



Notice of Race

RSrnYC Passage Series 2019

21-23 June

17-18 Aug

28-29 Sept

Round Wight by Night

Poole & Back

Hamble Scramble

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Notice of Race

1 RULES and ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1 The Events are organised by the Royal Southern Yacht Club and will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Series is open to boats in the IRC and Club classes. The IRC Rules 2018 parts A, B and C will apply to all boats racing under IRC. Royal Southern club handicaps will be used for the Club class and boats should enter in good time to enable the handicaps to be calculated.
- 1.3 Club class boats may elect to sail with only two persons aboard and their club handicap will be used. The Race Committee must be informed at least 24 hours before the race in question.
- 1.4 A boat that enters in IRC may change to Club class, and vice versa. A boat changing class or ownership will not carry scores forward but will be treated as a new entry in the new class.
- 1.6 The Notice of Race (NoR) may be changed by Amendment or by the Sailing Instructions (SIs). RRS 63.7 is changed in that in the event of conflict between the NoR and the SIs, the SIs shall prevail.

2 ENTRY FEES

- 2.1 Entry shall be made by completing an online entry form and paying the relevant fee. The entry form and event information is at www.royal-southern.co.uk/racing.
- 2.2 The closing date for entries will be at 23:59 on the Wednesday before the first race entered.
- 2.3 Late entries may be accepted after the closing date, subject to a late entry fee of an extra 25%.
- 2.4 Entry fees are as follows:

Event	Member	Non-Member
Round Wight by Night	£55	£69
Poole & Back*	£60	£75
Hamble Scramble	£55	£69
All 3 Passage Series Events	£150	£190

*Any boat wanting to race only one leg of the Poole & Back: Member fee is £35 and non-member fee is £43.

3 SAFETY and COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 Boats shall comply with the World Sailing 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. The radio channels being used will be stated in the SIs.

4 SCHEDULE of RACES

- 4.1 Each of the three events comprises 2 races: the outward race and the return race.
- 4.2 Details of start times and locations will be stated in the SIs but times will not be earlier than the following:

Event	Outward Race	Return Race
Round Wight by Night	18:30	10:30
Poole & Back	10:30	Not before 08:00
Hamble Scramble	10:30	09:00

- 4.3 **The Series comprises the three events listed, plus the Deauville Race** which is jointly organised by the Royal London YC and for which the rules are detailed in separate documents. Scores for the Deauville Race (24 -26 May 2019) will be taken into account for Passage Series scoring - see paragraph 8.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 The SIs will be available not less than ten days before each event on the website www.royal-southern.co.uk/racing. Copies may be collected from the RSrnc Sailing Office.

6 COURSES

- 6.1 Each event will each have two races; an outward race and a return race.
 - (a) **Round Wight by Night:** The outward race will start from near Royal Southern buoy and leave Bembridge and the Isle of Wight to starboard, a mark off Poole to starboard, and finish near Yarmouth. If light airs are expected, a shorter course may be set. The return race will be from Yarmouth to finish near Hill Head or at Royal Thames buoy.

- (b) **Poole and Back:** The outward race will start from near Royal Thames buoy and finish off Studland Bay outside Poole. The return race will start off Studland Bay and finish at Royal Thames buoy.
- (c) **Hamble Scramble:** The outward race will start from near Royal Southern buoy and finish off Lymington. The return race will start off Lymington and finish off Hill Head or at Royal Thames buoy.

6.2 Courses will be announced by VHF radio and will use marks on the Royal Southern YC Solent Mark Codes 2019 list and may use other marks which will be named in full.

7 PENALTIES

- 7.1 Time penalties will apply. Details will be in the SIs.
- 7.2 Penalties arising from protests will be at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 7.3 This changes SI changes RRS 44 and 64.1.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 RRS Appendix A will apply with the following changes:
- 8.2 A boat entering any of the three events listed at the head of this NoR or the Deauville Race will receive a Series score which will be the sum of the scores for the six races comprising the three listed events plus the score for the Deauville Race. If the boat has sailed in more than one class it shall receive separate scores for each class. The power-and-sail division of the Deauville race does not count in the series for the Club Class.
- 8.3 Appendix A4.2 is changed in that any boat not competing in a race will score 36 points or one point more than the number of boats competing, whichever is greater.
- 8.4 A boat's Series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9 PRIZES

- 9.1 Prizes may be awarded at the end of racing for individual events; details will be in the SIs.
- 9.2 The presentation of main prizes and trophies will take place on Saturday 9 November 2019 unless otherwise stated in the SIs. The prize giving dinner is by invitation.

10 RISK STATEMENT

- 10.1 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;
- (b) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (c) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (d) 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;
- (e) 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;
- (f) 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;
- (g) 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.

11 INSURANCE

- 11.1 Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with valid third party liability insurance.

11 FURTHER INFORMATION

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