

JOHN LEWIS PARTNERSHIP SAILING CLUB REGATTA

NOTICE OF RACE

Organised by the Island Sailing Club, Cowes, Isle of Wight on 1st and 2nd October 2011

1. RULES and CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2009-2012), the prescriptions of the RYA, IRC Rules parts 1, 2 & 3 – including sail limitations, the Island Sailing Club Rating System (ISCRS), this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. In case of conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.2. All monohull cruising boats shall comply with current ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 except that regulations 3.09.1, 3.09.2 and 3.09.4 as regards cockpit self-draining, water tightness and draining and the height of the cockpit sole shall not apply. Boats may use a trisail instead of reefing equipment to reduce mainsail luff to 60% or less.
- 1.3. A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 1.4. It is for each boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 1.5. The boat is responsible to ensure that she is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather, that there is sufficient crew 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. The fact that the Race Committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph.
- 1.6. The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2m.
- 1.7. Nothing done by the Organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat 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 Organisers encompass everyone helping to run the races and the event, and include the Organising Authority, the Race Committee and the Race Officer.

2. ALTERATION TO RACING RULES

RRS Appendix A2 is changed in that no scores will be excluded.

3. ADVERTISING

Boats may advertise in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 (Advertising Code) except that no advertising relating to tobacco or tobacco products will be accepted.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The Regatta is open to boats rated under either IRC or ISCRS.
- 4.2. Boats wishing to compete in the IRC class shall be in possession of a valid 2011 IRC rating certificate issued by Seahorse Rating or UNCL.
- 4.3. Entries on the enclosed official entry form together with the correct entry fee must be received by the Sailing Secretary, JLPSC, Unit 8, Universal Marina, Crableck Lane, Southampton, SO31 7ZN by **9 September 2011**. Late entries will attract a £15.00 administration charge.
- 4.4. Withdrawal of an entry will be accepted up to 48 hours before the start of the Regatta.
- 4.5. In the event of race/races being abandoned and not being re-sailed, entry fees will not be refunded.

5. RACING SCHEDULE (All start times are BST)

Saturday 1st October	Warning signal	Preparatory signal	1 min signal	START
Race 1 IRC Rated yachts	1025	1026	1029	1030
Race 1 ISC Rated yachts	1035	1036	1039	1040
Race 2 The Warning Signal for IRC Rated yachts will not be before 1300. The Warning Signal for ISC Rated Yachts will be 10 minutes after the Warning Signal for IRC Rated Yachts.				
Sunday 2nd October	Warning signal	Preparatory signal	1 min signal	START
Race 3 IRC Rated yachts	0955	0956	0959	1000
Race 3 ISC Rated yachts	1005	1006	1009	1010

The Warning signal flag will be Numeral Pennant 3 for IRC rated yachts.

The Warning signal flag will be Numeral Pennant 4 for ISC rated yachts.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the Island Sailing Club website or will be emailed on request.

7. RACING AREA

The Solent.

8. COURSE

Starts are scheduled to be from the Island Sailing Club Shore Line. The courses to be sailed will consist of fixed Solent marks or a combination of fixed and specially laid marks which have each been allocated a code letter, symbol or number.

9. SCORING

Boats will be placed in sequence from the shortest corrected time after the elapsed time has been multiplied by the relevant correction factor. All races will count. This changes RRS Appendix A2.

10. PRIZES

Winners of the Jeroma Plate and Jubilee Plate will be invited, as guests, of the John Lewis Partnership Sailing Club to attend their end of season dinner on Saturday 12 November 2011.

11. DISCLAIMER

The Island Sailing Club is providing this regatta only on the understanding that the Club and its representatives shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. The owner/competitor of each boat must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used. Neither the establishment of these conditions, their use by the race organisers, nor the inspection of the boat under these conditions in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor. The crew are nonetheless advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.

12. RYA CHARTER

Competitors should note that Island Sailing Club events implement the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (*Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*) or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter