



**ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON
KINGS CUP
8 – 9 AUGUST 2019**

**ORGANISING AUTHORITY
ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON
COWES, UK**

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

The event will be governed by:

- 1.1. The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020 (RRS).
- 1.2. The Fast 40+ Class Rules.
- 1.3. The byelaws for the Port of Southampton, Portsmouth Harbour and Cowes Harbour. [DP]

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Boats shall comply with the rules of the respective charities represented.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. Entry is by invitation only.

4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1. The Regatta is open to all sailors regardless of World Sailing Sailor Classification (WSSC).

5. FEES

- 5.1. There are no formal entry fees.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACING

- 6.1. The intention of the Race Committee is to run a number of practice starts, practice races and races over the two days of the event.
- 6.2. Practice starts will be included, and boats will have the opportunity to practice boat handling and manoeuvres.

6.3. Schedule

DAY HWP (BST)	TIMINGS	NOTES
Thursday 8 th August	1200-1300	Lunch on RYS Platform and race briefing Depart for Race Area Boat familiarisation, practice starts and one or more practice races*
	1330-1600	
	1900	Official Regatta Dinner RYS Platform
Friday 9 th August	0900	Briefing on RYS Platform
	1000-1200	Racing: target 3 races of c. 30 minutes each
	1300-1330	Prize Giving at SailGP Race Village

* in the event less than two races are completed on Friday 9th August, the final practice race sailed on Thursday 8th August will form part of the regatta series

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. Each boat shall be in possession of a valid Measurement Certificate in accordance with NoR 1.2.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the RYS website two weeks before the event, and in printed format at the RYS lodge from Wednesday 7th August. Copies will also be available at the Race Briefing.

9. VENUE

- 9.1. Racing will take place in the Central Solent from the RYS Line or if weather conditions dictate, a Committee Vessel
- 9.2. If appropriate, the approximate position of the Committee Vessel will be announced at the Briefing, and / or by VHF Radio.
- 9.3. The Race Office and the Official Noticeboard will be at the RYS Castle. Notices will also be published on the RYS website

10. COURSES

- 10.1. The Race Committee intend to run courses using laid and/or fixed racing or navigation marks. Courses will be announced by VHF Radio.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty except that for infringements occurring within the Zone the penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

All correspondence should be directed to:

The Royal Yacht Squadron, The Castle, Cowes, UK, PO31 7QT. Tel: 01983 292191, Email: mail@rys.org.uk

12. SCORING

- 12.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
12.2. One race shall be completed to constitute a series.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1. Support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for each start thereafter until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. *[DP]*

14. BERTHING

- 14.1. Regatta berthing will be provided.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1. VHF Radio Channels used for course information and announcements will be identified in the SIs and at the Briefing.
15.2. Except in an emergency or when initiated or approved by the Race Committee, a yacht that is racing shall neither make nor receive voice or data transmissions that would constitute outside assistance

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1. 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."
18.2. 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.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information requests or completed entries should be sent to the address below.

NOTICE OF RACE ENDS