



# THE ROYAL MOTOR YACHT CLUB

## THURSDAY CRUISER RACE SERIES 2019

Racing will consist of **2 Series** on Thursday Evenings:

**1<sup>st</sup> Series** - 25<sup>th</sup> April to 20<sup>th</sup> June inclusive; **2<sup>nd</sup> Series** - 27<sup>th</sup> June to 22<sup>nd</sup> August inclusive

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules currently defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The current RYA Prescriptions to the Racing Rules will apply.
- 1.3 I.R.C. Rule 22.4 (Crew Number/Weight Rule) shall not apply.
- 1.4 Racing Rule 29(1) will be changed in that a circular fluorescent shape will be used in place of International Code Flag 'X' for individual recalls.

#### 2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 The Race Series is designated Category 'C'.

#### 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Racing is open to all yachts of Class 1, Class 2, and J.24 as defined below, which are owned and skippered by a RYA affiliated yacht or sailing club member.
- 3.2 **Class 1** – open to yachts having a current **IRC Handicap Rating** of **0.911** or greater.
- 3.3 **Class 2** – open to yachts having a current **VPRS Rating** up to and including **0.940** and with a minimum hull length of **20 ft**.
- 3.4 **J.24** – open to yachts complying with the current J.24 Class Rules.
- 3.5 Eligible yachts may enter by completing the attached entry form and sending it with the required fee to RMYC, Panorama Road, Sandbanks, Poole BH13 7RE as soon as possible but **no later than Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2019**.
- 3.6 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

#### 4 ENTRY FEES

All races in Series	(18 Thursday evening races)	£60
1 <sup>st</sup> Series only	(9 races)	£35
2 <sup>nd</sup> Series only	(9 races)	£35

#### 5 SCHEDULE

<u>Cruiser Class</u>	<u>Warning Signal</u>	<u>Start</u>
Class 2	18:20	18:25
Class 1	18:30	18:35
J.24	18:35	18:40

#### 6 MEASUREMENTS

- 6.1 Each yacht shall produce a valid rating certificate; in the case of **Class 1** this shall be a 2019 IRC certificate; in the case of **Class 2** this shall be a current VPRS certificate. Points will not be awarded retrospectively.

#### 7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available from the RMYC office from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. Sailing Instructions will be forwarded to entrants on receipt of a completed entry form and fee.

#### 8 VENUE

- 8.1 Racing will take place in Poole Harbour, the approaches to Poole Harbour and in Poole Bay.



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### **9 COURSES**

- 9.1 Courses will be listed in the Appendix to the Sailing Instructions (List of Cruiser Courses No.19/2019)

### **10 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 10.1 For **Class 1** and **Class 2**: rules 44.1 and 44.2 will apply. For **J.24** class: under rule 44.1 the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

### **11 SCORING**

- 11.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A 'Low Points System' shall be used. Scoring will be as prescribed in Appendix A9. The number of races to count shall be:

6 or more races	2 discards
4 or 5 races	1 discard
3 or less races	All to count

### **12 SAFETY**

- 12.1 All yachts in **Class 1 and Class 2** shall comply with O.R.C. Regulations, Category 4.  
12.2 All yachts in **J.24** class shall comply with Class Rules.  
12.3 Any yacht in **Class 2** with an **adjustable keel** must race with the keel fully extended. During a race adjustment of the keel is not permitted.

### **13 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 13.1 Communication shall be on VHF Ch. 37 (Ch.'M') or if blocked, VHF Ch. 72 shall be used.

### **14 PRIZES**

- 14.1 Trophies will be awarded to the winner of each series, together with mementos for yachts coming 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each series, dependent upon entry numbers in each class. The Prize Giving will be on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019** at the Royal Motor Yacht Club.  
14.2 In addition to series awards, **weekly prizes** will be awarded for the winners in **Class 1** and **Class 2** only, on an adjusted handicap basis, for the **1<sup>st</sup> series only**.  
14.3 The handicaps for the weekly prizes will be adjusted each week after the race, by increasing the handicap of the winning boat in each class by 5%.  
14.4 The adjusted handicaps of the winning boats will be posted on the official noticeboard outside the RMYC office each week.  
14.5 The weekly prizes will be awarded at the Mid Series Party to be held at the Royal Motor Yacht Club after racing on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Any prize not collected will be awarded to the next eligible yacht in the class. The weekly prizes MAY be repeated for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Series at the discretion of the Sail Committee.  
14.6 For the avoidance of any doubt, please note that no handicaps will be adjusted for the purposes of scoring in both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> series.

### **15 RISK STATEMENT**

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, their boat to such inherent risk while taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;



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- 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) 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, in date and is familiar to the crew.

### **16 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured against Third Party liability to a minimum cover of £2,000,000 throughout the series.