



J70 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 8 – 10 OCTOBER 2021

**ORGANISING AUTHORITY
ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON
COWES, UK**

NOTICE OF RACE

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

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Notices to Mariners for the Ports of [Southampton](#), [Portsmouth](#) and [Cowes](#) apply. [DP]
- 1.3 All crews are required to follow all the latest Covid-19 guidance from NHS England and the Government. [DP]

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available on the website www.rys.org.uk by 17 September 2021.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard (ONB) is located on the website at www.rys.org.uk. There is no physical ONB.
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving all normal International VHF Channels. All VHF communication shall be on International VHF channels. [DP]
- 3.3 On the water the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel used will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 From the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a yacht shall not make voice or data transmissions nor receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]
- 3.5 WhatsApp may be used to draw attention to the official notice board.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Championship is open to the members of J/70 Class as defined by the J/70 Class Rule.
- 4.2 Corinthian entries - The entire crew, including the owner/driver, shall provide proof of a valid World Sailing Group 1 classification at the time of registration (J/70 Class Rule I-4).
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form online at www.rys.org.uk. and paying the entry fee.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is £280 and must be received before 30 September 2021.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 J70 class rules shall apply.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with Class Rules and World Sailing Regulation 20. [DP]
- 7.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. [DP]

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 8.1 Not applicable.

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1 The Schedule of Racing is shown in the table below.
- 9.2 Times shown are UT+ 1 Hour (BST). High water times are for Portsmouth.
- 9.3 The Race Committee intends to run Nine (9) races as shown in the table below but may alter the schedule of races to cater for adverse weather conditions.
- 9.4 The Daily Briefing by the Race Officer will be conducted using WhatsApp to allow for boats sailing from various berthing locations. A QR code for the event WhatsApp group will be included in the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 9.5 No warning signal shall be made after 1430 on the last day of racing.

Fri 8 October HWP 1327- 5.0m (BST)	Briefing Race 1 Race 2 & 3 Race 3	1000 by WhatsApp 1155 1st Warning Signal ASAP after finish. ASAP after finish.
Sat 9 October HWP 1410 – 4.9m(BST)	Briefing Race 4 Race 5 & 6	0900 by WhatsApp 1025 1st Warning Signal ASAP after finish.
Sun 10 October HWP 1458 – 4.7m (BST)	Briefing Race 7 Race 8 & 9 Prizegiving	0900 by WhatsApp 1025 1st Warning Signal ASAP after finish. ASAP after racing in RYS.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 Each boat shall comply with the International J70 Rule.
- 10.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1 Not applicable – RRS 50 applies. *[DP]*

12. VENUE

- 12.1 Racing will take place from a Committee Vessel in the Central and Eastern Solent.
- 12.2 The approximate position of the Committee Vessel will be announced by VHF radio and WhatsApp.
- 12.3 The Race Office will be at the Royal Yacht Squadron.

13. COURSES

- 13.1 The format for racing will be windward/leeward courses. See Addendum A.
- 13.2 The Race Committee intend to run courses using laid marks.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

15. SCORING

- 15.1 One race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed a boats series score shall be the total of all their scores.
- 15.3 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1 All support vessels shall carry a marine VHF radio and comply with RRS 37 'Search and rescue Instructions'. *[DP]*
- 16.2 Support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for each start thereafter until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. *[DP]*

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 17.1 RRS G3 applies.

18. BERTHING

- 18.1 Event berthing is the responsibility of each boat and is not included in the entry fee.
- 18.2 Visiting boats should contact [Cowes Yacht Haven](#) or [Shepards Wharf Marina](#) for berthing reservations.

19. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1 All boats shall be afloat by 1800 on Thursday 7th October *[DP]*
- 19.2 Boats shall not be hauled out during the championship except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. *[DP]*

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 20.1 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 event. *[DP]*
- 20.2 Boats shall not be cleaned below a line about 10 centimetres below the waterline by any means from 1800 on Thursday until the end of the event. *[DP]*

21. DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1 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 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.
- 21.2 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.
- 21.3 The Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS) and Royal Yacht Squadron Limited (RYSL) 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]*

22. RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1 Rule 3 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 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 competitor or 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.

22.3 COVID Statement

- (a) By taking part in any of the events covered by this Notice of Race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the Royal Yacht Squadron COVID-19 procedures.
- (b) The penalty for a breach of this rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification. Boats may not protest for breaches of this rule. This changes rule 60.1(a). *[DP]*

23. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1 Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third boats in the series for both open and Corinthian divisions.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 25.1 There will be an un-official WhatsApp group for receiving general information from the Race Office. The QR Code will be provided to boats entered in the event.
- 25.2 Further information requests or completed entries should be sent to the address below.

NOTICE OF RACE ENDS

ADDENDUM A

Course Illustrations – Windward Leeward

L

Course: Leeward finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – Finish
L3	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – Finish
L4	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – Finish

W

Course: Windward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
W2	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – Finish
W3	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – Finish
W4	Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – Finish

LA / WA

Course: Windward/leeward with offset mark 1a

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
WA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – Finish
WA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – Finish
WA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – Finish

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