 Other classes may be invited to attend and will be assigned a race course upon invitation.
- 3.4 For the May and September Regattas, the performance 40 Class will be started with IRC 1.

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- 3.5 Entry is by completing an online entry form and paying the relevant fee at www.royal-southern.co.uk
- 3.6 Entries will close at 23:59 on the Wednesday before the first race entered. At the discretion of the OA, late entries may be accepted by contacting the RSrNYC Sailing Office; Email: sailing.secretary@royal-southern.co.uk – Tel: 02380450302
- 3.7 For a class to be guaranteed a separate start, 6 or more boats must come to the start line. If less than 6 boats of one class come to the start line, the class start may be combined with another start.

4 Fees

- 4.1 The entry fee relevant to each class is as follows:

Entire Summer Series Early Entry
(Before 00:00 01/04/2018)

Length	Member IRC, Sports Boat and one design classes	Non-Member IRC, Sports Boat and one design classes	Member Club Class	Non-Member Club Class
Up to 9.99 m	£180	£281	£144	£225
10m and above	£210	£328	£160	£250

Entire Summer Series Standard Entry

Up to 9.99 m	£225	£338	£180	£270
10m and above	£262	£393	£200	£300

Individual Regatta entry

Up to 9.99 m	£110	£110	£110	£110
10m and above	£120	£120	£120	£120

5 Schedule

- 5.1 The Series will consist of four regattas, held on 12th – 13th May, 23rd – 24th June, 14th – 15th July and 8th – 9th September.
- 5.2 Racing for each regatta will be over two days and the number of races for each regatta shall be as follows:

Class	Scheduled races on Saturday	Scheduled races on Sunday
Club class	2	1
IRC 1-3	3	3
All one design classes	3	3
Mixed Sportsboats	3	3

- 5.3 It is intention of the race committee that the first start will be at 10:30 on all race days. Subsequent races will be started as soon as possible after preceding races.
- 5.4 No warning signal will be displayed after 13:30 on the last day of each regatta.

6 Measurement

- 6.1 Each boat intending to race in an IRC class shall hold a valid IRC certificate.
- 6.2 Each boat intending to race in the Club class shall hold a Club handicap.
- 6.3 All IRC entries must be listed on the RORC IRC database before racing.
- 6.4 J/70, J/80, SB20 and XOD class boats shall hold a valid Class Certificate.

7 Sailing Instructions

- 7.1 The sailing instructions will be available from the 1st of May 2018.
- 7.2 The sailing instructions will be available for collection from the Royal Southern Yacht Club sailing office and will be published here: www.royal-southern.co.uk

8 Venue

- 8.1 The racing area shall be the central Solent.
- 8.2 There will be separate race areas for White group and Black group.
- 8.3 Beginning about 90 minutes prior to the first scheduled warning signal, the race area will be announced regularly by VHF radio.

9 The Courses

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed by Black group will be “round the cans” style, or occasionally windward leeward style courses.
- 9.2 The courses to be sailed by White group will be windward leeward style, or occasionally “round the cans” style courses.
- 9.3 Courses for both groups will be announced via VHF radio.
- 9.4 The courses to be sailed will use marks described in the 2018 Royal Southern YC Solent Mark Codes or be as described in diagrams published in the SI.

10 Penalties

- 10.1 For Black Group boats, time penalties will apply for penalties at the time of an incident. This will change RRS 44 and details will be in the SIs.
- 10.2 For White Group boats, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the penalty will be a One-Turn penalty (one tack and one gybe).
- 10.3 Penalties arising from protests will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than DSQ. This changes RRS 64.1.

11 Scoring

- 11.1 RRS Appendix A will apply with the following changes.
- 11.2 Each individual weekend regatta is considered a separate series.
- 11.3 For each individual regatta, if less than 4 races are completed; a boat’s regatta score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.4 For each individual regatta, if 4 or more races are completed; a boat’s regatta score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 11.5 Subject to NOS 3.7, boats in the Performance 40 class will be dual-scored in IRC and in their own class.



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- 11.6 Each boat that enters any of the four individual regattas will also be entered into the overall summer series. The overall summer series will consist of all the races sailed in each of the individual regattas.
- 11.7 For the overall summer series, RRS Appendix A4.2 is changed such that a boat not competing will be scored either 36 points or one point greater than the number of boats in her class in the overall summer series, whichever is greater.
- 11.8 The summer series score will be the sum of the points from all the summer series races discarding the worst scores as follows:
- a) When 8 or less races are completed, no score shall be excluded
 - b) When 9 - 12 are completed, 2 scores shall be excluded
 - c) When 13 - 15 are completed, 3 scores shall be excluded
 - d) When 16 - 18 are completed, 4 scores shall be excluded
 - e) When 19 - 22 are completed, 5 scores shall be excluded
 - f) When 23 or more are completed, 6 scores shall be excluded
- 11.9 One race is required to constitute a series for both the overall Summer Series and each individual regatta.

12 Berthing

- 12.1 Berthing in the Prince Philip Yacht Haven may be available, please contact the berthing master to arrange for a berth.

13 Radio Communication

- 13.1 All boats shall carry a functional VHF, capable of receiving channels M1 / 37A and M2 and all other usual marine channels.
- 13.2 The radio channels to be used will be designated in the SIs.

14 Prizes

- 14.1 Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place in each class, unless there are between four and six competitors, in which case only first and second place will be awarded prizes, or there are less than four competitors, in which case only first place will be awarded prizes.
- 14.2 Prizes for each individual regatta will be awarded that weekend at the end of racing.
- 14.3 Prizes for the overall summer series will be awarded at the annual Prizegiving held at the Royal Southern Yacht Club on the 10th of November, attendance to which is by invitation.
- 14.4 Further prizes will be awarded at the annual Prizegiving held at the Royal Southern Yacht Club on the 10th of November, attendance to which is by invitation. These prizes will be detailed on the Club website: www.royal-southern.co.uk

15 Risk Statement

- 15.1 RRS 4 states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing by its nature is 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 or 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 and in date and is familiar to the crew.

16 Insurance

- 16.1 Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with valid third-party liability insurance.
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17 Further Information

- 17.1 For further information please contact the sailing office at: sailing.secretary@royal-southern.co.uk or on: 02380 450 318

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