



CHICHESTER CRUISER RACING CLUB – 75th Anniversary

Open Meeting Saturday 3rd June 2023 – Notice of Race

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The organising authority is Chichester Cruiser Racing Club. www.ccrcc.co.uk

The CCRC Race Committee shall comprise the Sailing Secretary, Handicapping/Results Officer, and the relevant Principal Race Officer.

1. RULES

All racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA and the Rules of CCRC

2. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 2.1 All boats are recommended to adhere to the Offshore Racing Council Category 4, unless specific requirements are given in a race instruction.
- 2.2 All boats must carry a VHF radio with channels 16, M1(37), 67 & 72
- 2.3 SAFETY AT THE START - The Race Committee is concerned about anchors on bows. Owners of these yachts are asked to be aware of the dangers involved when manoeuvring at close quarters.

3. CONDITIONS of ENTRY, FLEETS and HANDICAPS

3.1 Conditions of Entry

Entry is open to monohull yachts between 6.0 and 15.0 metres LOA.

- 3.1.1 All non CCRC yachts must complete CCRC Guest Entry Form.

3.2 Fleets

- 3.2.1 ALPHA: fleet flag numeral 3
- 3.2.2 BETA: fleet flag numeral 4

3.3 Handicapping

- 3.3.1 Alpha fleet results are extracted from the Beta fleet and calculated using VPRS TCFs. Yachts wishing to sail in the Alpha fleet must have a valid, current [VPRS](#) certificate.

3.3.2 Beta fleet results are calculated using base [NHC](#) numbers for All entries.

All yachts are included the Beta fleet results.

- 3.4 Yacht must fly an appropriate Class Flag from the stern, the length of which must not be less than 600mm.
An ensign must NOT be worn when racing.
Class flags will be: Alpha fleet - NP 3; Beta fleet - NP 4
- 3.5 RRS 77, sail identification, applies. Under exceptional circumstances the Race Committee may permit a yacht to use sails that do not comply with RRS Appendix G.
Application should be made with completion of Guest Entry Form

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 The race programme will start at 11.00. There will be a minimum of 1 race depending on weather conditions
- 4.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal is 10.55

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions are available on:

<https://www.ccrcc.co.uk/75th-anniversary-open-race/>

6. RACING AREA AND COURSES

The racing area will usually be Hayling Bay and the Solent.
The starting mark will be announced on the day
List of marks that maybe used is attached.

7. START

- 7.1 The start will be a ROLLING START.
- 7.2 During a Rolling Start the Committee Boat may fly a large CCRC burgee from her backstay. The Committee Boat may be racing, nevertheless she can use her engine between the warning signal and the start without penalty. During the start sequence the Committee Boat has total right of way over all competitors regardless of the tack she is on or whether she is motoring.

- 7.3 The start line is a line between the starting mark and the main mast of the Committee Boat at the start signal. 1 minute prior to the start the Committee Boat will be near the starting mark. She will then lay the start line by sailing away from the starting mark at approximately 90 degrees to the course to the first mark, unless the first mark is in the upwind sector, in which case she will sail away from the start mark at approx 90 degrees to the true wind.

- 7.4 The approx bearing of the start line from the starting mark will be announced as part of the course on VHF

- 7.5 There will be a single start for all classes using RRS 26

8. SCORING

- 8.1 For this Series the Low Point scoring system RRS Appendix A will apply.

- 8.2 There will be no discards

- 8.3 All race and series ties will be resolved in accordance with RRS A7/A8.

9. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive any radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

10. PRIZES

Prizes will be given for each class for all races and for the series if 2 races are completed, except no second prize will be awarded unless at least four boats start and no third prize will be awarded unless at least six boats start. Prizes will be awarded at the CCRC BBQ following the race on Saturday evening at Northney Marina.

11. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 4 states; 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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 in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, other officials and volunteers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able 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 is familiar to the crew;
- g) Their boat is adequately insured, with a cover of at least £3 million against third party claims