

Royal Temple Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

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RTYC Club Series Racing - 2008 Season

RTYC Club Series Racing 2008 will be organised by the Royal Temple Yacht club.

1. **RULES.**

All RTYC Club Series races will be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2009, the prescriptions of the RYA, IRC regulations, this Notice of Race, the Byelaws of the Royal Temple Yacht Club, the Byelaws of Ramsgate Harbour Authority and such other rules as the Sailing Instructions may prescribe.

All races will be sailed in accordance with the Sailing Instructions and their appendices and any amendments subsequently issued by the Race Committee. Boats competing shall comply with the designated ORC Special Regulations; Category 3 for Offshore series races with minimum SSS value of 12 and Category 4 Plus VHF radio (Navigation lights excluded) for all other series races.

- 1.1 RTYC Club Championships: Only yachts whose skipper or owner are fully paid members of the RTYC shall be eligible to enter the RTYC Club Championships.

2. **ELIGIBILITY.**

Racing is open to all yachts, Dayboats and One Design Classes having an overall length of 18 feet or over. Boats in classes 1 and 2 must hold a current IRC certificate, Yachts without certificates are advised to contact the RORC Rating Office. Boats competing in class 3, (Cruiser class) that do not hold a current IRC certificate will be given an RTYC Handicap TCC figure by the Sailing Committee. Boats competing in class 3 that hold a current IRC certificate will race with a TCC figure equal to the certificate TCC (NOT the non spinnaker TCC). Any changes to the above will be notified within the sailing instructions; the organising committee reserve the right to make changes at any time.

RTYC Cruiser handicap class is a class in which the use of spinnakers are not permitted. Yachts may not transfer from IRC to Cruiser series after entering the IRC Class for that particular Series. Please refer to the schedule of races for details of when they will be held. Any deviation from these sailing instructions concerning the Cruiser class will be detailed in Supplementary Sailing Instructions. Yachts that have no certificate, will be issued with an RTYC handicap TCC by the Sailing Committee.

Competing boats will be divided into the following classes:

IRC	TCC	Class Flag
Class 1	0.926 and above	Pennant One
Class 2	0.925 and below	Pennant Two
Class 3 *	RTYC handicap (non-spinnaker)	Pennant Three

*See Schedule of Races for details of RTYC Cruiser (non spinnaker) events.

3. **ENTRY.**

Entries shall be made on the Entry Form available from the Royal Temple Yacht Club, accompanied by a copy of the boat's IRC certificate (where required) and a completed safety check form. Entry forms printed from the RTYC website www.rtyc.com are acceptable.

Completed entry forms should be sent to Royal Temple Yacht Club, 6 Westcliff Mansions, Ramsgate, Kent, CT11 9HY, before competing in your first race of the season.

4. **ENTRY FEE.**

There is no entry fee for RTYC members. Vistors would be £5 per race or £30 per series.

5. **ADVERTISING.**

All RTYC club racing is classified Category C.

7. **SAFETY - INSPECTION.**

Random checks to ensure boats are complying with the safety category may take place throughout the season. Only boats that have completed the entry form and the safety check form prior to the start of the day of the race will be entitled to race in the series.

8. **SCHEDULE OF RACES.**

See Sailing Instructions.

Start Times are as follows:-

	<u>Class 3</u>	<u>Class 2</u>	<u>Class 1</u>
Saturdays	14.30	14.30	14.40
Sundays	10.15	10.15	10.25
(When two races have been scheduled, the second race for each class will start as soon as possible after the last boat in that class has finished the first race.)			
Mondays	N/A	10.15	10.25
Fridays	18.30	18.30	18.30

Races will be started according to Rule 26. Further details will be included in the sailing instructions.

Offshore Races: Start times and course to be sailed will be advised via the Sailing Board.

Offshore & Evening Series: There is only one start for the IRC Series. The start times and course sailed will be as Class 1. The Cruiser Class start will be as Class 2 and the course, if different from the IRC Course, will be announced on VHF Channel 72 prior to the start of the race.

The following yacht numbers constitutes a race and provides scoring points.

1. A race will be defined as a start of three yachts, irrespective of class.
2. Class results will be extracted.
3. Overall results for classes 1 and 2 will be extracted for those races, where applicable, irrespective of whether both Classes have raced.
4. Where less than three yachts of any Class wish to race, then all Classes will start together using the Class 1 start time providing there is a minimum of three yachts in total.

9. SCORING SYSTEM.

The Low Point System RRS Appendix A4 shall apply.

- (a) Provided all races are sailed, Discards are as per the sailing programme.
- (b) DNF / DSQ will score one more point than the total number of starters in the relevant race.
- (c) DNS will score one more point than the total number of starters in the relevant series.

10. PROTESTS.

A Protest Committee shall be appointed when required by the Sailing committee, in accordance with RRS 89(c) and Appendix M.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

Sailing Instructions will be provided when the Entry Form, with copy of current IRC Certificate (where required), and the accompanying disclaimer have been completed and returned to RTYC.

- 11.1 Crew Limit for each boat will be the number given on the IRC certificate plus 2, but please note that races will be sailed under Safety Category 3 or 4, with the exception that navigation lights will not be required for category 4 races. Your attention is drawn to the requirement in the ORC Special Regulations that all yachts shall carry sufficient safety equipment for each member of crew.
- 11.2 Crew Members. Your attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 life-saving equipment..."Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions"
- 11.3 Crew Register. The RTYC maintains a list of crew members available to race. Information is received and collated in good faith by the RTYC which does not warranty the suitability or claims of any volunteer, nor of any vessel, owner or skipper. This listing can be found at the RTYC website under crew register.

12. COURSES.

Courses are described in the Sailing Instructions. The courses will use navigation and club laid marks in open water off East Kent, in the area from the South Foreland to the North Foreland.

13. LIABILITY - INSURANCE.

- 13.1 An owner/competitor is entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 13.2 It is for the owner/competitor to decide whether the boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the owner/competitor confirms that the boat is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 13.3 The owner/competitor is required to hold adequate insurance against third party claims.
- 13.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owner/competitor nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death, or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters.

- 13.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the owner/competitor of his/ her responsibilities.
- 13.6 The owner/competitor is responsible to ensure that the 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 that the crew know how to use it.
- 13.7 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the owner/competitor set out in the foregoing paragraph.
- 13.8 The organisers may require written proof of insurance when the boat is registered for the event. No responsibility will be accepted either by the Royal Temple Yacht Club, or any other party involved in the organisation of the Regatta for checking such insurance.

14. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to all 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed yachts in a ceremony at the end of the sailing season.

The RTYC Overall Championship prizes for the year for classes 1 and 2 will be presented to the yacht with the lowest aggregate Class score from the best **13** races sailed from the Series marked \$ on the sailing programme which accompanies the Sailing Instructions.

Class 1 Overall	-	Trafalgar Bowl
Class 2 Overall	-	Deal Goblet
Class 3 Overall	-	Cruiser Trophy

16. CHARTS.

Admiralty Charts - 1828, 1607 or 1183 (South Thames Estuary or Thames Estuary). 1827 may also be useful (Approaches to Ramsgate), but it is not essential.

17. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Approach Channel

The approach to Ramsgate for commercial traffic is from the east via a well-marked deep water channel. This is used by large ferries. All small craft are advised to keep well clear of such vessels and to proceed via the recommended yacht track to the South of the buoyed channel when approaching or leaving Ramsgate. All yachts should maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 14. A small craft holding area is in operation to the north of No. 3 buoy and to the south of the southern breakwater.

Outer Harbour - Yachts must motor directly through the turning circle area when entering and leaving the Harbour.

Entry to the inner marina

The gate is open for approximately two hours either side of high water. By day a red and yellow flag and by night a single green light is displayed above the Dock Office to indicate that the dock gate is open.

VHF Communication

Port Control	Channel 14
Ramsgate Marina(Dock Office)	Channel 80
Temple Race Hut	Channel 72

18. RACE HUT COVER

An OOD will be nominated for each race on a rota basis to officiate in the administration of that race. For further details see RTYC Sailing Instructions and Programme.