



ROYAL WESTERN
YACHT CLUB OF ENGLAND

UK FASTNET 6.50

Sunday 13th May 2012

NOTICE OF RACE

**A race for two-handed Open 6.50 Class boats
from Plymouth to Southern Ireland (including Fastnet Rock)
and back.**

Organising Authority: **The Royal Western Yacht Club of England**

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1. Welcome

- 1.1. Competitors and their families are invited by the Flag Officers of The Royal Western Yacht Club to be temporary members of the Club for the duration of the event and to make full use of the bar, catering and other facilities of the Club.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The **UK Fastnet 6.50 2012** will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2009-2012, the Prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association, and the Class Rules of Classe Mini (Guide Mini 20112) Sections E, J, R and S. In the case of conflict between any of these rules, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions shall prevail [alters rule 63.7]
- 2.2. The Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 1999 (DPPO) and the Plymouth Local Notices to Mariners (PLNTM) shall apply. In particular, regulations regarding the safe navigation of large vessels shall be strictly observed. When the Race Committee believes that such regulations have been broken so as to bring the sport into disrepute it will act under RRS 60.2(c) requesting the Protest Committee to act under RRS 69.1(a), Allegation of Gross Misconduct. Details of the DPPO and PLNTM are displayed on the RWYC notice board and website.
- 2.3. RRS Chapter 2 (When Boats Meet) applies only inside the Dockyard Port of Plymouth after which they are replaced by Part B (Steering & Sailing) of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS). Rule 10 of the International Regulations for Prevention Collisions at Sea (Separation Zones) shall be strictly observed.
- 2.4. Official race language is English, where there is a conflict in a race document English shall prevail.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1. The event will be Category C under ISAF Advertising Code Regulation 20.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The UK Fastnet 6.50 2012 is open to all boats of the Mini Class (Series and Prototypes) that have previously been assigned a sail number by Classe Mini. Each boat shall have previously been assigned a sail number by Classe Mini and shall hold a valid Class Measurement Certificate which shall be presented at the time of registration.
- 4.2. Entries will be restricted to 50 boats initially, but this may be increased to 70 boats at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.3. Entries open on 27th January 2012 and close on 31st March 2012. Entries may be accepted after 31st March 2012 at the discretion of the Organising Authority and on payment of a late entry fee.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is £430 for entries that have paid in full before 31st March 2012. The entry fee after 31st March 2012 will be £470. The entry fee includes berthing for the event, and the provision of a tracker for the event. Classe Mini will receive 25% of any entry fee.
- 5.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the RWYC Race Entry Form and sending it, together with a non-refundable deposit of £200.
- 5.3. All fees shall be paid, in pounds sterling, by cheque drawn on a British Bank or by credit or debit card (Visa or Master Card only).
- 5.4. Competitors will be required to provide a guarantee for the tracker (approximately £650), provided by Yellowbrick. This guarantee will not be deposited and will be returned at the time of the return of the tracker, after the finish of the race.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1.

| Date | Time (BST) | Races |
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| Wednesday 9 th May | 1200 1400 - 1800 | Latest permitted arrival time at Plymouth and start of free berthing at QAB Safety Inspections |
| Thursday 10 th May | 1200 - 1800 | Safety Inspections |
| Friday 11 th May | 0900 -1800 | Safety Inspections |
| Saturday 12 th May | 0900 1000 - 1800 | Race Briefing (Compulsary) Safety Inspections |
| Sunday 13 th May | 0800 - 1000 1000 - 1130 1200 | Breakfast for Competitors and Officials Towing out Scheduled Start of UK Fastnet 2012 |
| Friday 18 th May | 1900 | Prize giving and dinner. |
| Saturday 19 th May | 1200 | End of free berthing at QAB |

6.2. Boats taking part in an approved Classe Mini Race to Plymouth will not be penalised for arriving after 1200 on Wednesday 9th May 2012.

7. MEASUREMENTS

7.1. Classe Mini will confirm that each boat fully complies with the current requirements of the Mini Class Rules (2012 Edition).

7.2. This race is classified for E-9 (Safety Equipment) of the Mini Class Rules (2012 Edition) as a "B Level Race".

8. VENUE

8.1. See map in Appendix A.

9. COURSE

9.1. The course will start and finish in Plymouth Sound: rounding Eddystone Rocks to Starboard, Bishop's Rock to Starboard, Fastnet Rock to Starboard, Conninberg Light Vessel (or Buoy) to Starboard, RWYC finish line approximately 565 nm.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

10.1. Sailing Instructions will be available on the RWYC website and from the Secretariat from 1200 BST on 30th April 2012

11. CHARTS AND PUBLICATIONS

11.1. The Organising Authority will publish a required list of charts and publications on the RWYC website on approximately 1st March 2012.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

12.1. While racing a boat shall only make radio transmissions by VHF, except in an emergency. A boat may only receive public radio transmissions. No boat may carry on board any receivers allowing satellite communications, cell phone, satellite phone or laptop.

13. PRIZES

13.1. Prizes will be awarded to first three places overall for each class, and the UK Fastnet 6.50 Trophy to the overall winner.

14. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 14.1. The boat is responsible for ensuring that she is equipped and seaworthy so as to face extremes of weather; that there is crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know how to use it.
- 14.2. A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 14.3. It is for a boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching, or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 14.4. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of a boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, Classe Mini, the race committee, patrol boats and berthing masters.
- 14.5. The provision of patrol boats or mother ships does not relieve a boat of her responsibilities.
- 14.6. The fact that the race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in clauses 14.1 to 14.6.

15. **INSURANCE**

- 15.1. Each participating boat shall be insured during the Series with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover per event of £2,000,000 or equivalent currency.

16. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 16.1. For further information please contact

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The Royal Western Yacht Club of England

The RWYC welcomes all participants in the UK Fastnet 6.50 of 2013.

Competitors should note that The Royal Western Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the current RYA rule book, or at the Club website, or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter.

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APPENDIX A Venue

