

Notice of Race 2008 for IRC and Cruiser classes. Sportsboats will have their own NoR

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1. RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the IRC Rules Parts 1, 2, and 3, excluding IRC rule 26.1.5.(d) & (e) for all IRC classes. IRC rule 27.4.2 shall not apply. Classes 0 to 6 will be sailed under the requirements of ISAF Offshore Special Regulations covering minimum equipment and accommodation standards Category 4 monohull **plus VHF Radio**, but with the exception that navigation lights are not required. Minimum SSS number is 10.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 The regatta is classified category 'C'.

2.2 Competing yachts may be required to fly a sponsor's flag from their backstay (or equivalent) for the duration of the Series and may be required to display bow numbers.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the following classes:-

Classes 0-4 IRC with provisional rating bands as follows:-

Class 0 1.091 and above – applies 14th to 16th August only

Class 1 1.010 to 1.090

Class 2 0.960 to 1.009

Class 3 0.900 to 0.959

Class 4 0.750 to 0.899

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

3.2 Team entries will be accepted under the following conditions.

A team constitutes any three yachts from a club, area or country and racing in IRC Classes 0 to 4. The names of the yachts constituting a team must be nominated and notified to the Regatta Office by 18.00 on Wednesday 13th August. The best team will be the team with the lowest points score from the IRC East Coast Championship with discards applied.

Class 5 Cruiser (non Spinnaker)

This is intended for the less serious racer with non high tech sails and the use of spinnakers is prohibited.

Depending on numbers this class may be split into 2 divisions, Class 6A & Class 6B. Boats competing in this Class that do not hold a current valid IRC certificate will be issued an RTYC Handicap TCC figure by the Race Committee. Boats that hold a current valid IRC certificate will race with a TCC figure equal to the IRC certificate TCC (NOT the non-spinnaker TCC).

Handicaps may be adjusted to maintain the spirit of this class.

Class 6 Cruiser (incl. Spinnakers)

This is intended for cruiser sailors or racers who may be short-handed for the week. There are no sail restrictions for this class. Boats competing in this Class that do not hold a current valid IRC certificate will be issued an RTYC Handicap TCC figure by the Race Committee. Boats that hold a current valid IRC certificate will race with a TCC figure equal to the IRC certificate TCC (NOT the non-spinnaker TCC). Handicaps may be adjusted to maintain the spirit of this class.



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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 Sailing 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 Entries for the full week (Monday to Saturday) received and paid in full by 31st May 2008 attract a £50.00 discount. All full week entries received after this date must pay the full entry fee of £150.00.

3.4 Entries must be accompanied by the appropriate fee as set out on the official entry form.

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

4. SCHEDULE

4.1 Registration will take place at the regatta office on the quayside next to the marquee from 1200 hours on Sunday 10th August. 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:-
For IRC classes 1 to 4,

The IRC Coastal Series will consist of three qualifying races between Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th August including the Noot Cup on Wednesday 13th August.

The IRC East Coast Championship will consist of seven races including the QEII Cup and the famous Ramsgate Gold Cup and form part of Ramsgate Week 14th – 16th August.

The Cruiser Series for Class 5 & 6. The series will consist of six qualifying races, one per day, between Monday 10th August and Saturday 16th August.

4.3 The scheduled time for the first warning signal on Monday 11th August is 0955 hours for classes 1 to 4. Cruiser classes 5 & 6 will be at 1055 hours. Warning signals for the first race each day thereafter will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

5. MEASUREMENTS

5.1 Each boat shall comply with the following requirements applicable to class entered:-
IRC Classes

Must have a valid IRC2008 certificate either attached to the entry or presented at registration.

One Design Classes shall comply with their own class rules.

5.2 IRC and Cruiser Classes shall comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations covering minimum equipment and accommodation standards Category 4 monohull, plus VHF radio (navigation lights excluded). Minimum SSS number of 10.

5.3 All boats shall carry an operational VHF marine radio equipped with Channels 14, 16, 72 and 77.

5.4 No rating changes will be accepted following registration, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct rating office errors.

5.5 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.



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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 0,1, 2, 3, and 4

(a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 6 to 7 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

(c) All times will be corrected to the nearest second to determine finishing place.

Class 5 and 6 :- The number of races completed shall constitute a series. When 5 or 6 races are sailed 4 shall count. When 4 or less races are sailed all shall count.

9. BERTHING

9.1 It is intended that all competitors' yachts will berth on pontoons in the all-tide marina adjacent to the Harbour crosswall 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 and paid their entry fee in full by 31st May will be entitled to a 50% reduction in berthing charges. Berthing charges are payable directly to the Harbour not RTYC.

10. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out except with prior written permission of the Race Committee during the IRC East Coast Championship series.

11. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta during the IRC East Coast Championship series.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

12.1 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.

12.2 The following VHF channels will be used by the regatta:-

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



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13 PRIZES AND TROPHIES

13.1 Class Prizes will be awarded for all races.

13.2 Trophies will be awarded as follows:-

Coastal Series Overall winner of series in Class's 1, 2,3, & 4

Overall winner of the Noot Cup

Class winners of Class 1,2,3,4 in Noot Cup

Overall winner of Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Cup

Class winners of Class 0,1,2,3,4, in QE2 Cup

Overall winner of the Gold Cup

Class winners of Class 0,1,2,3,4 in Gold Cup

Class winners of the IRC East Coast Championship Series in Class's 0,1,2,3,4

Overall winner of all One Design Classes in IRC East Coast Championship Series

Overall winning team entry in IRC East Coast Championship Series

Best RTYC Yacht in IRC East Coast Championship Series

Best East Coast Yacht in IRC East Coast Championship Series

Best Overseas Yacht in IRC East Coast Championship Series

Best South Coast Yacht in IRC East Coast Championship Series

13.3 Prize Giving's will take place as follows:-

Coastal series on Wednesday 13th August 2008

Daily glassware 14th & 15th August

The Ramsgate Week & IRC Championship prizes for all series will be awarded at a reception on Saturday 16th August 2008 at 18.00hrs.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 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.

14.2 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.

14.3 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.

14.4 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 organizers 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.

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

14.6 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.

15. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with sufficient insurance cover to meet all or any claims.

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16. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

16.1 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.

16.2 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.

16.3 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.

17. 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.

18. BARS AND CATERING

2008 will see a return to the famous afternoon après sail with free entertainment every evening alternating between the club and the marquee. The regatta marquee provides a fully stocked bar and a fast food service.

Ramsgate town is now full of restaurants catering for all tastes and apart from the competitors supper catering is limited to fast food in the marquee.

At the RTYC clubhouse there is a restaurant at very reasonable prices every evening. Bars are open to 01.00 every evening at the marquee and the club.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

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