



**ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON**  
IN ASSOCIATION WITH  
**THE RS ELITE CLASS ASSOCIATION**

**INTERNATIONAL GRAND PRIX 2020**  
(COMBINED UK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & INTERNATIONAL  
INVITATIONAL REGATTA)  
**9 – 12 JULY 2020**

**ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:**  
**ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON**

## NOTICE OF RACE

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.*

### 1. RULES

Racing will be governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020.
- 1.2 The National Authority ([RYA](#)) Prescriptions.
- 1.3 The rules of the RS Elite Class Association.
- 1.4 The notices to mariners for the [Port of Southampton](#), [Portsmouth Harbour](#) and [Cowes Harbour](#).

### 2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with World Sailing regulation 20. [DP]
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the RS Elite Class whose helm is a current full, family or associate member of the RS Elite Class Association.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at [www.rys.org.uk](http://www.rys.org.uk) or by printing and forwarding their entry form and entry fee to the Royal Yacht Squadron at the address shown below no later than 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020.
- 3.3 Entries received after this date will be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority and an additional late entry fee will be payable.
- 3.4 Substitution of helm or crew after registration must be applied for in writing and must be agreed by the Race Committee before the substitution takes place.

### 4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1 There are no World Sailor Classification restrictions.

### 5. FEES

- 5.1 The Entry Fee will be £300 per boat.
- 5.2 The late entry fee will be an incremental £50.
- 5.3 The entry fee includes *inter alia* mooring fees, lifts & vehicle parking as required, race management fees and three crew polo shirts.

### 6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The Schedule of Racing is shown in the table below and times shown are UTC plus 1 hour (British Summer Time). High Water (HW) times are for Portsmouth to use with Solent tidal stream atlases.
- 6.2 The Race Committee intends to run ten (10) races as shown in the table below but may alter the schedule of races to cater for adverse weather conditions.
- 6.3 In addition to the regatta race schedule, and on a day to be nominated, there will be a 'Race to the Start' from the RYS Start Line to the Regatta Committee Vessel, for both photographic and charitable fund-raising purposes.
- 6.4 This additional charity race will not form part of the National Championship or International Invitational scoring. However, in keeping with the spirit of the event, all competitors are expected to participate.
- 6.5 Registration will take place at the Royal Yacht Squadron between 14:00 and 18:30 on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July.
- 6.6 There will be a Briefing by the Race Officer at 1830 on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July in the RYS.
- 6.7 Schedule:

Date	Event	Time
<b>Wed 8 July</b> HWP 1440 - 4.5m(BST)	<b>Registration</b>	<b>1400 – 1830 in RYS</b>
	<b>Briefing &amp; Opening Reception</b>	<b>1830 in RYS</b>
<b>Thur 9 July</b> HWP 1520 - 4.4m(BST)	<b>Race 1</b>	<b>1055 1<sup>st</sup> Warning Signal</b>
	<b>Race 2</b>	<b>Warning Signal ASAP after Race 1</b>
	<b>Race 3</b>	<b>Warning Signal ASAP after Race 2</b>
<b>Fri 10 July</b> HWP 1600 - 4.3m(BST)	<b>Race 4</b>	<b>1055 1<sup>st</sup> Warning Signal</b>
	<b>Race 5</b>	<b>Warning Signal ASAP after Race 4</b>
	<b>Race 6</b>	<b>Warning Signal ASAP after Race 5</b>
<b>Sat 11 July</b> HWP 1650 - 4.2m(BST)	<b>Race 7</b>	<b>1055 1<sup>st</sup> Warning Signal</b>
	<b>Race 8</b>	<b>Warning Signal ASAP after Race 7</b>
	<b>Race 9</b>	<b>Warning Signal ASAP after Race 8</b>
<b>Sun 12 October</b> HWP 1730 – 4.1m (BST)	<b>Race 10</b> <b>Prize-giving</b>	<b>1025 1<sup>st</sup> Warning Signal</b> <b>ASAP in RYS after Racing</b>

All correspondence should be directed to:

The Royal Yacht Squadron, The Castle, Cowes, UK, PO31 7QT. Tel: 01983 292191, Email: [mail@rys.org.uk](mailto:mail@rys.org.uk)

## 7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Boats shall comply with RS Elite Class rules.
- 7.2 A boat or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules, Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

## 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the RYS website, [www.rys.org.uk](http://www.rys.org.uk), no later than 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 with printed copies available at the RYS Race Office.

## 9. VENUE

- 9.1 The venue for the Regatta will be the Royal Yacht Squadron and sailing will take place in the Solent.
- 9.2 The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be at the Royal Yacht Squadron.

## 10. COURSES

- 10.1 The courses to be sailed will use a combination of orange or black inflatable marks, details of which will be included in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.2 The Race Committee intends to set windward leeward courses from a Committee Vessel in the Solent. Details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.3 The charity "Race to the Start" will use fixed navigation marks, racing marks or inflatable marks using the Solent Two Character Code system. Further information will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

## 11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## 12. SCORING

- 12.1 Low points scoring system will apply.
- 12.2 Five races are required to be completed to constitute both the National Championship and International Invitational Regatta.
- 12.3 When one (1) to four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.4 When five (5) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.5 When nine (9) or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

## 13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 All support boats shall carry a VHF Radio, capable of receiving and transmitting on standard International VHF Channels. The Race Committee will issue Instructions afloat on VHF radio. [DP]
- 13.2 Support boats shall be required to assist the Race Committee if requested to do so.

## 14. BERTHING

- 14.1 Berthing will be on the Cowes Harbour Commission swinging moorings outside the breakwater with a launch service provided to ferry crews back and forth to the RYS Haven.
- 14.2 For boats arriving on the Island by car & trailer, it is intended that lifting in will be available at Cowes Yacht Haven and Shepards Wharf Marina. Parking for cars and trailers will be available on the meadow at Northwood House, accessible opposite 25 Ward Avenue.

## 15. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1 All boats shall be launched before 18:00 on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020.
- 15.2 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with prior written permission of the race committee.

## 16. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 16.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the Regatta.

## 17. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 17.1 Except in an emergency or when initiated or approved by the Race Committee, a yacht that is racing shall neither make nor receive voice or data transmissions that would constitute outside assistance. [DP]
- 17.2 All boats shall carry a VHF Radio, capable of receiving and transmitting on standard International VHF Channels. Instructions afloat will be issued on VHF radio, as indicated in the SIs.
- 17.3 Trackers or other electronic equipment may be required by the Organizing Authority and shall be used in accordance with the sailing instructions.

## 18. PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first eight finishers in the UK National Championship and to the first three International Invitational finishers in the series.
- 18.2 There will be a daily prize-giving during each evening's social gathering.
- 18.3 The main presentation of regatta prizes will take place as soon as possible after racing on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July in the RYS Pavilion with a provisional time of 14:30.

## 19. MEDIA

Competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event, provided that they do not infringe the privacy rights of participants.

## 20. ARMORIAL, BURGEE AND LOGO

The Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS) and Royal Yacht Squadron Racing (RYSR) Armorial, Burgees and all other associated

logos shall not be used by any club or individual without the prior written permission of the RYS. *[DP]*

## 21. PRIVACY

The Royal Yacht Squadron, in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 (GDPR), will use information provided by competitors for the purposes of RYS and RYSR event management only. This data will be held in compliance with the GDPR and will not be shared with any third parties or used for marketing purposes other than contacting competitors by email, post, SMS and telephone with information regarding this event or future events. Competitors will be required to provide their specific consent to this on their entry form.

## 22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1 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."

22.2 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:

- (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, and other officials and volunteers by the event 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 practicably provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarize 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;
- (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.

## 23. INSPECTIONS

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.

## 24. INSURANCE

All entrants shall be covered by a minimum Third Party Liability indemnity of £3 million and declare that such cover will be maintained in full force throughout the event.

## 25. FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1 Further information and entry forms will be available on the RYS website.

**END OF NOTICE OF RACE**