



SERVICES OFFSHORE REGATTA

2023

Organizing Authority (OA)
Army Sailing Association
Aldershot, UK

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR) incorporating Change One & Change Two

NOTATIONS

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

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Series is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. The Regulations of the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC). See <http://www.rorc.org/downloads/notice-2023.pdf>.
- 1.3. The Rules & Regulations of the Dartmouth Royal Regatta Sailing Week (DRR). See <http://www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/Race-documents>.
- 1.4. Appendix WP (rules for racing around waypoints) will apply when specified in the Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.5. IRC boats shall have a valid IRC Certificate for 2023.
- 1.6. JSASTC Victoria 34 Class (VIC 34) shall be equipped and operated IAW JSASTC Instructions and SOPs.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. RORC SI will be emailed to Competitors after the Closing Date for each race. They may also be displayed on the Documents Page of the RORC website: <http://www.rorc.org/racing/race-documents>.
- 2.2. Coastal Race (CR) SI will be emailed to all competitors one month before the start of the Race.
- 2.3. DRR SI will be available on 14 August 2023: <http://www.dartmouthsailingweek.com/Race-documents>.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located on *Signal*. See Addendum A for joining instructions.
- 3.2. Each Service Team shall nominate a Team Captain (TC), and inform the OA of their name and contact details. The OA and Principle Race Officer (PRO) will contact each team through their TC.
- 3.3. TCs shall ensure they are aware of how communication is conducted by the RORC and at the DRR.
- 3.4. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communication on International channels.
- 3.5. On the water, the RC may make courtesy and safety broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the appropriate SI.
- 3.6. [DP] Except in an emergency, for each Event, from the First Warning Signal until the end of the last race each day a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats, unless using equipment provided by the OA.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The Services Offshore Regatta (SOR 23) is the Inter-Services Offshore Yachting Championship.
- 4.2. The Series is open to three boats from each Service, with boats in each of the following classes:
 - 4.2.1. One IRC-rated boat.
 - 4.2.2. Two VIC 34s.
- 4.3. Each Service Team shall register their three boats using the Addendum C. See NoR 4.5.
- 4.4. Teams are responsible for entering each of the individual RORC races, and for paying the required fee. The OA will enter DRR on behalf of each Team. Reimbursement may be required.
 - 4.4.1. RORC: <https://sailracehq.com>.
 - 4.4.2. DRR: <https://dartmouthsailingweek.com/how-to-enter/>
- 4.5. SOR Registration, confirmation that a Service will compete, shall be completed by 14 April 2023.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The RORC NoR and DRR NoR will state the individual Entry Fee for their respective races and Regatta.
- 5.2. There is no Entry Fee for the SOR CR. The following facilities and activities will be provided in Cowes by the OA: Berthing; Participation in the racing; One ticket for each crew member to the Sunday evening BBQ, and to the SOR 23 Prizegiving.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. The following crew limitations apply:
 - 6.1.1. The Team Captain shall be in possession of MOD Form 90, and be a member of their Service Sailing Association.
 - 6.1.2. Crew numbers shall not exceed those specified on IRC certificates / JSASTC SOPs, unless permitted within the SI for a specific Event within the Series.
 - 6.1.3. Each crew member shall be in possession of MOD Form 90, and be a member of their respective Service Sailing Association.
 - 6.1.4. Crews may be changed or substituted without penalty for each race.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA, in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.1.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 8.1. Does not apply.

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1. Each Team shall compete in the following events of the Series:
 - 9.1.1. IRC-rated boats - Offshore, the following three RORC races:
 - 9.1.1.1. De Guingand Bowl, Morgan Cup, Fastnet.
 - 9.1.2. All boats - Coastal, CR from Cowes to Dartmouth 21 August 2023.
 - 9.1.3. All boats - Inshore, DRR 24-27 August 2023.
- 9.2. CR Race Schedule, is as follows:

Date <i>HW Portsmouth</i>	Time	Event
Sunday 20 August <i>1453 4.5m</i>	1830	PRO's Briefing. RYS Pavilion.
Monday 21 August <i>1522 4.4m</i>	1420	Start.

- 9.3. The Schedule of activities for the CR and DRR is attached at Addendum B.
- 9.4. Note that the VIC 34s shall be handed-back to JSASTC on the afternoon of Tuesday 29 August 2023.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1. Boats and equipment may be inspected at any time.

11. CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

- 11.1. Does not apply.

12. VENUE

- 12.1. The intended Race Area will be the English Channel, and waters thereof.
- 12.2. The Race Office for the CR will be RYS Office. See NoR 25.3.2.
- 12.3. Boats will be moored to participate in each of the events at each team's discretion and cost.
- 12.4. Berthing for the CR will be in RYS Haven.
- 12.5. Shoreside activities for the CR will take place in RYS Castle. See Addendum B.

13. COURSES

- 13.1. Course for the CR will be fixed Navigation marks and racing marks.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. Penalties are as stated in the respective NoR / SI for each Event.
- 14.2. For the CR, RRS 44.1 will be changed so that the Two-Turns penalty will be replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. One race in each of the three events, RORC / CR / DRR is required to constitute the SOR 23.
- 15.2. Points for the SOR 23 Series will be allocated, as follows: RORC 50%, CR 20%, and DRR 30%. Multiplication factors will be used to compute the SOR 23 Series scores, as follows:
 - 15.2.1. RORC: 5 times;
 - 15.2.2. CR: 1 times for each Class;
 - 15.2.3. DRR: 1½ times for each Class.
- 15.3. Scoring in the RORC events will be as follows:
 - 15.3.1. For each race, teams shall be scored 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.
 - 15.3.2. The three scores for each team will be added-up giving the Offshore Series Score.
- 15.4. Scoring for the CR will be the Low Point System, see RRS Appendix A.
 - 15.4.1. For each Class, teams shall be scored 1st, 2nd, 3rd.
- 15.5. Scoring in the DRR will be the Low Point System, see RRS Appendix A.
 - 15.5.1. Scoring for the VIC 34s in the DRR will be in accordance with DRR NoR 12.
- 15.6. Boats retiring in any race in the Series will be scored 7 points.
- 15.7. The Winning Team in the SOR 23 will be the Team with the lowest total Series Score from all three events.
- 15.8. There will be no discards, each Event within the Series is to count.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1. Does not apply.

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 17.1. Teams may charter an IRC-rated boat to compete in this event. Boats shall comply with NoR 1.5.
- 17.2. Teams will each charter two Victoria 34 from the JSASTC, and comply with any requirements.

18. BERTHING.

- 18.1. See NoR 5.2, NoR 12.3, and NoR 12.4.

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1. [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the period 20-28 August 2023, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the SOR 23 PRO. See NoR 25.2.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 20.1. Applicable as per RORC and DRR NoR.

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. [DP] The Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS) and Royal Yacht Squadron Ltd (RYS Ltd) Armorial, Burgees and all other associated logos shall not be used by any club or individual without the prior written permission of the RYS.

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:
 - 22.2.1. 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;
 - (a) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - (b) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - (c) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - (d) 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;
 - (e) the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practicably provided in the circumstances;
 - (f) 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;
 - (g) 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. INSURANCE

- 23.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. TCs shall confirm such insurance cover for their IRC-rated boat.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1. Prizegiving will be held at the Hornet Services Sailing Club on the evening of 26 October 2023.
- 24.2. Prizes are as follows:
 - 24.2.1. Overall SOR: Inter-Services Team Cup – Madden Bowl.
 - 24.2.2. Offshore Series: RORC Bowl.
 - 24.2.3. Coastal Race:
 - 24.2.3.1. IRC-rated boats: ASA Trophy.
 - 24.2.3.2. VIC 34s: Jubilee Plate.
 - 24.2.4. DRR Inshore:
 - 24.2.4.1. IRC-rated boats: Biggin Hill Adventure Sailing Cup.
 - 24.2.4.2. VIC 34s: Eagle Trophy.
 - 24.2.5. Overall Top:
 - 24.2.5.1. IRC-rated boats: Individual prizes.
 - 24.2.5.2. VIC 34s: Individual prizes.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 25.1. Chairman of the Organizing Committee: Colonel Eddie Corrigan:
Edward.Corrigan944@mod.gov.uk
- 25.2. PRO: Colonel Tony Singer OBE: See details at the foot of each page.
- 25.3. Other information:
 - 25.3.1. RORC: RORC.org
 - 25.3.2. RYS: mail@rys.org.uk / 01983 292191
 - 25.3.3. DRR: <https://dartmouthsailingweek.com>

ADDENDA:

- A. QR Code to join *Signal*.
- B. Schedule of Racing and Social Programme for the CR & DRR.
- C. SOR 23 Entry Form.
- D. Crew Declaration Form.

ADDENDUM A

QR CODE TO JOIN SIGNAL

An official *Signal* Group has been set up for receiving General and Race Information from the OA and the PRO. In addition, it is the ONB.

If you do not already have the *Signal* app installed on your device, please follow the instructions on: <https://signal.org/download/>

To join the *Signal* SOR 23 Group please use the link or scan the QR Code below:

[https://signal.group/
#CjQKIGDdNQJYEWtWkcmrRm9AAacAmajU1_2H1hGvmbcGLMXCEhAz1eykjp4yF1tZPEBKuH7Q](https://signal.group/#CjQKIGDdNQJYEWtWkcmrRm9AAacAmajU1_2H1hGvmbcGLMXCEhAz1eykjp4yF1tZPEBKuH7Q)



ADDENDUM B

SCHEDULE OF RACING AND SOCIAL PROGRAMME FOR THE CR & DRR

Date <i>HW Portsmouth</i>	Time	Event
Friday 18 August	Afternoon	Teams shall take-over VIC 34s at JSASTC.
Saturday 19 August	-	Individual training in the Solent.
Sunday 20 August 1453 4.5m	From 1500	Arrival RYS Haven. Call RYS Lodge on VHF Ch 37A.
	1830	PRO's Briefing. RYS Pavilion.
	1900	BBQ. RYS Pavilion. Dress: Smart casual.
Monday 21 August 1522 4.4m	1420	Start of the CR.
24 - 27 August	-	Dartmouth. Races as per the DRR SI.
Sunday 27 August	TBC	Announcement of SOR 23 Results.
Monday 28 August	-	Depart for The Solent.
Tuesday 29 August	Afternoon	Teams shall hand-back VIC 34s at JSASTC.



**SERVICES OFFSHORE REGATTA 2023
ENTRY FORM**

REPRESENTING	RNSA	ASA	RAFSA
Name of Yacht			
Model		Sail Number	
2023 IRC TCC		Certificate Number	
LOA		Hull Colour	
Beam		Draft	

Victoria 34	<i>to be provided when issued</i>		
Sail Numbers			

Team Captain's Details	
Number	
Rank	
Name	
Email Address	
Mobile Number	

IRC Skipper's Details	
Number	
Rank	
Name	
Email Address	
Mobile Number	

Victoria 34 Skipper's Details

Number	
Rank	
Name	
Email Address	
Mobile Number	

Victoria 34 Skipper's Details

Number	
Rank	
Name	
Email Address	
Mobile Number	

We agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and all other rules that govern the Services Offshore Regatta 2023. In particular, I confirm that the three Skippers have read the Notice of Race, accept its provisions, and agree that their boat will conform to the requirements set out in the Notice of Race throughout all events.

I further confirm that full crew details, as per Addendum D, shall be provided to the Organizing Authority in advance of every race in each event.

Signed: _____

Appointment: _____

RNSA / ASA / RAFSA

Date: _____

ADDENDUM D

CREW DECLARATION FORM

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CREW DECLARATION FORM**

RACE: _____

Position	Number	Rank	Name	Unit's Contact Details
Skipper				
Navigator				
Crew				

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NOTICE OF RACE END