



NOTICE OF RACE

for

ANCIENT MARINERS' RACE **Sunday 30 September 2018**
LADIES' RACE **Saturday 6 October 2018**

1 Rules

- 1.1 The Organising Authority is the Royal Southern Yacht Club.
- 1.2 The events will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.3 Royal Southern Club handicaps will be used for the Ladies' and Ancient Mariners' Races and boats should enter in good time to enable the handicaps to be calculated.
- 1.4 Boats shall comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 Races; except that a boat unable to comply in all respects with those safety requirements may seek a dispensation from the race committee. All boats shall carry a functioning VHF radio with all the usual UK marine channels.
- 1.5 **Ladies' Race:** only women may helm; men are permitted in other crew roles. All-female crews are eligible for an additional prize.
- 1.6 **Ancient Mariners' Race:** handicaps will be modified to allow for the average age of the crew. The person helming shall be at least 60 years of age, no crew member may be under 40 years and the average age of the crew shall be at least 50 years of age. Boats helmed throughout by female helms are eligible for an additional prize.
- 1.7 Entries shall be made on the official Entry Form online at [link here](#) accompanied by the appropriate entry fee.
- 1.8 The Notice of Race (NoR) may be changed by Amendment or by the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.9 RRS 63.7 is changed in that in the event of conflict between the NoR and the SIs, the SIs shall prevail.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The SIs will be available a few days before each event and published here: www.royal-southern.co.uk. Copies may be collected from the Club Sailing Office.

3 RACE SCHEDULE

- 3.1 Each event will each have one race, and the scheduled start time is 1030 on each race day.

4 RACE AREA AND COURSES

- 4.1 Racing will take place in the Central Solent.
- 4.2 Courses will be announced by VHF radio and will use marks on the Royal Southern YC Solent Mark Codes 2018 list.

5 PENALTIES

- 5.1 Time penalties will apply for penalties at the time of an incident. Details will be in the SIs.
- 5.2 Penalties arising from protests will be at the discretion of the protest committee.

5.3 This changes SI changes RRS 44 and 64.1.

6 SCORING

6.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

7 PRIZES

7.1 Prizes are awarded for each event.

7.2 The presentation of prizes and trophies will be on Saturday 10 November 2018. The prize giving dinner is by invitation.

8 RISK STATEMENT

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 and in date and is familiar to the crew;
- (i) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims; and
- (j) The fact that the race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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