



**ROYAL WESTERN**  
YACHT CLUB OF ENGLAND

**MAYFLOWER 400  
REGATTA**

**INCORPORATING THE  
“PLYMOUTH GIN” SW VPRS CHAMPIONSHIP**



**NOTICE OF RACE**

**FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> &  
SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020**

Organising Authority: Royal Western Yacht Club of England Ltd  
Plymouth, UK

# NOTICE OF RACE

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Where boats are racing within the boundaries of the Port of Plymouth they are referred to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 1999, a copy of which is displayed on the Club notice board, website <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/1999/2029/contents/made> and Local Notices to Mariners. 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 Misconduct.
- 1.3 The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules and Disputes procedures will be available. This is the preferred method of resolving disputes. See the official website - <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/raceofficials/Pages/RulesDisputesProcess.aspx> for details.
- 1.4 Racing rule(s) 35, 44, A2, will be changed as follows:
  - 35 Time Limit – Any boat not finishing within 30 minutes (45 for RTC races) of the second boat to finish will be scored DNF.
  - 44.1 For all boats, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty,
  - A2 Each boats score shall be as described in NoR 7.The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.5 Under rule 87, rule(s) IRC Rule 22.4.2 of the IRC class rules is replaced with:

“The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat shall be the crew number printed on the certificate plus two. There is no weight limit.”
- 1.6 For safety reasons, no boats shall race with anchors mounted on, or in front of, their stem-head rollers or other bow fittings.

## 2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats that hold either a current IRC certificate, or a VPRS certificate. Yachts wishing to enter without a rating should apply to Ruth at VPRS - [www.vprs.org](http://www.vprs.org).
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form, available here: [www.rwyc.org](http://www.rwyc.org) and submitting it to the RWYC race office. Entries must be received by noon on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020.
- 2.3 A boat's racing result will only be accepted when a fully completed entry form and payment has been received by race administration at the RWYC prior to racing. All entries must comply with RRS 75 (Race Entry & Qualification).

### **3 FEES**

The entry fee is £45 per boat.

### **4. SCHEDULE**

- 4.1 It is intended to run up to four races per day.
- 4.2 The warning signal for the first race will be 1030hrs on the Friday and 1000 on the Saturday. Further races will follow as soon as possible after the preceding race ends.
- 4.3 No start may be made after 1600 on the Friday and 1530 on the Saturday.
- 4.4 There will be a briefing at 0845 at RWYC on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

### **5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & CLASS SPLITS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the club website no later than Wednesday 5th May.

### **6 THE COURSES**

- 6.1 The race committee will set appropriate courses for the conditions, for each race, using the following signals:

W - Windward/Leeward course

T - Sausage/Triangle course

R - Round the Cans course

Courses may be run inside or outside Plymouth Breakwater.

### **7 SCORING**

- 7.1 VPRS, IRC and any one design classes will be scored using A2, (other than a boat shall have sailed and finished three races before a discard is allowed).

This changes RRS A2

- 7.2 Where an individual or 'One Design' class totals 6 or more, they will continue to be scored within the fleet and scored separately as an individual class, with prizes awarded as per NoR 9.

### **8 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

A VHF radio shall be carried and operated by all yachts that enter in the series. RWYC race management will operate on Ch77.

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **9 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given for each class, depending on numbers entered in the race;

All boats sailing under –

VPRS

IRC

Any one design class, with 6 or more entries.

In addition, there will be random further prizes across the fleet.

## **10 RISK STATEMENT**

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:

- (i) 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;
- (ii) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (iii) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (iv) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (v) the provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (vi) the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (vii) 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 at the venue;

## **11 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3m.

## **12 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact the Secretary, Royal Western Yacht Club, Queen Anne's Battery PL4 0TW by email at [admin@rwyrc.org](mailto:admin@rwyrc.org)

End

