



## NOTICE OF RACE

### SOCA – UKBA INVITATIONAL REGATTA

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September –  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011

#### THE SOLENT

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#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing 2009–2012, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of conflict the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.2. The Race Officer, Race Committee or Protest Committee appointed by ISC may modify or interpret any ISAF Rule (except those listed in RRS 86.1 (a) or (b)) in accordance with RRS2 (Fair Sailing) or for any other reason.

#### **2. ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1. The Regatta is for SOCA and UKBA crews and on an invitational basis at the discretion of the organising committee to invite individual agencies working in the broad law enforcement community to enter a crew.
- 2.2. The crew's complement will consist of staff currently employed by or retired from the agency they represent. Each crew, including the skipper, will have a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 8 and all crew members must adhere to the rules and regulations of the sailing club/association of the agency they represent.
- 2.3. Mixed crews are permitted providing all crew members comply with eligibility criteria 2.1 & 2.2
- 2.4. As the number of boats available to charter is limited, entries will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis determined by payment of the charter deposit. The completed entry form and entry fee is to be completed by the 31<sup>st</sup> July.

#### **3. ENTRY**



- 3.1. The entry fee for the Regatta 2011 is £500 per crew. The entry fee will include race fees, social functions on Monday and Thursday evenings, and prizes.
- 3.2. The entry fee (payable by cheque made out to 'SSSC Sailing') and the completed entry form must both be sent to Lindsey Kemp, PO Box 8000, London SE11 5EN and be received by the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011. If there are any queries, please contact the regatta office on [socaukbaregatta@gmail.com](mailto:socaukbaregatta@gmail.com).

#### **4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1. The sailing instructions will be sent out by the regatta committee to the skippers of participating crews and will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011 on the Island Sailing Club website.

#### **5. RACING AREA**

- 5.1. Racing will be conducted in the Solent, extending west to the Needles and Christchurch Bay, and to the east to the Nab Tower and Hayling Bay. Competitors will ensure they carry accurate charts or other suitable navigation equipment for this area.
- 5.2. All yachts shall berth at Cowes Yacht Haven from Monday evening to Friday morning. A group booking has been made and the cost included in the entry fee.

#### **6. PROGRAMME**

- 6.1. The provisional regatta programme is attached as Annex A.
- 6.2. Registration and welcome drinks will take place at Port Hamble from 17:00 on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2011. Yachts will be allocated by Fairview Sailing from 19:00 on that day.
- 6.3. All racing will be dependent on weather and tide conditions at the time of the regatta. The organising committee and the Island Sailing Club reserve the right to reschedule or cancel races should conditions dictate this to be appropriate.

#### **7. CLASS**

- 7.1. This is a one design, single fleet regatta. All crews will compete in a Beneteau 37 chartered from Fairview Sailing in Port Hamble. A number of yachts have been reserved by the regatta office for a fixed period at an agreed price of £1500, which includes fuel, berthing, and racing insurance. Skippers are to contact Fairview Sailing directly and refer to the SOCA UKBA Regatta when chartering their yacht.



## **8. SCORING**

- 8.1. Scoring will use the Low Points System as described in RRS 2009–2012.
- 8.2. The regatta shall constitute three races or more. If six or seven races are completed, each boat's score shall be the total of all its scores in races less its worst score.
- 8.3. RRS 08-11 rule 44.1 shall apply (720 degree turns).

## **9. COMMUNICATION**

- 9.1. Prior to the regatta, information will be emailed to competitors via the skipper's registered email address. The Sailing Instructions shall be available on the Island Sailing Club website from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011.
- 9.2. During the regatta, Notices to Competitors will be displayed on the Official Notice Board inside the Lower Marquee of the Island Sailing Club, and on the website of the Island Sailing Club – <http://www.islandsc.org> .
- 9.3. During racing, and for course information, communication with competitors may be made on VHF Channel 37(M). Course information may also be displayed on the Island Sailing Club Race Office, visible from the water on the starting line transit.

## **10. PRIZES**

- 10.1. Prizes shall be awarded for first, second and third placed crews. Further prizes may be announced in due course.

## **11. RYA CHARTER**

- 11.1. Competitors should note that the Island Sailing Club has implemented the RYA Racing Charter and that, when entering, competitors will be required to undertake 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](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter)

## **12. ISLAND SAILING CLUB FACILITIES**

- 12.1. The Committee and Members of the Island Sailing Club hope that skippers, crews and families of competing yachts will consider themselves temporary members of the ISC for the duration of the event and make use of the Club's facilities.



### **13. SAFETY**

- 13.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, and are reminded of RSS rule 4: Decision to Race.
- 13.2. All participating yachts must have adequate insurance against third party liability. The RYA recommends a minimum insurance cover of £2,000,000 in this respect. This may be provided under individual charter agreements with Fairview Sailing.
- 13.3. The organising committee, the organising agencies and their Boards, the Island Sailing Club and Fairview Sailing Ltd are providing this series only on the understanding that the committee, the agencies, the Club, and Fairview Sailing Ltd and their representatives bear no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience to yachts, equipment or persons howsoever arising directly or indirectly from the rules, policies, courses or ruling during the Regatta and its related activities. The skippers of participating yachts must ensure that their crew are made aware of these conditions.



## ANNEX A: PROVISIONAL REGATTA PROGRAMME

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DATE	DETAILS	WARNING SIGNAL	TIME LIMIT
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Welcome and registration	17:00	
	Yacht allocation	19:00	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Practice session		
	Practice race	15:00	
	<i>Social – curry</i>	19:00	
	Skipper's briefing	19:30	
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	RACE 1 – Inshore race	10:00	3
	RACE 2 – Inshore race		2
	RACE 3 – Inshore race		2
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	RACE 4 – Inshore race	09:00	2
	RACE 5 – Coastal race	10:00	6
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	RACE 6 – Inshore race	10.00	3
	RACE 7 – Inshore race	13.00	2
	<i>Social – Prize-giving dinner</i>	19:30	
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Non-scoring race – self finishing	10:00	-