



Yacht Clubs of Weymouth Town Regatta

Saturday 16th / Sunday 17th July 2022

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority implement the RYA Racing Charter and competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the charter which can be found at the front of the RYA "Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024" and on the RYA website www.rya.org.uk

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Bye Laws of Dorset Council and those of Portland Harbour Authority shall also apply.
- 1.3 The Yacht Clubs of Weymouth (YCW) is the Organising Authority (OA).

- 1.4 Rating system - The overall rating system for this regatta will be VPRS however separate IRC results will be extracted from the overall VPRS results.
- 1.5 National Squib Class; In accordance with rule 87 and Squib Class Rule C.10.2 (b) an additional spinnaker may be carried aboard. The second spinnaker shall be used only if the first is lost or damaged beyond repair while racing [changes SCR 10.2.]
- 1.6 Safety standards are specified at NOR 9.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to any member of a club affiliated to the Yacht Clubs of Weymouth (Weymouth Sailing Club, Castle Cove Sailing Club, Royal Naval Sailing Association, Royal Dorset Yacht Club.

- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form <https://forms.gle/ALihVn2DgeSNyHkb7>

- 3.3 Racing will be run under VPRS rating system with additional results for IRC rated yachts and squibs being filtered from the main results
- 3.4 If a yacht does not have a VPRS certificate please contact Richard Bowers (Rick.Bowers861440@gmail.com) who will arrange for a certificate to be issued at no cost to the competitor.)

4 CLASSES

4.1 The division of type / group of boats and Rating / Handicap system is as follows:

Type/Group	Definition Divisions/Classes	Handicap
VPRS	All boats with a valid VPRS certificate . Classes will be divided into Fast and Slow once the entries have been received.	VPRS
IRC	Boat with a valid IRC certificate. Results will be filtered from main VPRS results	IRC
One Design	National Squib. Will race as part of VPRS fleet plus class results will be filtered from main VPRS results	VPRS

4.2 The OA will decide on the fleet divisions and any separate classes according to the entries. Other classes or interested groups not listed above are invited to apply to the OA for class racing.

4.4 The OA reserves the right to create new divisions and create new one design classes.

4.5 Results for boats in an IRC division will be filtered from the main VPRS results

5 FEES

5.1 Required fees are as follows:

Classes	
VPRS	Free
Squib	Free

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 A competitor briefing will be made available online at **1900h** on **Friday 15th July**

6.2 On each day the earliest time for the first warning is **1040h**.

6.3 2 races will be scheduled on each day as follows.

		Start time
Saturday 16th July	Race 1 Course race	11:00
Saturday 16th July	Race 2 Long distance race	14:00
Sunday 17th July	Race 3 Course race	11:00
Sunday 17th July	Raca 4 Pursuit race	14:00

7 RACE AREAS AND COURSES

Racing will be controlled via a committee vessel located in Weymouth Bay.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available on the YCW yacht Regatta Facebook page.

9 SAFETY STANDARDS & MEASUREMENT

9.1 The following safety equipment shall be required in addition to the boat's relevant class safety requirements.

Classes	Mandatory standard Strongly recommended
VPRS	2 orange smoke flares, marine VHF radio, fog horn and chart of Weymouth bay
National Squib	Relevant class safety requirements plus: 2 orange smoke flares, fog horn, compass and chartlet of Weymouth bay and VHF radio.

9.2 All boats shall carry an adequate personal flotation device for each member of crew.

9.3 For safety reasons, bow anchors are to be stored within the boat so that there is no protrusion by the anchor beyond the bow or any other part of the boat

9.4 For safety reasons, outboard motors are to be stored within the boat so that there is no protrusion by the outboard beyond the stern or any other part of the boat

10 SCORING

10.1 For all classes **two** races are required to be completed to constitute a series. 10.2 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11 Courses

11.1 The Race Committee will signal the course to be sailed on the Committee vessel.

12 PRIZES

12.1 Prizes and Trophies will be awarded at the official prize giving on Thursday 21st July 2022 at 20:30.
Venue - the Royal Dorset Yacht Club

12.2 Overall prizes and trophies will be awarded for

VPRS fast 1st , 2nd and third overall

VPRS slow 1st , 2nd and third overall

IRC fast 1st , 2nd and third overall

IRC slow 1st , 2nd and third overall

Squib 1st , 2nd and third overall

Sonata 1st , 2nd and third overall

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

The applicable Risk Statement for this regatta is attached at Annex A.

14 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of **£2,000,000** per incident or the equivalent.

15 CANCELLATION

15.1 The Organising Authority may cancel the event, cancel classes and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information email rick.bowers861440@gmail.com

ANNEX A -- RISK STATEMENT

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".

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that;

- (a) 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.
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boat's and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;