



Cowes Spring Classics Regatta

18th – 19th May 2019

Organised by the Royal Ocean Racing Club.

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 – 2020 and the RYA Prescriptions.

2. SAFETY

- 2.1 Competitors are reminded of their responsibility to take account of Notice to Mariners and should be particularly aware of:

Port of Southampton Precautionary area – Thorn Channel

Competitors are reminded to maintain a constant watch for shipping movements, particularly in the port of Southampton Precautionary Area, Thorn Channel. Your attention is drawn to the ABP Notice to Mariners and any subsequent amendments which covers the movement of shipping and the accompanying sound signals that may be heard. See <http://southamptonvts.co.uk/admin/content/files/NTMs>

3. BRIEFING

- 3.1 A briefing will be held on Saturday 18th May at 08:45 in the Sugar Store at Shepards Wharf Marina.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed at the flagstaff of the Royal Ocean Racing Club.
4.2 Flag AP over AP with two sound signals means racing is postponed and boats are requested not to leave the harbour. The warning signal of the first class to start will be made not less than 45 minutes after one AP is removed with one sound.

5. CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1 IRC Rated Boats 0.890 and above NN 1
5.2 IRC Rated Boats 0.889 and below NN 2
5.3 OGA Rated Boats NN 3

6. STARTING

If it is necessary to postpone any start, such postponement shall be signalled in the usual manner IC flag ‘AP’ with two sound signals. All subsequent starting times will then be

postponed by the amount of the initial postponement and shall be advised to skippers by radio on channel 72.

7. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Boats shall not anchor or kedge in the Cowes Harbour Fairway and in the area between Stone Point and Gurnard Bay as indicated on the Admiralty chart 2040. Gas and Water pipes, telephone and electricity cables carrying 133,000 volts lie on the sea bed.
- 7.2 All boats shall pass to the North of Cowes breakwater whilst racing.
- 7.3 The Race Committee may set courses that do not permit boats to sail rhumb line course between marks, particularly over the Bramble bank. This shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1 The course to be sailed will be announced by VHF on Channel 77. (Cowes United). Race Announcements will be made throughout the race on VHF Channel 77.

9. START TIMES

- 9.1 The starting times for the races will be as follows
- 9.2 Sat 18th May: IRC Class 1 10:40, IRC Class 2 10:50, OGA Rated boats 11:00 followed by Race Two.
- 9.3 Sun 19th May: IRC Class 1 10:10, IRC Class 2 10:20, OGA Rated boats 10:30 followed by Race Four

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Marks shall be selected from the fixed navigation buoys or racing marks listed at 2019 SCRA mark codes. <http://www.scra.org.uk/web/text/2018-19/SolentMarks2019-Zones.pdf>

11. THE START

- 11.1 Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26, but the sequence will be varied by using the 10, 5, 1, Go sequence
- 11.2 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag and the course side of an orange inflatable mark.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag and an orange inflatable mark.

13. SHORTENED COURSE

- 13.1 The Race Committee will broadcast their intentions to shorten course on VHF channel 77. This is in addition to the requirements of RRS 32.2 and failure to receive the broadcast will not be grounds for redress.

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 The time limit for all boats shall be 60 minutes after the first boat finishes each race.

15. RETIREMENTS

- 15.1 Boats that are retiring shall notify the race committee on Channel 77 and receive an acknowledgement.

16. USE OF ENGINES

- 16.1 Boats may use any method of propulsion in accordance with RRS 42.3(i) in an emergency to keep clear of a ship. Full details must be reported to the Race Committee.

17. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 17.1 RRS 44.3 is changed in that a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 whilst racing or that has broken RRS 31 shall take a scoring penalty instead of a one or two turns penalty. The scoring Penalty will be to add 2% of her elapsed time to her elapsed time, rounding the increased time to the nearest second. For example, the value 23.5 gets rounded to 24.
- 17.2 A boat taking a scoring penalty shall display a yellow flag in accordance with RRS 44.3 (a) and inform the Race Committee upon finishing.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 The Low point scoring system of Appendix A will be used after rating calculations have been done.
- 18.2 One race will constitute a series.
- 18.3 Finishing places in all races will be determined using the handicapping system appropriate to each class.
- 18.4 Prizes will be awarded to first and second overall in each class. Prizes may also be awarded for top scoring boat in the Vintage Bermudan, Classic Bermudan and Old Gaffer Classes.
- 18.5 The overall prize for the regatta will be awarded to the yacht with the lowest resultant score when the following formula is applied:
(A yacht's series score divided by (number of scored races minus 1)) divided by (Number of entries in class plus 2).
- 18.6 Prizes will be presented at the Prize Giving Reception to be held in the Sugar Store at Shepards Wharf Marina on Sunday 19th May 2019 target time 16:00.

19. 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:

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;

They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;

Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

The provision of a race management team and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

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.

INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall ensure that their boat is adequately and suitably insured before racing.

