



RORC 2H Autumn Series

4th September, 26th September and 10th October

NOTICE OF RACE – Amended 27/08/20

Organising Authority: Royal Ocean Racing Club. The notation '(DP)' in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

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 Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.3 RYA Prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing, available at:
[https://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/Racing/RacingInformation/RacingRules/RYA Prescriptions 2017.pdf](https://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/Racing/RacingInformation/RacingRules/RYA%20Prescriptions%202017.pdf)
- 1.4 World Sailing's Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 with Category 2 Liferafts, AIS Transponder and RORC Prescriptions will apply.
- 1.5 IRC Rules Parts A, B & C.
- 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.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with class rules and World Sailing Regulation 20. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and/or supplied by the organising authority. (DP)

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to the following: 2 Handed IRC rated boats with a TCC of 0.850 or higher that comply with current Covid-19 guidelines and with respect to social distancing at all times, including whilst travelling/on passage before the start and after the finish.
- 3.2 Eligible boats should enter using the RORC online entry system (Sailgate) <https://rorc.sailgate.com>
- 3.3 All boats should comply with current Covid-19 guidelines. Persons should not compete if they have, or if they have been in contact with anyone with, symptoms of Covid-19 in the past 14 days, please use the advice available at www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/
- 3.4 The entry and rating deadline is the 3rd September, 25th September and 9th October respectively.

4 FEES

- 4.1 Entry fees are £80 per race for members and £110 per race for non-members.

5 SCHEDULE

The proposed schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Event	HW Portsmouth
4 th September 2020	17:50	First warning signal	13:50 4.6M
26 th September 2020	10:20	First warning signal	07:54 3.9M
10 th October 2020	10:20	First warning signal	05:21 3.9M

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be emailed to each competitor one week before each race date.

7 COURSES

7.1 Course information will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions. The intention is to race for approximately 20-24 hours however courses will be set according to weather conditions and are subject to government and RYA advice and restrictions on the relevant date.

8 PENALTIES

8.1 For all classes the SIs will state that RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by a one-turn penalty.

9 AUTOMATIC AND WIND VANE DEVICES FOR STEERING

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

10 COMMUNICATIONS

10.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. (DP)

10.2 Communications with competitors will be via VHF in Channel 72.

10.3 All vessels fitted with an AIS system are requested to switch the system on for the duration of the race. It is the intention to monitor and track the races using the AIS system.

11 SCORING

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

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

11.3 One race shall be completed to constitute a series.

11.4 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

12 PRIZES

12.1 Prizes will be awarded to each class and overall winner, classes will be determined once entries are complete.

13 RISK STATEMENT

13.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, the attention of Persons in Charge is drawn to fundamental rule 4 '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) Activities are currently restricted by regulations and guidelines emanating from the government, port authorities and marinas. Key links are provided below.

Government: www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Port authorities: Cowes: www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/local_notices_to_mariners

Portsmouth: www.royalnavy.mod.uk/qhm/portsmouth/local-notices

Southampton: www.southamptonvts.co.uk/Yachting_and_Leisure/Notices_to_Mariners/

14 INSURANCE

14.1 Boats shall be adequately and suitably insured with valid third-party liability insurance before racing.