

EAST COWES



SAILING CLUB

SAIL THE WIGHT - Eastabout**As part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Regatta****Notice of Race****2nd June 2012****in association with the Westerly Owners Association and the Earl Mountbatten Hospice****Invitation from the ECSC Commodore – Mr Paul Walker**

I would like to invite you to race or cruise around the Isle of Wight on Saturday 2nd June 2012, to help raise funds for the Earl Mountbatten Hospice near Newport, Isle of Wight. Last year East Cowes Sailing Club and the WOA raised over £6,000 for the Hospice, this year, the Queens Diamond Jubilee we hope many more boats will participate and exceed last years charitable donation.

This year we will be reversing the route around the island starting Eastwards from Cowes and there will also be an 18 nm race in the Solent for boats under 5m. Since the main purpose of the event is to raise funds for the Earl Mountbatten Hospice, eligible boats may choose to enter either the racing or cruise in company class, the courses will be the same for both. Following the charity sailing event on Saturday, you are more than welcome to join us on the Sunday evening at East Cowes Sailing Club where there will be a Live Band, Disco, Bar and Barbecue as well as a brilliant raffle with lots of prizes donated by local marine industries.

Further details from the:

Queens Diamond Jubilee Regatta web site:

www.queensdiamondjubileeregatta.co.uk

Sail the Wight website:

www.sailthewight.org.uk

Westerly Owners Association (South Coast Group)

www.westerly-owners.co.uk

Earl Mountbatten Hospice

www.iwhospice.org



Notice Of Race

1. ORGANISATION

The Organising Authority for the Sail the Wight event is the East Cowes Sailing Club in association with the Westerly Owners Association (WoA). The Chief Race Officer (CRO) has a choice of 2 courses for the fleets intending to circumnavigate the Isle of Wight, selected on the day depending on the prevailing weather conditions. Course A will be the course of choice starting towards the EAST from the Royal Yacht Squadron line off Cowes on Saturday 2nd June circumnavigating the Isle of Wight. Course B will be an inshore Solent course only chosen should the weather prevent a circumnavigation of the Island. A further course C will be started for boats <5m or preferring a shorter inshore Solent course.

2. RULES

2.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS), with Royal Yachting Association (RYA) prescriptions and including where appropriate:

- Racing yachts rated using the Island Sailing Club Rating System (ISCRS)
- The Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap System (PYHS) for boats participating in the WoA Race.
- This Notice of Race (NOR)
- The Sailing Instructions (SI's)

2.2 Changes to the Racing Rules:

2.2.1 RRS 32 is changed as the race will not be abandoned.

2.2.2 RRS 44 will not apply. An infringement to RRS 31 or a rule of RRS part 2, provided no injury, serious damage or significant advantage is gained will result in a 2% penalty of the boats elapsed time to complete the course.

2.2.3 Any boat deemed OCS by the Race committee will incur a 5% penalty of the boats elapsed time to complete the course, unless the boat is deemed to have gained a significant advantage, in which case she will be deemed to be OCS. This changes Appendix A 4.2.

2.2.4 Further changes to the Racing Rules are detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

3. ADVERTISING

3.1 Boats may advertise in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 (Advertising Code).

3.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3.3 No tobacco or tobacco product related advertising is permitted.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The Sail the Wight event is open to the following boats and classes:

- Racing yachts using the ISCRS handicap system
- WOA racing PYHS rated boats
- Sail the Wight, Cruise around the Island boats
- Boats under 5m and others sailing Inshore Course C

4.2 Boats entered in the open racing yacht class will be allocated a rating by the Island Sailing Club following completion of the ISCRS declaration form, available at www.islandsc.org.uk

4.3 The following restriction may apply:

4.3.1 Boats entering the Open Yacht Racing and WOA racing class shall have a minimum waterline length of 5m

4.3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and where appropriate the ISCRS rating questionnaire and submitting the entry fee.

4.3.3 Parent/Guardian Declarations. All helms and crews under 18 years of age during the event must submit signed parent/guardian declarations either by post or at registration.

5 FEES

The entry fee shall be paid through the on line race entry system www.queensdiamondjubileeregatta.co.uk
The fees include the regatta backstay race flag and are as follows:

Standard entry (received before midnight on 30 April 2012)	£20
Late Entry (received from 1 May 2012 – 25 May 2012)	£40

No fees will be refunded in the event of a class or race being cancelled.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 The Sail the Wight race day schedule is as follows:

Class	Warning Signal	Preparatory Signal	Start Signal
STW Cruising Class	0650	0655	0700
Open yacht racing/WoA racing	0700	0705	0710
Inshore Course C	1020	1025	1030

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be available after the close of standard entry registration and may include changes to this Notice of Race. The SI's as well as the latest NoR will be posted on the www.queensdiamondjubileeregatta.co.uk website.

8 THE COURSE

8.1 Course A:

- RYS line traversed going East
- Bembridge Ledge E Cardinal Buoy (50°41.15'N 001°02.81'W) to starboard
- St Catherines Point to Starboard
- Needles Lighthouse to Starboard
- RYS finish line traversed going East

8.2 Course B:

20 Nm inshore course around the Solent should conditions dictate

8.3 Course C:

12 Nm inshore course around the Solent for yachts under 5m or others that prefer a shorter race

9 SCORING

9.1 Boats will be scored on their corrected time to complete the course (elapsed time plus any time penalties multiplied by their TCC). Note: to ensure a result, boats completing Course A will note their GPS time at the scoring gates:

- Due E of Bembridge Ledge E Cardinal Buoy
- Due S of St Catherines Light
- Due W of Needles Lighthouse. Times will be collected if required by race officers.

10 DECLARATIONS

Boats competing on Course A will be required to declare their finishing time after completing the race. Details on how to declare will be given in the sailing instructions.

11 PRIZES

ECSC will award trophies and prizes at the prizegiving on Monday 4th June. The list of prizes will be given in the Sailing Instructions.

12 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This shall apply to mobile phones as well. All event radio communications will be carried out on VHF channel 37a (M1).

13 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 13.1 For safety reasons all entrants must provide ECSC with the onshore contact details of a person having all the boats crew details.
- 13.2 A complete list of the boats crew and contact details must be completed prior to the race start and submitted to the ECSC, no later than midday Friday 1st June.
- 13.3 All boats shall carry a marine VHF radio having the capability to receive and transmit on ch 37a (M1).
- 13.4 All boats shall carry a mobile phone and have lodged the number of the mobile phone with their crew list submission.
- 13.5 All boats during the race shall display the Sail the Wight insignia/backstay flags as prescribed in the sailing instructions.
- 13.6 Anchors stowed on deck shall where possible not protrude over the bow.
- 13.7 Every boat shall have matching and unique sail numbers on the main and foresails in accordance with RRS 77 and Appendix G as changed by the RYA prescriptions to this Appendix. The sail number must be the same as that appearing on the entry form. Approval may be given by the Organising Authority for a different sail number on the genoa or spinnaker provided that the request has been received by 1200 on Wednesday 30 May 2012. This changes RRS 77 and Appendix G. Failure to comply with this change may result in disqualification. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 13.8 Boats should display sail numbers where possible on a dodger when starting and finishing the race facing the race committee ie on the starboard side.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for competitors to decide whether their boat and its helm and crew are fit to sail in the conditions that they might find. By launching or going to sea competitors confirm their boat is fit for those conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, nor will it make the organizers 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 organizers encompass everyone helping to run the event and include the organizing authority, race committee, race officer, safety officer, patrol boat personnel and beach masters. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and competitors of their responsibilities.

15 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2Million per event or the equivalent.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

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