



Women's J70 Open Championship

5th AND 6th OCTOBER 2019

ROYAL THAMES YACHT CLUB

COWES, ISLE OF WIGHT

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1** The championship will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020*.
- 1.2** The Associated British Ports Southampton Byelaws current at the start of the first race of the championship will apply.

2. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 2.1** The Organising Authority is the RTYC Limited.

3 ADVERTISING

- 3.1** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 3.2** Where boats entered are supplied by the Organising Authority or the Royal Yacht Squadron, ISAF regulation 20.4 applies.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1** The championship is open to all Women Sailors.
- 4.2** Entrants may enter by completing the **online entry form here** together with the required fee, by **28th September 2019**.
- 4.3** Late entries may be accepted at the unfettered discretion of the organising authority.

5 FEES

- 5.1** The entry fee is £450. To include the charter cost of a J70 - supplied by the organising authority, 4 dinner tickets and a daily breakfast. Extra guest tickets are available.

6 THE BOATS

The event will be sailed in J70s and the Organising Authority will provide the boats. Should you wish to enter your own J70, please contact the Organising Authority directly.

- 6.1 The Organising Authority will also provide full suits of sails, namely a mainsail, jib and spinnaker. Sails will be retained by the teams to which they are allocated throughout the Regatta. The Sailing Instructions will contain provisions dealing with the substitution of sails suffering damage.

7 DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 7.1 Each Crew will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment and property up to a maximum of £1000 per incident. A deposit of £1000 will be required at registration and before a crew may sail. When a crew is assessed as liable for damage, it shall restore the deposit to the original value in order to continue sailing.

8 FORMAT

- 8.1 The championship will consist of a series of races with windward/leeward courses.

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Registration: 0800 to 0900 on 5th October at the sugar store Events Centre Shepards Wharf Marina.
- 9.2 Competitors' Briefing: 0900 on Saturday 5th October at Shepards Wharf Marina. Details of the race area and VHF channel will be available on the online notice board on yachtscoring.com immediately after the briefing.
- 9.3 Racing Days: 5th and 6th October.
- 9.4 Number of races: A maximum of four races will be sailed each day.
- 9.5 The intended scheduled time of the warning signal of the first race is 1100 on Saturday 5th October. On Sunday 6th October it is 1030

10 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 The sailing instructions will be available at registration and will also be published on Yacht Scoring no later than one week before the start of the first race.

11 VENUE

- 11.1 The event will be run from Shepards Wharf Marina, Cowes
- 11.2 Racing will be in the Central Solent. The exact location of the first race will be announced at the briefing and on the dedicated VHF channel.

12 THE COURSES

- 12.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward with a gate at the leeward end.

13 BERTHING

- 13.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the marina.

14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the championship except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

15 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 15.1** Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the championship.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1** Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1** Prizes will be awarded throughout the regatta

18 ASSESSMENT OF RISK

- 18.1** 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".

- 18.2** 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 watersports, including drowning, hypothermia and other physical injuries including head injuries.

- 18.3** By taking part in the championship, 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 organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

19 INSURANCE

- 19.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1** For further information please contact the Sailing Officer at the Royal Thames Yacht Club by phone on 020 7201 6262 or by email at sailingassistant@royalthames.com