

Royal Temple Yacht Club

Notice of Race

V1.1

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

Notice of Race for IRC and Cruiser Handicap classes

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1. RULES




- 1.1 The events will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Royal Harbour Marina terms and conditions and the Port of Ramsgate bye-laws 2011
- 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,
- 1.3 All Classes will comply with the current World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B: Special Regulations for Inshore Racing and with the Royal Temple Yacht Club minimum safety equipment rules, attached as Appendix 1 to this Notice of Race.
- 1.4 Mediation and Arbitration procedure to 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 in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The events are open to all boats over 18ft in length able to satisfy the safety rules and shall be divided into the handicap classes outlined in 3.4 below.
- 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 website www.rtyc.com.
- 3.3 **Race fees apply for entries by non-members. A fee of £135,00 per Series is payable to the club office prior to racing along with completion of an entry form, a safety check form and a copy of your IRC certificate if applicable.**
- 3.4 Entries are eligible to enter any of the following classes:

IRC		IRC 1	Open to boats holding a current IRC Certificate. It is intended to have 2 IRC classes and the "Rating Bands" will be notified to competitors by an amendment to the Sailing Instructions displayed on the Club's website and on the WhatsApp racing pages prior to the first race.
		IRC 2	
		Cruiser 3 & 4	You may choose to enter in the more relaxed Cruiser division. Handicaps for classes 3 & 4 will be allocated by reference to Handicap Systems for Cruisers may be adjusted to maintain the spirit of the class.

- 3.5 The Race Committee may, at their discretion, allocate divisions of any class according to the handicap rating.
- 3.6 Additional classes may be added by the Race Committee at their discretion.
- 3.7 Starts may be shared with other classes.

4. SCHEDULE

4.1 Racing is scheduled as per the race programme in Appendix 2

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 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 <https://www.rtyc.com>. 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. Checkchart and waypoint positions provided are for guidance only and are not intended to be used in place of the navigation charts and the rhumb line between marks may not be navigable.

8. SCORING

8.1 The low points scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.

8.2 All Times will be corrected to the nearest second to determine finishing place.

9. RADIO COMMUNICATION

9.1 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.

9.2 The following VHF channels will be used by the events:-

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

10. PRIZES AND TROPHIES

10.1 Class prizes are awarded for individual races, qualifying series and overall for the season during the annual prizegiving.

11. Risk and Responsibility Statement

11.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

11.2 Royal Temple Yacht Club accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to skipper or crew or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property.

11.3 The skipper and crew shall be held jointly responsible for the conduct of the boat's crew before, during and after a race. Misconduct may result in both the person in charge and crew being excluded from future races and renders a boat liable to disqualification.

11.4 The race committee shall make starting signals unless in their opinion it is manifestly unsafe for any of the boats entered to remain in the vicinity of the starting line. Each boat shall exercise her responsibility under Fundamental Rule 4 Decision to Race and decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.

11.5 No boat shall be accepted as an entry unless the boat has completed the entry form and submitted insurance, safety check and handicap certificate to the race office. Entry also confirms full acceptance of the club's terms as published on the club website for racing in Ramsgate.

- 11.6 Sailing is by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- 11.6.1 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.
- 11.6.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore.
- 11.6.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- 11.6.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- 11.6.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- 11.6.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 11.6.7 Vessels setting to sea for offshore and coastal races are responsible for ensuring that their 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 safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.
- 11.7 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

12. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with sufficient insurance cover to meet all or any claims and with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 (GBP) in respect of third-party claims.

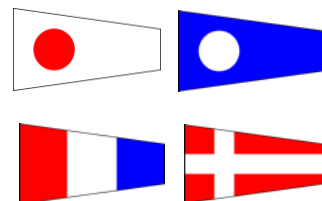
13 SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

- 13.1 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. Check Charts & Waypoint list will be available to be displayed on the club’s website prior to the first race.
- 13.2 The approach to Ramsgate for commercial traffic is from the east via a well-marked deep-water channel. This is used by large ferries and fast craft, and 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.
- 13.3 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. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information contact:
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Class racing for the following classes:



APPENDIX 1

ROYAL TEMPLE YACHT CLUB

Minimum Safety Equipment Rules for all Classes

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. All flares must be in date. Electronic flares may be used as an alternative to physical flares.
3. **Fire Extinguisher**
Boats shall carry an in-date 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 World Sailing 2018-2019 Offshore Special Regulations (Section3), 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 will comply with World Sailing 2018-2019 Offshore Special Regulations (Section3), 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 capable of transmitting and receiving Channels 16, 14, 72, 77.