



IRC SOUTH WEST AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thursday 28th June – Sunday 1st July 2018

NOTICE of RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

FLUSHING SAILING CLUB

1. Rules

- 1.1 The South West Area Championships (SWAC) 2018 will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the IRC rules insofar as they apply to competing boats, the Class Rules, this NoR and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - RRS 44.1 Penalties
 - RRS Appendix A2 & A4.2 Scoring.
- 1.3 Other rules may be changed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 Special Regulations governing offshore racing: Cat.4 applies.

2. Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The IRC South West Area Championship (SWAC) is open to all yachts which satisfy the Rules.

3.2 Eligible boats may enter online at www.flushingsailingclub.co.uk/SWAC.htm

4. Fees

4.1 Payment can be paid by direct Bank Transfer, Cheque or Paypal.

4.2 Entry fee up to 14th June 2018 £100, (Paypal plus 4%).

4.3 Entry fee 15th June 2018 up to the closing date £120.

4.4 Entries for the series will close 12:00 hrs. 27th June 2018.

4.5 No refund will be given unless cancellation before 15th June 2018.

5. Schedule

5.1 Registration will be held at Thursday 28th June 2018 at Flushing Sailing Club. (FSC).

5.2 Thursday 28th 2018 the feeder race from Royal Western Yacht Club to Flushing Sailing Club, Falmouth, warning signal 09:25. Contact Claire Adam, admin@RWYC.org for further details. Pre booked moorings will be allocated on arrival (see Feeder Race NoR).

5.3 The series will consist of 3 races each day Friday 29th and Saturday 30th June and 2 races on Sunday 1st July.

5.4 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the 1st Race each day will be 09.55.

5.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 13.00.

5.6 Racing will take place in Falmouth Bay, or in adverse weather conditions, racing maybe held in the Carrick Roads.

6. Measurements

6.1 A valid IRC measurement certificates must be submitted at entry and the rating may not be varied during the Championship.

It is recommended that Prototypes have endorsed IRC certificates.

6.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to carry out measurement checks and request further information regarding a yacht's measurements.

6.3 Maximum crew numbers will be as indicated on the boat's IRC certificate. No additional crew will be allowed.

6.4 The Class' identification flag Numeral Pennants 1 – 4, to be advised, must be displayed on the stern of each boat whilst racing.

7. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available from 15th June 2018 on the FSC website. Any amendments will also be posted here and on the FSC Official Noticeboard.

8. Venue

Racing will take place in Falmouth Bay or Falmouth Carrick Roads.

9. Courses

Maximum of two races each day will be Windward / Leeward, followed by a Regatta course.

10. Penalty System

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty.

11. Scoring System

11.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.3 When 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11.4 When 7 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

11.5 Points will be awarded as follows (for definitions see RRS Appendix A11):

DNS / DNC / OCS / DNF / RET number of race entries plus one.

DSQ / DNE: number of race entries plus two.

This changes RRS Appendix A2 & A4.2.

12. Support Boats

Support boats shall display the numeral pennant 5.

13. Berthing

Moorings will be allocated on arrival on first come booking basis, rafted swinging moorings.

14. Hauling-Out Restrictions

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

15. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

16. Radio Communication

16.1 Each boat must have a working marine VHF radio.

16.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions whilst racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones, tablets and laptops.

17. Prizes

Prizes will be given as follows:

Overall Prize for the Championship will be the Ancasta IRC Spinlock Trophy.

Other daily prizes will be awarded.

18. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

19 Risk Assessment

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."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently 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) Offshore races. They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy to be able to face extremes in weather, that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to with stand such weather and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

20. Further Information

May be obtained from Bob Chapple on 07975618315 or robert-chapple@sky.com

