

Ramsgate Regatta Week 2012

Notice of Race



30th July – 4th August 2012

**The organising authority for each day of racing will be
The Royal Temple Yacht Club**

Notice of Race 2012 for IRC and Cruiser classes.

Version 1.3

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 IRC Classes shall comply with IRC Rules 2012 Parts A, B and C, but excluding IRC rules 21.1.5(d) and (e) and rule 22.4 and also comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations covering minimum equipment and accommodation Standards Category 5 including Part C plus a means of propulsion other than the boat's sails and VHF Radio.
- 1.3 Cruiser Classes shall comply with Royal Temple Yacht Club minimum safety equipment rules, attached as Appendix to Notice of Race.
- 1.4 A mediation procedure for resolution of an alleged infringement of a rule of Part 2 will be available. Details will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Rights to use names and likenesses
Competitors automatically grant to the Organising 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.
- 2.2 Sponsor's Logos
If competitors are issued with material by the Organising Authority bearing a sponsor's logo or advertising they shall display such material as instructed.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Regatta is open to all boats over 18ft in length divided into the following handicap classes:-
 - 3.1.1 Boats with a current IRC Certificate (excluding boats with a Dayboat endorsement) and with a minimum SSS of 10 or ISO Design Category C (min IRC STX, min AVS 90 and SR Category 4).
Provisional Rating Bands:-

Class 1	1.010 and above
Class 2	0.960 to 1.009
Class 3	0.750 to 0.959

The Rating Bands for all IRC Classes will be notified to each competitor by an amendment to the Sailing Instructions and will be displayed on the Club's website prior to the first race. One Design Classes with 3 or more entries will have results extracted from their relevant IRC class to form a one design class.
 - 3.1.2 Class 5 Unrestricted cruiser class with spinnakers. This is intended for cruiser sailors or racers who **do not hold IRC certificates**. There are no sail restrictions for this class. Boats competing in this Class will be issued an RTYC Handicap TCF figure by the Race Committee. Handicaps may be adjusted to maintain the spirit of this class.
 - 3.1.3 Class 6 Fast cruiser class without spinnakers. This is intended for the less serious racer with non high tech sails and the use of spinnakers is prohibited. Boats competing in this Class may sail a longer course than Class 7 and will be issued an RTYC Handicap TCF figure by the Race Committee. Handicaps may be adjusted to maintain the spirit of this class.
 - 3.1.4 Class 7 Slow cruiser class without spinnakers. This is intended for the less serious racer with non high tech sails and the use of spinnakers is prohibited. Boats competing in this Class may sail a shorter course than Classes 5 & 6 and will be issued an RTYC Handicap TCF figure by the Race Committee. Handicaps may be adjusted to maintain the spirit of this class.

3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the official entry form available from either the address shown on the last page of the Notice of Race, or from the event website www.ramsgateweek.com and entry fees can be paid by credit or debit card directly with the RTYC Regatta office. Competitors entering via the on line form on the event web site will also be required to sign an entry form at the registration office.

3.3 **Entry Fees will be as follows:-**

Monday – Saturday per day	£ 35.00
Monday – Wednesday 3 days (Coastal Series)	£100.00
Thursday – Saturday (incl. Sail East)	£100.00
RTYC Members Monday - Saturday all races	£125.00
Monday – Saturday all races	£150.00

An “Early bird” discount of £50.00 on full week entry fee will be available for entrants paid in full prior to 31st May 2012.

3.4 Entries must be accompanied by the appropriate fee as set out above.

3.5 A boat entering any one of the qualifying races shall be deemed to have entered for the remaining races in the series.

3.6 Team entries will be accepted under the following conditions:-

A team constitutes any three yachts from a Club, Area or Country. The names of the yachts constituting a team must be nominated and notified to the Regatta Office at Royal Temple Yacht Club clubhouse by 18.00hrs on Wednesday 1st August. The best team will be the team with the lowest points score from 2nd to 4th August, full details will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

3.7 The Race Committee may, at their discretion, allocate divisions of any class according to the handicap rating

3.8 Additional classes may be added by the Race Committee at their discretion.

3.9 Starts may have to be shared with other classes.

4. SCHEDULE

4.1 Registration will take place at the Harbour Office on the quayside next to the entrance to the western marina from 1200 hours on Sunday 29th July. All boats must register prior to competing in their first race. Registration office will open daily from 08.00 for registration and competitor information purposes throughout the week.

4.2 Racing is scheduled as follows:-

4.2.1 For IRC classes 1 to 3,

The IRC Coastal Series will consist of three qualifying races between Monday 30th and Wednesday 1st August.

The IRC International Regatta will consist of four races between Thursday 2nd and Saturday 4th including the Noot Cup normally ‘Round the Goodwins’ on Thursday 2nd August, 2 races for the QEII Cup and the famous Ramsgate Gold Cup on 4th August forming part of Ramsgate Week Regatta 30th July – 4th August .

4.2.2 The Cruiser Series for Class 5, 6 & 7. The series will consist of six qualifying races, one per day, between Monday 30th July and 4th August

4.3 The scheduled time for the first warning signal on Monday 30th July is 1055 hours for Classes 1 to 3. Cruiser classes 5, 6 & 7 will be at 1055 hours. Warning signals for the first race each day thereafter will be stated in the Sailing Instructions. It is intended for IRC and Cruisers 5 & 6 to sail the same course on Thursday 2nd and Saturday 4th August with Trophies for all classes.

5. MEASUREMENT

- 5.1 The Race Committee may inspect any boat or her equipment, sails and rating certificate before, during or after the races.
- 5.2 One design classes shall comply with their own class rules, except for crew/weight limitations.
- 5.3 No rating changes will be accepted following registration, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct rating office errors.
- 5.4 Class identification flags must be flown on the backstay of each boat whilst racing.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the official web site www.ramsgateweek.com and in hard copy at registration. A list of current entries may also be available on the web site.

7. COURSES

Each race will start from a Committee Boat or the RTYC Club starting line and will be sailed around buoys in the English Channel waters between East Margate and South Foreland.

8. SCORING

- 8.1 The low points scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.8.2 Discards: IRC Classes – 1 if 4 or more races sailed.
Class 5, 6 & 7 - The number of races completed shall constitute a series. Best 4 races shall count.
- 8.2 All Times will be corrected to the nearest second to determine finishing place.

9. BERTHING

- 9.1 It is intended that all competitor's yachts will berth on pontoons in the all-tide marina adjacent to the Harbour Western Arm as directed by the Dockmaster. If the Berthing Master is not present, please call on VHF Channel 80. Berths for yachts racing only part of the week may be available in the inner Harbour Marina.
- 9.2 Lifting of boats will be organised through the Harbour Authority. Berthing charges must be paid directly to the Harbour Authority on arrival in Ramsgate. Competitors who have entered for the full week will be entitled to a 30% reduction in berthing charges. Berthing charges are payable directly to the Harbour not RTYC.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 10.1 Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio communication while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 10.2 The following VHF channels will be used by the regatta:-

Port Control	Channel 14
Dock Office	Channel 80
Temple Race Hut	Channel 72 (Club Start Line)
Offshore One	Channel 77 (Committee Boat)

11. PRIZES AND TROPHIES

11.1 Class Prizes will be awarded for all races.

11.2 Trophies will be awarded as follows:-

Coastal Series Overall winner of series in Classes 1, 2 & 3

Overall winner of the Noot Cup (on Thursday 2nd August)

Class winners of Class 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6, in Noot Cup

Overall winner of the QE 2 Cup (Classes 1, 2 & 3 on Friday 3rd August)

Overall winner of the Gold Cup (on Saturday 4th August)

Class winners of all Classes in the Gold Cup

Class winners of the IRC International Regatta Series in Classes 1, 2 & 3

Overall winner of the IRC International Regatta

Overall winning team entry

Class winners of Class 5, 6 & 7 in Ramsgate Week Series and there will be Trophy races on various days throughout the week.

11.3 Prize Giving will take place as follows:-Wednesday 1st August 2012 for Coastal Series and race winners for all classes from Monday to Wednesday.

Friday 3rd August 2012 for race winners for all classes on Thursday and Friday

Saturday 4th August 2012 at 18.00hrs approx The Ramsgate Week & IRC Regatta trophies will be awarded. .

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

12.1 Each owner/competitor is entirely responsible for the boat's own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility.

12.2 It is for each 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.

12.3 Each 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.

12.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of each 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 Officers, patrol boats and Beach masters.

12.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the owner/competitor of his/her responsibilities.

12.6 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Royal Temple Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with sufficient insurance cover to meet all or any claims and with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 (GBP) in respect of third party claims.

14. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

14.1 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. Laminated Check Charts may be included in the race pack issued at registration. A waypoint list will be available in the race pack and displayed on the clubs website prior to the first race.

14.2 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.

14.3 The gate to the inner marina 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.

15. ACCOMMODATION IN RAMSGATE WEEK

Similar to all larger regattas there is a limit to the amount of hotel and B&B accommodation that the town of Ramsgate can provide. Competitors and their families are advised to book early using the guide on the web site www.ramsgateweek.com. Assistance with accommodation is available via Judy Pearson contactable via email judy.pearson@tiscali.co.uk.

16. BARS AND CATERING

2012 will see a return to the famous afternoon après sail with entertainment every evening within the club house. Ramsgate town is now full of restaurants catering for all tastes; this also includes five excellent restaurants underneath the club house.

Also, the RTYC clubhouse offers a restaurant at very reasonable prices each evening. The Club house bars are open until 01.00 every morning.



17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information contact:

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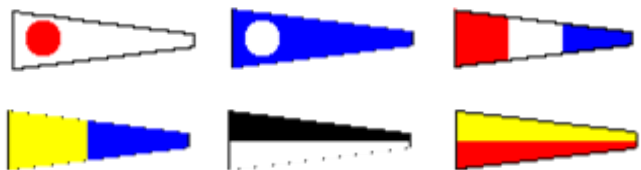
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Class racing for the following classes:



www.ramsgateweek.com for further information for this International Yacht Regatta



APPENDIX 1

ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

Minimum Safety Equipment Rules for Cruisers

1. **Buoyancy**
Boats shall either be self-righting from 60 degrees or have enough reserve buoyancy to support the boat and crew for at least 30 minutes following a capsized. Boats shall be equipped with suitable means for bailing or pumping.
2. **Flares**
Boats shall carry, in a waterproof pack, at least two red hand flares and two orange smoke flares.
3. **Fire Extinguisher**
Boats carrying engine or cooking fuel shall carry a fire extinguisher and a stout bucket of 9 litres minimum capacity attached to a lanyard.
4. **Personal Buoyancy and Man Overboard**
 - 4.1 Boats **without** lifelines or with lifelines which do not meet ISAF Offshore Special regulations Category 4 shall have personal buoyancy for each crew member at least sufficient to comply with RRS 40. Personal buoyancy shall be worn by all crew members at all times whilst racing.
 - 4.2 Boats **with** lifelines which meet ISAF Offshore Special regulations Category 4 shall carry personal buoyancy or lifejackets for each crew member. Boats shall also carry a rescue quoit or throw bag with at least 15m of floating line and at least one lifebuoy or life sling.
5. **First Aid**
Boats shall carry a waterproof first aid pack with instructions.
6. **Anchor**
Boats shall carry a suitable anchor and sufficient warp to hold the boat in 15m depth of water in the expected racing conditions.
7. **Compass**
Boats shall carry a suitable compass – handheld is acceptable.
8. **Equipment**
All equipment, fittings and engines shall be securely fastened.
9. **Propulsion**
A means of propulsion, other than the boat's sails, is to be provided.
10. **Communication**
Fixed or handheld VHF must be carried at all times.