



**8 METRE & 6 METRE CLASS REGATTA SERIES
MAY 11/12, MAY 18/19, JUNE 8/9, JUNE 22/23
2019
COWES**

**(INCORPORATING THE LADY MAGDALEN
BULKELEY CUP FOR EIGHT METRE CLASS AND
THE BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR SIX
METRE CLASS)**

**ORGANISING AUTHORITY:
ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON**

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020(RRS).
- 1.2 The International Eight Metre Class Rating Rule.
- 1.3 The International Six Metre Class Rating Rule.
- 1.4 IRC Rule 2018 Part A, B and C.
- 1.5 The byelaws for the Port of Southampton, Portsmouth Harbour and Cowes Harbour.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The event is open to yachts of the International Eight Metre and International Six Metre Classes.
- 3.2 Eligible yachts may enter by completing the online entry form and paying the entry fee.

4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1 There are no World Sailing Sailor Classification restrictions.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is £400 for International 8M Class entries and £200 for International 6M Class entries received before 01 May.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACING

- 6.1 The Schedule of Racing is shown in the table below. All times are British Summer Time (UTC plus 1 hour).
- 6.2 The first weekend of racing for the 8M Class will be in conjunction with the CCCA Keelboat Championships.
- 6.3 The Race Committee may alter the schedule of races to cater for adverse weather conditions.
- 6.4 The Race Committee intends running fourteen (14) races for the 8m Class over the four weekends of racing in May and June and eight (8) races over the two June weekends for the 6m Class and further details will be contained in the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.5 The Race Committee intends to run no more than two (2) races each day. However additional races may be sailed in order to complete the programme because of weather or other reasons.
- 6.6 Schedule.

Day	Briefing	First Warning Signal	Notes
Sat 11 May HW Ports 0440 4.2m 1730 4.2m	By VHF at 1130	1255	Committee Vessel Start. In conjunction with the CCCA Keelboat Championships. 2 x Tune Up Races for 8M Class
Sun 12 May HW Ports 0550 4.0m 1840 4.2m	By VHF at 1030	1155	Committee Vessel Start. 2 x Series Races for 8M Class
Sat 18 May HW Ports 1150 4.6m	By VHF at 1130	1255	RYS Line Start. 2 x Series Races for 8M Class
Sun 19 May HW Ports 1240 4.6m	By VHF at 1030	1055	RYS Line Start. 2 x Series Races for 8M Class
Sat 8 June HW Ports 0330 4.5m 1610 4.5m	By VHF at 1130	1255	Committee Vessel Start. 2 x Series Races for 8M & 6M Classes
Sun 9 June HW Ports 0430 4.4m 1720 4.4m	By VHF at 1030	1055	Committee Vessel Start. 2 x Series Races for 8M & 6M Classes
Sat 22 June HW Ports 0310 4.3m 1550 4.3m	By VHF at 1130	1255	RYS Line Start. 2 x Series Races for 8M & 6M Classes
Sun 23 June HW Ports 0350 4.2m 1630 4.2m	By VHF at 1030	1055	RYS Line Start. 2 x Series Races for 8M & 6M Classes

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7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Eight Metre (8M) Class boats will race under IRC and each competing boat shall be in possession of a valid IRC Measurement Certificate and shall provide a copy of the certificate with their entry.
- 7.2 The Six Metre (6M) Class shall be in possession of a valid Class Measurement Certificate will race level.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the RYS website by 01 May 2018 with printed copies available from the RYS Lodge.

9. VENUE

- 9.1 Racing will either take place from a Committee Vessel or the Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS) Line and courses will be set in the Solent.
- 9.2 The approximate position of the Committee Vessel will be announced by VHF Radio.
- 9.3 The Race Office and Official Noticeboard will be at the Royal Yacht Squadron.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 The format for racing will vary using fixed racing marks, navigation buoys and laid inflatable marks.
- 10.2 Courses will be announced by VHF Radio using the Solent two-character codes.
- 10.3 There will be separate starts for each class.
- 10.4 A list of marks, two character codes and chartlets will be attached to the Sailing Instructions.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12. SCORING AND PRIZES

- 12.1 Low points scoring system will apply.
- 12.2 Two (2) races will be required to constitute a series for the Eight Metre Class and four (4) races will constitute a series for the Six Metre Class.
- 12.3 When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13. BERTHING

- 13.1 Berthing is not included in the entry fee and boats will need to make individual arrangements for this.

14. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1 Boats shall be afloat by 1100 on the Saturday of each weekend of racing. *[DP]*
- 14.2 Boats shall not be hauled out until the end of racing each weekend except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. *[DP]*

15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 15.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the preparatory signal of the first race each weekend and the end of each weekends racing. *[DP]*

16. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 16.1 All boats shall carry a Marine Band VHF Radio capable of receiving all normal International Channels. All VHF communication shall be on International VHF channels. *[DP]*
- 16.2 The Race Committee intends to broadcast race information and course information by VHF radio. Details will be included in the Sailing Instructions
- 16.3 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to all communication devices. *[DP]*

17. MEDIA

Competitors automatically grant to the Organizing 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.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1 The event prize giving will be held at the Royal Yacht Squadron as soon as possible after the final day's racing and after any protest(s).
- 18.2 Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third boats in each series.
- 18.3 The Lady Magdalen Bulkeley's Cup will be awarded to the highest placed Eight Metre eligible to compete for it. Eligibility will be mutually agreed between the RYS and the British Eight Metre Association and published on the RYS website prior to the first race of the Series.
- 18.4 Prizes for the British Open Championships for the Six Metre Class will be awarded for both Open and Classic boats.
- (a) For the Open Division (Modern) - The Lion Bowl.
- (b) For the Classic Division - The Dudley Head Salver.

19. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 19.1 RRS G3 applies.

20. ARMORIAL, BURGEE AND LOGO

The Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS) and Royal Yacht Squadron Racing (RYSR) Armorial, Burgees and all other associated logos shall not be used by any club or individual without the prior written permission of the RYS. *[DP]*

21. PRIVACY

The Royal Yacht Squadron, in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 (GDPR), will use information provided by competitors for the purposes of RYS and RYSR event management only. This data will be held in compliance with the GDPR and will not be shared with any third parties or used for marketing purposes other

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than contacting competitors by email, post, SMS and telephone with information regarding this event or future events. Competitors will be required to provide their specific consent to this on their entry form.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE.

22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1 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."

22.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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, patrol boats, 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;
- (g) it is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
- (h) they 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 the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

23. INSPECTIONS

The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

24. INSURANCE

All entrants shall be covered by a minimum Third Party Liability indemnity of £3 million and declare that such cover will be maintained in full force throughout the event.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1 Further information and entry forms will be available on the RYS website. www.rys.org.uk

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