

# Ramsgate Week 2010

## Notice of Race



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**16th - 22nd August 2010**



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IRC International Regatta 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> August 2010

## Notice of Race 2010 for IRC and Cruiser classes.

Version 1.0

### 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 Parts A, B and C, but excluding IRC rules 21.1.5(d) and (e) and rule 22.4.2 and also comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations covering minimum equipment and accommodation Standards Category 4 Monohull plus a means of propulsion other than the boat's sails and VHF Radio, but with the exception that navigation lights are not required.
- 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.
- 1.5 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

### 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 18 ft 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 12 or ISO Design Category C (min IRC STX, min AVS 90 and SR Category 4).  
Provisional Rating Bands:-

Class 1	1.010 & 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 and ½ Ton Class 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 may be shorthanded for the week. There are no sail restrictions for this class but a yacht choosing to be rated in this class without spinnakers must remain without spinnakers throughout the entire series. 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 will 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.



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- 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 will 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](http://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 2010 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.
- 3.6 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 3. The names of the yachts constituting a team must be nominated and notified to the Regatta Office by 18.00hrs on Wednesday 18th August. The best team will be the team with the lowest points score from the IRC regatta on 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> August with discards applied.
- 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 regatta office on the quayside next to the marquee from 1200 hours on Sunday 15th 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:-
  - 4.2.1 For IRC classes 1 to 3,  
The IRC Coastal Series will consist of three qualifying races between Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th August including the Noot Cup normally 'Round the Goodwins' on Wednesday 18th August. The IRC International Regatta will consist of seven races including the QEII Cup and the famous Ramsgate Gold Cup and form part of Ramsgate Week 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> August. SailEAST will consist of best three races between Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 16th August and Saturday 21st August
- 4.3 The scheduled time for the first warning signal on Monday 16th August is 0955 hours for Classes 1 to 3. Cruiser classes 5, 6 & 7 will be at 1025 hours. Warning signals for the first race each day thereafter will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.



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**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 in respect of IRC rule 22.4.2.
- 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](http://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 6 or more races sailed.  
Class 5, 6 & 7 - The number of races completed shall constitute a series. Best 4 races shall count.
- 8.3 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 and paid their entry fee in full by 31<sup>st</sup> May will be entitled to a 50% 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)



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**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 Class's 1, 2 & 3

Overall winner of the Noot Cup (Classes 1, 2 & 3 on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August)

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

Overall winner of Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Cup (Classes 1, 2 & 3 on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August)

Class winners of Class 1,2 & 3, in QE2 Cup

Overall winner of the Gold Cup (Classes 1, 2 & 3 on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August)

Class winners of Class 1,2 & 3 in Gold Cup

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

Overall winner of all One Design Classes in IRC International Regatta Series

Overall winning team entry in IRC International Regatta Series

Best RTYC Yacht in IRC International Regatta Series

Best East Coast Yacht in IRC International Regatta Series

Best Overseas Yacht in IRC International Regatta Series

Best South Coast Yacht in IRC International Regatta Series

Cruiser Classes 5, 6 & 7

Class winners of Class 5, 6 & 7 in Ramsgate Week Series

There will be Trophy races on various days throughout the week.

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

Coastal series on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2010

Daily glassware 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> August

The Ramsgate Week & IRC Regatta prizes for all series will be awarded at a reception on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2010 at 18.00hrs approx.

**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 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.

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.

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## **13. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with sufficient insurance cover to meet all or any 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](http://www.ramsgateweek.com). Assistance with accommodation is available via Judy Pearson contactable via email [judy.pearson@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:judy.pearson@tiscali.co.uk).

## **16. BARS AND CATERING**

2010 will see a return to the famous afternoon après sail with entertainment every evening alternating between the club and the marquee. The regatta marquee provides a fully stocked bar, live music and a fast food service.

Ramsgate town is now full of restaurants catering for all tastes; this also includes five excellent restaurants underneath the club house.

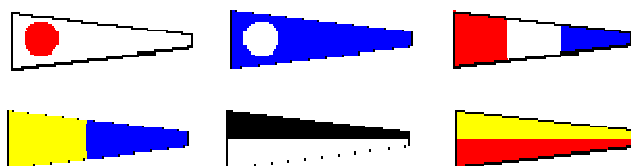
Also, the RTYC clubhouse offers a restaurant at very reasonable prices each evening. Happy hour every day at the club and the bars are open until 01.00 every morning at the marquee and the club house.

## **17. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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### **Class racing for the following classes:**



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