



THE ROYAL MOTOR YACHT CLUB

2019 XOD OCTOBER RACE SERIES

Racing will consist of **9 Races** on consecutive **Wednesday** and **Saturday** afternoons
2nd October until **30th October** inclusive

Note: The '**XOD Charity Race**' will be on **Wednesday 16th October** or if not raced that day then on the next following race.

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules currently defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the RYA, these sailing instructions and the XOD class rules.
- 1.2 The current RYA Prescriptions to the Racing Rules will apply.
- 1.3 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 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Racing is open to all 'X' One Design class yachts which are helmed by a member or associated member of the XOD Class Association.
- 2.4 Eligible yachts may enter by completing an 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 1st October 2019**.
- 2.5 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

4 ENTRY FEES

- 4.1 Entry fee for the XOD October Series - **£30** (*includes donation to Parkstone Y. C. charity*)

5 SCHEDULE

<u>Race day</u>	<u>Warning Signal</u>	<u>Start</u>
	13:55	14:00

6 MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 Yachts may be measured before or after any race at the discretion of the Race Committee.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available from the RMYC office from 23rd September 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.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Courses will be listed in the Sailing Instructions XOD Course List 2019

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 In accordance with Rule 44.1 and 44.2 with no variation.



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11 SCORING

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

6 or more races	1 discard
5 or less races	All to count

12 PRIZES

12.1 The Prize Giving will be on **Thursday 21st November 2019** at the Royal Motor Yacht Club. Prizes will be awarded for the best Wednesday and Saturday points score **with NO discards**, and overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd places **with ONE discard**. The **RMYC Charity Trophy** will be presented to the winning boat at the Prize Giving.

13 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;
- 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.

14 INSURANCE

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

15 PHC YACHT RACING CRITERIA

The attention of all yacht skippers is drawn to the relevant section of the Poole Harbour Commissioners Yacht Racing Criteria. The section entitled '*Guidance for Racing Yacht Skippers*' is attached to these instructions as an appendix. Yacht skippers must appraise themselves of the content of these guidelines.