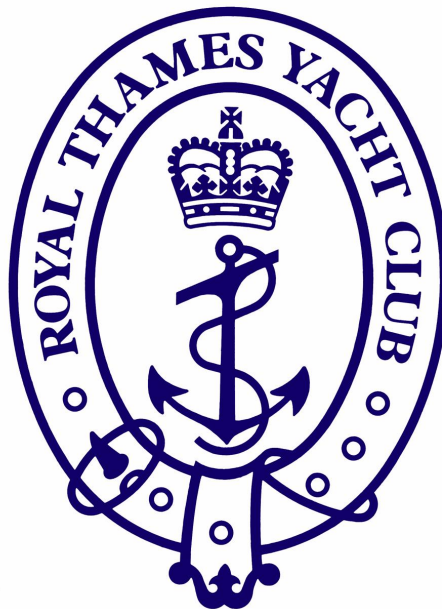


**Royal Thames Yacht Club**

**IRC Solent Series 2008  
Regatta No 5**

for the

**Royal Thames Trafalgar Cup  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2008**



**Notice of Race**

**1.0 Organising Authority**

1.1 The Royal Thames Trafalgar Cup (IRC Solent Series No.5) is organised by the Royal Thames Yacht Club and is Race No.5 of the IRC Solent Championship Series organised by the SCRA.

**2.0 Rules**

2.1 Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 - 2008 (RRS) with Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Prescriptions.

2.1 Boats shall comply with the current rules of IRC and shall hold a current valid IRC certificate. The certificate shall be carried on board at all times while racing.

**3.0 Advertising**

3.1 Advertising will be restricted to Category A

**4.0 Safety**

4.1 Boats shall comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4.

**5.0 ELIGIBILITY AND CLASSES**

5.1 The IRC Solent Series is open to boats with a valid IRC certificate and an IRC rating between 0.825 and 1.360.

5.2. The fleet will be split into 5 classes with the following rating bands:

Class 1 1.100 - 1.360

Class 2 1.040 - 1.099

Class 3 1.000 - 1.039

Class 4 0.930 - 0.999

Class 5 0.825 - 0.929

**6.0 ENTRY**

6.1 Entry for the IRC Solent Series of which the Royal Thames Trafalgar Cup is a part may be made through the SCRA and once the Series has started entry may still be made through the SCRA for the remaining races as a whole.

6.2. Entries through SCRA close on the Friday 8 days before the first race entered. Entry fees and the closing dates for entry via SCRA are:-

Entry received by 2 May to enter all 7 Series days	entry fee	£175
Entry received by 23 May to enter Series days 2 to 7	entry fee	£150
Entry received by 13 June to enter Series days 3 to 7	entry fee	£125
Entry received by 18 July to enter Series days 4 to 7	entry fee	£100
Entry received by 8 August to enter Series days 5 to 7	entry fee	£75
Entry received by 12 September to enter Series days 6 & 7	entry fee	£50

6.3 Entry to the Royal Thames Trafalgar Cup alone may be made using the official entry form on the last page of this Notice of Race or from the Club website ([www.royalthames.com](http://www.royalthames.com)). The entry fee for the Royal Thames Trafalgar Cup alone is £25.00 and shall accompany completed Entry Forms either as a cheque made payable to Royal Thames Yacht Club or by completing the credit card details on the form. Entrants who prefer to do so may pay by credit card by telephone on 020 7201 6264, quoting Trafalgar Cup, but in any event an entry form must be completed, signed and returned either to the Club or – if block entry – to SCRA. An entry shall not be valid, nor a yacht regarded as a starter or finisher, until the entry form has been received and the entry fee has been paid.

## **7.0 Programme of Races**

- 7.1 The racing area will be in The Solent between Sowley in the west and The Forts in the east. Notwithstanding these limits, it is the intention of the race committee to set the starting line as near to the Central Solent area as is practicable. There will be up to three races for each class or group of classes. One race shall comprise a series for the purposes of scoring the regatta.
- 7.2 Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2007  
10:00 First warning signal for Race 1 of first class or group of classes to start.  
Second race as soon as practicable after Race 1.  
Third race as soon as practicable after Race 2 and so on.  
Each race will start from a Committee Boat and will be sailed around buoys in the Solent.
- 7.3 Depending upon the number of entries in each class, starts for classes may be combined.

## **8.0. Race Communications - VHF**

- 8.1 All boats competing shall carry an operational VHF marine radiotelephone equipped with Channels 16, 6, 12, 67, 72 & 77. The course to be sailed will normally be announced on VHF Ch. 72. VHF Ch. 77 may be used as an alternative if necessary

## **9.0 Scoring**

- 9.1 The Low Points scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply to the regatta. There will be no discarded scores (this changes RRS Appendix A2)
- 9.2 The overall scores for this regatta shall accrue to a boat's score in the IRC Solent Championship.

## **10.0 Sailing Instructions**

- 10.1 Sailing Instructions are available on the Royal Thames Yacht Club website under Sailing/ Racing Events 2008/ Trafalgar Cup.

## **11.0 Results and Prizes**

- 11.1 Provisional results of each race will be posted as soon as possible after racing has finished on [www.royalthames.com](http://www.royalthames.com) and on the SCRA website.
- 11.2 The Royal Thames Trafalgar Cup will be awarded to the overall winner of the regatta, to be presented at the Royal Thames Yacht Club annual prizewinners' dinner to be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at the Clubhouse, 60 Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7LF.
- 11.3 Other prizes may be awarded.

## **12.0 Disclaimer Of Liability**

- 12.1 To the extent permitted by law, the Organising Authority and Race Organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.
- 12.2 The Safety of the boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor who must ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience who are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is used.
- 12.3 Neither the establishment of these conditions, nor their use by the Organising Authority and Race Organisers, in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor. The crew are nonetheless advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.

## **13.0. Amendments to this Notice of Race, conflict with Sailing Instructions.**

- 13.1 The Organising Authority may at any time amend this Notice of Race and will promulgate such amendments in the same manner as the promulgation of the Notice of Race. In the event of conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes rule 63.7

**Royal Thames Yacht Club  
IRC Solent Series  
Trafalgar Cup  
Entry Form  
2008**

*Please use block capitals and black ink and complete all relevant sections of this form to validate your entry.*

Name of Boat:.....Sail No.....

Sail Number & Letters.....Design Type/Model.....

IRC Rating.....Length Overall (m).....Draught (m).....

Entrant/Skipper's name as you would like it to appear in the official results.....

Contact Name for race correspondence:

Email.....

Daytime Tel..... Mobile.....

Postal Address.....

Postcode.....

Entry fee for Royal Thames Trafalgar Cup, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2008 (payable only by boats not using the SCRA Block Entry system available through the SCRA website [www.scra.org.uk](http://www.scra.org.uk)) is £25.00. Enclose a cheque made payable to Royal Thames Yacht Club, or complete the Credit Card details below.

**If paying by card complete the following section:**

Card type.....

Name on card.....

Card No..... Expiry Date.....

Security Number.....

Issue Number.....

Payment by credit card may also be made by telephone to 020 7201 6264.

**ALL COMPETITORS MUST READ & SIGN**

Please enter my boat in this event. I certify that the details given on this form are correct. I agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event. I have read Paragraph 12 of the Notice of Race (Disclaimer of Liability) and confirm that I agree to its provisions and that my boat will conform to its requirements. I undertake to sail in compliance with the RYA Racing Charter.

I agree that my contact details may be used by SCRA and the participating clubs to contact me with information about other events.

Signed.....

Date:.....

**Return this form, with cheque or credit card details, to:**

**Sailing Office, Royal Thames Yacht Club, 60 Knightsbridge, London, SW1X 7LF.**

**or by email to [sailsec@royalthames.com](mailto:sailsec@royalthames.com) or by fax to 020 7245 9470.**