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RORC SPRING SERIES

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ORGANISED BY THE ROYAL OCEAN RACING CLUB
IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON

SATURDAY 3RD, SATURDAY 10TH APRIL

SATURDAY 1ST MAY 2021

FIRST WARNING SIGNAL 0950

HW PORTSMOUTH 3RD APRIL 1650 4.4M. 10TH APRIL 1124 4.3M. 1ST MAY 1528 4.3M

CONTACT DETAILS

	Race Committee	Coastguard	Race Office Address
Start	Callsign "Ocean One" VHF Channel 72 Tel: +44 (0) 1983 295 144 Mob: +44 (0) 7825 007 035 SMS:+44 (0) 7797 805 885 Email: racing@rorc.org	"Solent Coastguard" VHF Channel 16 +44 (0) 239 255 2100 MMSI 002320011 (used for emergencies)	The Disrespect 82, High Street Cowes Isle of Wight PO31 7AJ Tel: +44 (0) 1983 295 144
Finish	As above	As above	As above

Boats retiring from the race must immediately notify the Race Committee.

THE ATTENTION OF EVERY PERSON IS DRAWN TO SPECIAL REGULATION 1.02 AND TO THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING SUITABLE AND ADEQUATE PERSONAL INSURANCE

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Appendix WP of The Rules of Sailing.
- 1.3 RYA Prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.4 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4.
- 1.5 The rules and regulations of appropriate Class rules; IRC Rules Parts A, B & C, and MOCRA Rules.
- 1.6 RRS 28.2 is amended to include: (d) pass between the marks or waypoints of a gate, pass or cross a line of latitude or longitude, as described in the course, from the direction of the previous mark.
- 1.7 RRS 41 is amended to add (e) a yacht may receive individual information, in the form of coaching, from members of a coaching team.
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 2.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Rules and Sailing Instructions.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 All notices to competitors will be posted on the RORC website.

4. NOTICE TO MARINERS

- 4.1 Competitors are reminded of their responsibility to take account of Notice to Mariners and should be particularly aware of:
- 4.2 **Port of Southampton Precautionary Area (Thorn Channel)**
Competitors are reminded to maintain a constant watch for shipping movements, particularly in the Port of Southampton Precautionary Area (Thorn Channel). Your attention is drawn to the ABP Notice to Mariners No.14 2019 which covers the movement of shipping and the accompanying sound signals that may be heard. See [http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/admin/content/files/NTMs/2019 No 14 - Port of Southampton - Precautionary Area \(Thorn Channel\).pdf](http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/admin/content/files/NTMs/2019%20No%2014%20-%20Port%20of%20Southampton%20-%20Precautionary%20Area%20(Thorn%20Channel).pdf)

5. AIS

- 5.1 All vessels fitted with an AIS systems shall have the system switched on for the duration of the race. A boat's AIS must transmit: the boat's MMSI number, current racing name.
- 5.2 Nothing shall be done to inhibit mobile phone tracking & AIS transmissions throughout the race.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class	TCC Range	Class Flag
IRC and MOCRA	0.850 and above MOCRA 1.100 and above	Pennant 1
2H Class	0.850 and above	Pennant 2

7. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD

- 7.1 **After leaving the dock to race but not before 0830 BST and before starting, each boat shall send an SMS (text) message to: +44 (0) 7797 805 885 using their declared "on-board" mobile number. The SMS (text) message shall contain the boat name, sail number and the number of persons on board.**
- 7.2 If the number of persons on board is less than that declared on Sailgate (<https://rorc.sailgate.com>) then the full name(s) of the persons not on board shall also be included in the SMS message.
- 7.3 A boat shall not sail with a crew member whose Emergency Contact details have not been lodged on Sailgate before the start of the race.
- 7.4 **Warning:** Boats which do not correctly SMS (text) crew numbers and any person(s) not on board are liable to disqualification.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

- 8.1 The Race Committee may broadcast information on VHF Ch.72, Call sign "Ocean One".
- 8.2 **Boats are reminded of their legal obligation to keep a continuous watch on VHF Ch.16.**
- 8.3 Boats are required to have their onboard mobile phone switched on at all times.

- 8.4 Inter-boat communication calls should when possible be on DSC or, VHF Ch.16 as a calling channel and VHF Ch.72 as a working channel.
- 8.5 Boats with communications in addition to VHF should act as a link, taking other boats' reports on VHF and passing them to the Race Committee or Coastguard.

9. STARTING

- 9.1 The race will be started by using RRS 26, with the warning signal being made 10 minutes before the starting signal.

Proposed Starting Times

IRC and MOCRA Numeral 1	2H Class Numeral 2	Event	Signal
0950	1000	Warning	Warning flag displayed
0956	1006	Preparatory	Preparatory flag displayed
0959	1009	One-minute	Preparatory flag removed
1000	1010	Start	Warning flag removed

- 9.2 Starting to the **West**
- 9.3 The starting line is formed by bringing the Royal Yacht Squadron's flagstaff into line with the white line on the orange diamond on the Castle. (As an aid to competitors vertical light beams are installed at the RYS to identify the starting line transit. The intensity of the light beam increases as you approach the line, but the lights are momentarily obscured by the forward mast when you are on the line. The lights are navigational aids only and do not constitute the starting line. Any failure of this equipment shall be disregarded.)
- 9.4 Outer limit: (which is not on the starting line) Williams Shipping Buoy; leave to starboard.
- 9.5 Starting to the **East**
- 9.6 The starting line is formed by bringing the Royal Yacht Squadron's flagstaff into line with the white line on the orange diamond on the Castle. (As an aid to competitors vertical light beams are installed at the RYS to identify the starting line transit. The intensity of the light beam increases as you approach the line but the lights are momentarily obscured by the forward mast when you are on the line. The lights are navigational aids only and do not constitute the starting line. Any failure of this equipment shall be disregarded.)
- 9.7 Outer limit: (which is not on the starting line) South Bramble Buoy; leave to Port.

10. LATE AT THE START

- 10.1 If a boat has not previously come to the starting area at her preparatory signal and comes to the starting area under power, they shall stop their engine and complete a Two-Turns penalty as specified in RRS 44.2 before starting.
- 10.2 No penalty will be imposed for an infringement of RRS 42 for complying with SI 12.1. This changes RRS 42 and 45.

11. THE COURSE

- 11.1 It is the intention of the Race Committee to set courses that will last from 6 to 8 hours. The Race Committee may set different courses for different classes.
- 11.2 The course will be emailed to competitors no later than 24hrs before the race start time. It will also be published on the RORC website.
- 11.3 When the Race Committee sets different courses for different divisions, the overall results in IRC will be decided on corrected time for the longest course [elapsed time x TCC / class course distance x longest course distance]. The length of the course will be defined by the Race Committee and will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12. REPORTING

- 12.1 In the event the Race Committee asks a boat to report (ie AIS failure), reporting should be done by SMS (+44 (0)7797 805 885), email (racing@rorc.org) or any other means possible. Reports shall include:

Name of boat and Sail Number
Date/time (BST)/position

Course and Speed over the Ground
Names of any Boats nearby

13. TEMPORARY DISCONTINUANCE OF RACING

- 13.1 If a boat makes fast in order to take shelter or in an emergency, the crew may temporarily leave the boat to handle her moorings.
- 13.2 If she uses her engine for propulsion she shall, on re-joining the race, return to the spot where she began to use her engine, turn off her engine and complete a Two-Turns penalty as specified in RRS 44.2 before continuing to race from that spot. She shall report the circumstances on her Declaration Form. This changes RRS 45 and 47.2.

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 The time limit for the races will be 20:00 hrs.

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finishing line will be an imaginary line between the RYS flagstaff and South Bramble Buoy.
- 15.2 **All boats are requested to call "Ocean One" on VHF Ch.72 when 15 minutes from the finish.**
- 15.3 Boats are reminded to take their own finishing times (BST) together with the names of the boats ahead and astern, if any.
- 15.4 Finishing times shall be sent by SMS (text) message to: +44 (0) 7797 805 885 using their registered "on-board" mobile number to the RORC as soon as possible and not later than 90 minutes after finishing.

16. RETIREMENTS AND NON STARTERS

- 16.1 Retirements and non-starters must promptly inform the Race Committee. It is imperative that boats that are no longer competing can be excluded from any Search & Rescue operation.

17. RACE FINISH DECLARATIONS

After finishing or retiring, every yacht is required to fully complete and submit a Declaration Form to the Race Committee as soon as possible, but **not later than 24 hours after the end of the race**. Every member of the crew shall sign the Declaration Form. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the yacht being excluded from the results. When a yacht retires from a race she shall write the reasons on her Declaration Form. Completed Declaration Forms may be scanned and emailed to racing@rorc.org.

18. PENALTY SYSTEM

18.1 Standard Penalties:

- 18.1.1 When at a boat's starting signal she is subject to RRS 29.1 (Individual Recall) and she fails to comply with RRS 29.1 to start correctly the Race Committee shall, without a hearing, apply a standard time penalty of 20%. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 18.1.2 For a breach of RRS 28 (Sailing the Course) where no advantage has been gained, the Race Committee shall, without a hearing, apply a standard time penalty of 20%. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5. For any other breach the penalty shall be to retire.
- 18.1.3 For a breach of any area designated an Obstruction, i.e. Traffic Separation Schemes, the Race Committee shall, without a hearing, apply a standard time penalty of 20%, unless the breach was unavoidable and unintentional and no advantage was gained. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 18.1.4 Should the Race Committee consider a standard penalty to be inappropriate, it may protest the boat.
- 18.1.5 If, in a valid hearing brought by the Race Committee, or by another boat, a boat is found to have infringed RRS 28, 29.1 or Sailing Instruction 13 the penalty will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee, but will not be less than the standard penalty.
- 18.1.6 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two turn penalty is replaced by a one turn penalty.

18.2 Grounds for Protest:

- 18.2.1 Breaches of SI 5, 16 and 17 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1a.

18.3 Other Penalties

- 18.3.1 When the Protest Committee decides that a boat that is party to a protest hearing has broken a rule other than RRS Part 1 and 2 and that no serious damage or injury was caused and no significant advantage has been gained, it may apply a time penalty of up to 20%. Should the Protest Committee decide that the breach was minor and unintentional it may at its discretion choose to give a warning instead.

19. AUTOMATIC AND WIND VANE DEVICES FOR STEERING

19.1 Automatic and wind-vane devices for steering are permitted (this changes RRS 52)

20 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

20.1 Protests may be written on plain paper, but Protest forms are available online. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

20.2 The protest time limit is 3 hours after the protesting boat finishes.

20.3 The notification of a Protest by the Race or Protest Committee against a competitor as required under RRS 61.1(b) or (c) shall consist of a notice on the RORC website.

21. SCORING

21.1 Appendix A of the RRS will be used with the following changes:

21.2 The corrected time will be the elapsed time * Time Correction Factor

21.3 One race shall be completed to constitute a series.

21.4 A boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

22. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

22.1 Prizes will be awarded to class and overall winners at a date to be announced.

23. RISK STATEMENT

23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, the attention of Persons in Charge is drawn to fundamental rule 3 'the responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone'. Sailing is by nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently 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 omission.
- 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- f) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event, and to attend any safety briefing held for this event.
- g) All boats shall comply with current covid-19 guidelines. Persons shall not compete if they have, or if they have been in contact with anyone with, symptoms of Covid-19 in the last 14 days, please use the advice available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment>.
- h) Activities are currently restricted by regulations and guidelines emanating from the government, port authorities and marinas. Key links are provided below.
Government: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
Port authorities: Cowes: https://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/local_notices_to_mariners
Portsmouth: <https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/qhm/portsmouth/local-notices>
Southampton: http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/Yachting_and_Leisure/Notices_to_Mariners/

24. INSURANCE

24.1 Each participating boat shall ensure that their boat is adequately insured, against all third party claims.