

# NOTICE OF RACE

## N1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organising Authority is the **Royal Western Yacht Club**.

## N2 RULES

2.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013 - 2016, the IRC Rules 2016 Parts A, B and C, and the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 2016/17, appropriate One Design Class rules and the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick handicap requirements, all as amended by this Notice of Race and by the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 RRS 78.2 is also altered – see 6.1, Measurements and Crew.

## N3 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the following classes:

### Group 1

IRC Handicap	TCC 0.850 and above
One-Design	Portsmouth Yardstick PN 830 to 1040
Sigma 33 OD	TCC & CYCA Handicap
CYCA Handicap	21.25 min/hr and below

### Group 2

Restricted Sail CYCA Handicap 20 min/hr and below

One-Design yachts, such as Etchells, Sonar & National Sonata, will race as a class if there are sufficient entries.

The following restrictions shall apply to yachts entering Restricted Sail Class. No spinnakers shall be allowed, and any headsail flown shall comply with the RYA prescription to RRS 50.4. Additionally, all headsails shall be attached to a permanent forestay (or forestays in the case of a cutter) along the whole luff. Sails flown loose luffed are not permitted. Only one headsail may be flown at any one time from any forestay, except when changing sail so long as both headsails are on the same stay and are hoisted together for the shortest possible time consistent with changing sail. Mizzen staysails are not permitted.

3.2 All yachts must have a Minimum SSS Base Value of 10.

3.3 Yachts shall belong or be chartered to and be under the control of members of Yacht Clubs affiliated to the RYA or other equivalent national authority.

3.4 The Race Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry and/or to ask any yachts to complete further undertakings or declarations.

## N4 FEES and ENTRY

4.1 Eligible yachts may enter by completing the attached form and sending it to be received by Monday 9th May 2016 together with the required fee, to **Duncan Chalmers, Kip Marina, The Yacht Harbour, Inverkip, Renfrewshire, PA16 0AS**. Tel: **01475 521485**, Fax: **01475 521298**  
Email: [dchalmers@kipmarina.co.uk](mailto:dchalmers@kipmarina.co.uk)

4.2 Late entries will be accepted up to 09.00 on Saturday 14th May, or later at the discretion of the Organising Committee provided a completed entry form has been signed by the owner or person in charge and the appropriate fee paid.

4.3 Race entry fees are £65 for the Group 1 Series and £40 for the Group 2 Series with a discount of £5 for entries received by 9th May 2016 or alternatively £40 for Group 1 and £30 for Group 2 for Saturday or Sunday only. Royal Western Yacht Club members may deduct £5 from the appropriate fee (**See 21.1 below**)

4.4 Kip Marina is offering a special VAT inclusive berthing rate for participants of £15 per night and £25 for 2 nights.

Bookings should be made direct with Duncan Chalmers at Kip Marina.

4.5 Launching and recovery of One-Design yachts from the Kip Marina slipway will be free of charge, or, dayboats may be craned in and out for £20 each way inclusive of VAT. Arrangements should be made with Duncan Chalmers at Kip Marina.

## N5 SCHEDULE

5.1 There is no formal registration process.

5.2 Racing for all Classes will take place on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th May.

5.3 For all Classes, except the Restricted Sail class, three races are scheduled on Saturday and two races on Sunday.

5.4 For the Restricted Sail Class one race is scheduled on Saturday and one race on Sunday.

5.5 The separation of race entries into Classes and the issue of prizes will be at the discretion of the Organising Authority and will depend on the number of entries for each Class. Classes will be provisionally decided after Monday 9th May and finalised on Friday 13th May when the allocation will also be posted not later than 20.00 on the regatta notice board at Kip Marina Office and on the results website ie [http://www.eastmore.biz/sailing/results\\_rwyc.php](http://www.eastmore.biz/sailing/results_rwyc.php).

5.6 In alteration of RRS 26 there will be a time gun each day at 10.30 and the scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race each day is 10.35. Subsequent races will start as soon as possible after the finish of the previous race but the starting sequence of classes will not necessarily be in the same order.

## N6 MEASUREMENTS and CREW

6.1 Yachts in Handicap Classes shall have a current Spinlock IRC, or CYCA handicap certificate as appropriate. With the permission of the IRC Rating Authority, IRC Rule 8.2 is modified to include GBR and FRA Yachts holding IRC Single Event Ratings. Eligible yachts with IRC and CYCA handicaps sailing in the same race should provide copies of both certificates. The combined One Design Class shall use Portsmouth Numbers (PN) from RYA Portsmouth Yardstick List. A copy of the appropriate certificate should accompany the Entry Form. If not available at the time of entry, a current certificate must be lodged before the start of the first race of the series with the Regatta Office at Kip Marina. To be included in IRC or CYCA handicap results, yachts must lodge the relevant certificate as detailed above.

6.2 IRC 2016 Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by "The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a yacht shall be as detailed below. There is no weight limit."

<u>IRC Certificate Number</u>	<u>Allowed Crew</u>
Up to 9	Certificate Number plus 1
10-13	Certificate Number plus 2
14 and over	Certificate Number plus 3

There shall be no restrictions on crew changes between races. Young persons, 14 years old or less, are not counted.

This does not apply to One Design classes, which should comply with their own crew number rules.

## N7 MINIMUM EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

7.1 All yachts must carry a fully functioning VHF Transmitter/Receiver.

7.2 All yachts competing in a One Design Class shall comply with their class rules.

7.3 All other yachts shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2016-17, Appendix B. Copies of the applicable regulations are available from the World Sailing website, <http://www.sailing.org/documents/offshorespecialregs/index.php>

7.4 No anchor shall be carried on deck projecting forward of the bow of a yacht.

7.5 The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect any yacht to verify that the requirements of N7 have been complied with. RNLI Lifeboat Sea Safety Officers may carry out inspections and provide advice to the competitors. This does not reduce the responsibilities of the owner or person in charge to the yacht and crew.

**N8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be sent to every owner or skipper, whose signed Entry Form and fee have been received by 9th May 2016. They will also be available at [www.rwyc.org.uk](http://www.rwyc.org.uk) and further copies will be available at Kip Marina Office from 12.00 on Friday 13th May 2016.

**N9 VENUE**

9.1 Racing will be held in Firth of Clyde in the area bounded by Great Cumbrae Island, Cowal, Inverclyde and Kilcreggan shores.

**N10 THE COURSES**

10.1 For Group 1 Classes, the courses to be sailed will be Windward-Leeward-Triangle or Windward-Leeward or a combination of these depending on the conditions. **In the event of extreme circumstances**, the courses to be sailed will be as for Group 2 Class in accordance with 10.2 and 10.3.

10.2 For Group 2 Class, the courses to be sailed will be around fixed marks. The start will be with Group 1 classes and the finish will be off the entrance to Kip Marina.

10.3 The Fixed Marks and Courses will be listed and described in the Sailing Instructions.

10.4 All yachts are advised to have Charts Number 1907 and 1994 and/or Folio SC5610.

**N11 ARBITRATION**

11.1 An Exoneration Penalty and a modified version of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures will be available.

**N12 SCORING**

12.1 One race will be required to constitute a series.

12.2 For Group 1 when three or fewer races are completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores. When four or more races have been completed, a yacht's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. For Group 2 there will be no discard.

**N13 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

13.1 Yachts shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission from the race committee.

**N14 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

14.1 The Race Committee will use VHF to communicate with competitors on a channel stated in the Sailing Instructions.

**N15 PRIZES**

15.1 RWYC trophies will be awarded to Class winners and the overall winner and these are to be held until the following year's regatta.

15.2 A keeper prize will be awarded to the overall winner and up to three keeper prizes depending on the number of starters, will be awarded for each Class.

15.3 When Classes are amalgamated, prizes will be awarded for the individual Classes provided there is more than one starter in the Class.

**N16 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES**

16.1 Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, and live, taped or filmed television or still pictures of or relating to the event.

**N17 RISK STATEMENT**

17.1 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."

17.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

17.2.1 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;

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

17.2.3 they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

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

17.2.5 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;

17.2.6 the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

17.2.7 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.

**N18 INSURANCE**

18.1 Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with minimum cover of £2,000,000.

**N19 CATERING**

19.1 Breakfast will be available in "Café Riva" beside the Marina Reception over the weekend. "Café Riva" will provide lunch packs to owners, who pre order; and this can be done through the website [www.caferivakip.co.uk](http://www.caferivakip.co.uk) or email [alinardini@hotmail.com](mailto:alinardini@hotmail.com). Cost £4.90, which includes sandwich, drink, crisps, fruit and a cake all in a box. Orders should be made at least 48 hours prior or by special arrangement direct.

**N20 SOCIAL EVENTS**

20.1 The Chartroom will be open immediately after racing each day, with BBQ and food available.

20.2 Saturday 14th May. There will be entertainment with the "Wherries" and "Jimallywhy" from 20.00-01.00 in the Chartroom.

20.3 Sunday 15th May. The Prize Giving will be held in the Chartroom as soon as possible after the finish of the last race.

**N21 MEMBERSHIP of the ROYAL WESTERN YACHT CLUB**

21.1 Membership is open to all owners, skippers and crew taking part in Savills Kip Regatta.

An Application Form for Membership is available on the club website [www.rwyc.org.uk](http://www.rwyc.org.uk). Complete and return this along with the Entry Fee, Subscription and Donation of not less than £5.00 to the Hon. Secretary. If you do not know members of the RWYC to propose and second you, this will be done by the committee.

**N22 FURTHER INFORMATION**

22.1 For further information please contact: James Cochrane, Honorary Secretary, Royal Western Yacht Club, c/o Pollock & Cochrane Ltd., Rowan Street, Paisley, PA2 6RT. Tel: 07710 887964 and email [Thorscrag@aol.com](mailto:Thorscrag@aol.com)