



## KIP REGATTA 13 AND 14 MAY 2017

### NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is the Royal Western Yacht Club.

*The notation "[DP]" in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

#### 1. Rules

1.1 The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020*, the Prescriptions of the RYA, IRC Rules Parts A, B and C, World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR), CYCA Handicap System and Class Rules for One Designs.

#### 2. Advertising

2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. If this rule is broken World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

2.2 Bow stickers may be supplied and affixed to each boat. [DP]

#### 3. Eligibility, Entry and Fees

3.1 The Event is open to boats in the following classes:

*IRC Classes.* Boats with a valid IRC certificate rated 0.850 and above, and a minimum SSS of 5.

*One Design Classes* with, in the opinion of the Organising Authority sufficient entries and those with 6 or more.

*CYCA Spinnaker Classes.* Boats with a valid CYCA certificate with a handicap range of 0.00 to 21.50 minutes.

*CYCA White Sail classes.* Boats with a valid CYCA certificate with a handicap range from 0.00 to 19.00 minutes in White Sail classes; spinnakers shall not be used, and only one headsail may be used at any one time except for cutter rigged (or similar) yachts that may use the 2 (or more) headsails recorded on their CYCA certificate.

Boats with a valid IRC or CYCA certificate with a handicap outside these ranges may be accepted as entries at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

3.2 Entries shall be made on the attached entry form and submitted by close of entries Monday 1 May 2017 together with the required fee, to Heath Gairns, Kip Marina, The Yacht Harbour, Inverkip, Renfrewshire, PA16 0AS. Tel: 01475 521485, Fax: 01475 521298 Email: hgairns@kipmarina.co.uk

3.3 Entries after close of entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committee provided a completed entry form has been signed by the owner or person in charge and all appropriate fees paid.



#### 4. Registration and Schedule

4.1 There is no formal registration process.

4.2 Racing near Inverkip and adjacent waters will take place on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 May with the first warning signal on both days at 10.30. Further details of the courses will be provided in the Sailing Instructions. On Sunday 14 May, no warning signal will be made after 15.00.

4.3 Number of Races

IRC classes, One Design classes and boats racing with spinnakers in CYCA classes will have up to 5 races.

Boats racing White Sail under CYCA handicap will have up to 2 races.

It is intended that there will be no more than three races a day, however additional races may be sailed in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate; the schedule will be in the Sailing Instructions.

#### 5. IRC Crew Limits and Minimum Equipment

5.1. IRC 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by "There is no weight limit. There shall be no restrictions on crew changes. The maximum number of crew excluding cadets (16 and under) that may sail aboard a boat shall be as below".

Crew **Number** printed on IRC certificate,

**up to 9, certificate number plus 1, 10-13, cert. no. plus 2, 14 and over, cert. no. plus 3.** [DP]

5.2 The Organising Authority may request boats to carry up to two media persons who will take no part in the crewing of the boat, or, up to two cadets; both categories will be additional to the crew limits.

5.3 The Organising Authority strongly recommends that boats which can comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2016-2017 Category 4 do so.

5.4 All boats shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2016-2017 Appendix B; unless otherwise specified by class rules for boats racing in one design classes, in Appendix B 5.01 the personal flotation device shall be replaced by an inflatable lifejacket defined in the starred sections of 5.01 of the main regulations. In addition, all boats shall carry a marine **VHF transceiver** complying with 3.29.05 of the main regulations. [DP]

5.5 Boats shall not carry anchors that project ahead of the bow. [DP]

#### 6. Sailing Instructions

6.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event website [www.rwyc.org.uk](http://www.rwyc.org.uk) on or before 5 May 2017. Copies will be available at Kip Marina Office from 12.00 on Friday 12 May 2017.

#### 7. Venue and Courses

7.1 Racing will be held in Firth of Clyde in the area bounded by Great Cumbrae Island, Cowal, Inverclyde and Kilcreggan shores, Charts Number 1907 and 1994 and/or Folio SC5610.

7.2 The courses to be sailed will be laid courses such as Windward/Leeward/Trapezoid and Round the Buoys races; the White Sail classes will sail Round the Buoys courses. Details of courses, race areas, class and starting groups will be in the Sailing Instructions.

#### 8. Arbitration and Exoneration

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

8.2 The Two-Turns penalty shall be replaced by a One-Turn penalty (including 1 tack and 1 gybe). This changes RRS 44.1.



## 9. Scoring

9.1 One race will be required to constitute a series.

When *three* or less races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

When *four* or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 10. Prizes

10.1 RWYC trophies together with a keeper will be awarded to Class winners and the overall winner.

10.2 Place prizes and other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority depending on the number of starters in each class.

10.3 The Prize Giving will be held in the Chartroom as soon as possible after the finish of the last race.

## 11. Rights to use Names and Likenesses

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

## 12. Risk Statement

12.1 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." See also World Sailing Offshore Special Regulation 1.02.

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:

- 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically 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 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.

## 13. Inspections

13.1 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

## 14. Insurance

14.1 The owner/skipper is required to ensure that the boat has adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party and passenger claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000 or equivalent.

## 15. Further Information

15.1 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)

