



## ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON J70 SOLENT CHAMPIONSHIPS

**7 – 8 NOVEMBER 2020  
COWES**

**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

Racing will be governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020.
- 1.2 The National Authority ([RYA Prescriptions](#)).
- 1.3 The J70 Class Rules.
- 1.4 The crew for each boat shall not exceed 4 persons. This changes J/70 Class rule C.3.1(a).
- 1.5 Notices to Mariners for the Ports of [Southampton](#), [Portsmouth](#) and [Cowes](#). [DP]
- 1.6 All crews are required to follow all the latest Covid-19 guidance from NHS England and the Government.
- 1.7 All crews should also follow the latest [RYA Guidance on sailing & racing with participants from different households](#) during COVID-19 in England.

### 2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with World Sailing regulation 20. [DP]

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to members of the J70 class.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at [www.rys.org.uk](http://www.rys.org.uk).
- 3.3 Skippers shall be required to complete an online [Covid 19 Declaration Form](#) 24 hours prior to the event. Failure to complete this will automatically result in a score of DNC.

### 4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1 There are no World Sailor Classification restrictions.

### 5. FEES

- 5.1 The Entry Fee will be £150 per boat.
- 5.2 The entry fee does not include berthing which must be arranged separately.

### 6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The Schedule of Racing is shown in the table below.
- 6.2 Times shown are GMT (UT). High water times are for Portsmouth.
- 6.3 The Race Committee intends to run Seven (7) races as shown in the table below but may alter the schedule of races to cater for adverse weather conditions.
- 6.4 The Daily Briefing by the Race Officer will be conducted using VHF Radio to allow for boats sailing from various berthing locations. The VHF Channel to be used for the Briefing will be included in the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 6.5 Schedule.

Date	Event	Time
<b>Sat 7 November</b> HWP 1520 - 4.1m(GMT)	<b>Race 1</b>	<b>1025 1<sup>st</sup> Warning Signal</b>
	<b>Race 2</b>	<b>Warning Signal ASAP after Race 1</b>
	<b>Race 3</b>	<b>Warning Signal ASAP after Race 2</b>
	<b>Race 4</b>	<b>Warning Signal ASAP after Race 3</b>
<b>Sun 8 November</b> HWP 1630 – 3.9m (BST)	<b>Race 5</b>	<b>1025 1<sup>st</sup> Warning Signal</b>
	<b>Race 6</b>	<b>Warning Signal ASAP after Race 5</b>
	<b>Race 7</b>	<b>Warning Signal ASAP after Race 6 and no later than 1500</b>
	<b>Prizegiving</b>	<b>ASAP in RYS after Racing</b>

### 7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Each boat shall be in possession of a valid class measurement certificate.
- 7.2 Boats may be inspected at any time to ensure compliance with Class Rules.

### 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the RYS website, [www.rys.org.uk](http://www.rys.org.uk), by 1 November.

### 9. VENUE

- 9.1 The venue for the Regatta will be the Royal Yacht Squadron and sailing will take place in the Solent. The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be online only at [www.rys.org.uk](http://www.rys.org.uk).

### 10. COURSES

- 10.1 The Race Committee intends to set windward leeward courses from a Committee Vessel in the Solent. Details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

All correspondence should be directed to:

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

**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**

- 12.1 Low points scoring system will apply.
- 12.2 An overall points series will be run, and prizes will be awarded to the first three boats.
- 12.3 One (1) completed race is required to constitute a series.
- 12.4 When one to four (1-4) races are completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores. When five (5) or more races are completed a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**13. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 13.1 All support boats shall carry a VHF Radio, capable of receiving and transmitting on standard International VHF Channels. The Race Committee will issue Instructions afloat on VHF radio. *[DP]*
- 13.2 Support boats shall be required to assist the Race Committee if requested to do so.

**14. BERTHING**

- 14.1 Berthing is available in Shepards Wharf Marina. The cost of berthing is not included in the entry fee.
- 14.2 Boats should book berthing directly with Shepards Wharf Marina. Tel: 01983 297821.

**15. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 15.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with prior written permission of the race committee.

**16. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

- 16.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the Regatta.

**17. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 17.1 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 *[DP]*
- 17.2 All boats shall carry a VHF Radio, capable of receiving and transmitting on standard International VHF Channels. Instructions afloat will be issued on VHF radio, as indicated in the SIs.
- 17.3 The Race Committee intends to use a "Whats App" group to communicate with Competitors and a "QR code" in Addendum A in this NOR is available with details of how to join. Failure to receive information broadcast using "Whats App" will not be grounds for redress.

**18. PRIZES**

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third boats in the series.

- 18.2 The Prize giving will be held as soon as possible on after racing on Sunday 8 November.

**19. 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, provided that they do not infringe the privacy rights of participants.

**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 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.

**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 practicably provided in the circumstances;
  - (g) It is their responsibility to familiarize 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.

### 22.3 COVID Statement

- (a) By taking part in any of the events covered by this Notice of Race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the Royal Yacht Squadron COVID-19 procedures.
- (b) The penalty for a breach of this rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification. Boats may not protest for breaches of this rule. This changes rule 60.1(a). *(DP)*

## 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.

**END OF NOTICE OF RACE.**

## SOCIAL BOOKINGS

**There is an option for crew dinners in the RYS on the evening of Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November.**

For those interested please refer to the Social Booking Form for more details on the [RYS Website](#).

## ADDENDUM A

We have set up an official WhatsApp group for receiving general information from the Race Office. To join the WhatsApp group please use the below QR Code:

# J70 Solent Championships

WhatsApp group



### Instructions on using QR codes:

- For Apple phones: Please open your camera app and point it at the QR code and then follow the link it displays on your screen.
- For Android phones: Please obtain a barcode scanning app from the Google Play Store such as "Barcode Scanner", open the barcode scanning app and point it at the QR code and then follow the link it displays on your screen.