

Royal Thames Yacht Club

Inshore Regatta Series 2009

for the Farr 45 class

Racing for the

Royal Thames Staples Trophy

Saturday 26th – Sunday 27th September 2009



**Notice of
Race**

1. Rules and Eligibility

- 1.1 The rules applicable are as follows:
- RRS with RYA prescriptions
 - ORC Special Regulations Category 4
 - The Sailing Instructions

Where there is a conflict between the above, succeeding items in the list above shall prevail.

- 1.2 The series is open to Farr 45 yachts and any other yacht 45ft – 46ft overall length having a maximum IRC rating of 1.240 and being a production yacht of which at least four have been built from female moulds with a maximum SPA of 181.5sq m.

2. Race Schedule

September 26th – 27th - Hamble-Solent

windward-leeward races, up to four races a day, first start not before 1000.

3. Scoring System

- 3.1 The Low Point System as provided in RRS Appendix A shall apply. Points shall be awarded for each race in the regatta in accordance with Appendix A4.1 to determine the result of the regatta. There shall be no excluded score in the regatta.

4. Trophies and prizes

- 4.1 The overall regat winner will be awarded the Royal Thames Staples Trophy. A Keeper prize and certificate will accompany the trophy.
- 4.2 Royal Thames silver and glassware will be awarded to the 2nd and 3rd placed boats in the two regatta.
- 4.3 Regatta place prizes will be awarded at the Class dinner to be held at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, 60 Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7LF during October.
- 4.4 The Staples Trophy will be awarded at the Royal Thames Yacht Club annual Prizewinners' dinner to be held in the Royal Thames Yacht Club clubhouse, 60 Knightsbridge, London on Tuesday 10th November 2009.

5. Entry fees.

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Entry fee	£160
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- 5.2 An entry form accompanied by the appropriate fee must be received at Royal Thames Yacht Club no later than 16th September 2009. If fewer than five entries have been received by the closing date, the regatta will not be held. Pro rata refunds of entry fees already paid will be made in the event of cancellation.

6. RESPONSIBILITY

- 6.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

- 6.2 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By leaving her mooring or, in the event of a crew change, by coming to the starting area the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 6.3 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however it may have been caused, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters.

7. Crew Weight, Crew Lists and Crew Weighing

- 7.1 The rules of the Farr 45 class shall apply.

8. Race Communications - VHF

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. Alternative Penalties

The penalty for an infringement of a rule of Part 2 of the RRS while racing shall be a single 360° turn unless the infringement occurs within two boat lengths of a mark in which case the penalty shall be a 720° turn. This changes rules 44.1 and 44.2.

10. Amendments to this Notice of Race, conflict with Sailing Instructions.

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 for a regatta in the series, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail, but for that regatta only.

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Entry Form

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

Hull Colour:

Name of Owner:..... Name of Skipper:.....

Contact Name for race correspondence:.

E-mail: (essential)@.....

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

Postal Address

Postcode:

Please enter my boat in the above races. I enclose cheque for £160.00

If paying by card, complete the following section:

(If you prefer, you can simply telephone our Accounts office on 020 7201 6264 and give your card details by phone – but please remember that we still need a signed entry form from you.)

Card Type: (American Express is not accepted).

Name on Card.

Card no:..... Expiry Date:.....

Security number(3 digits):.....(The last three digits of the number on the back of the card, in the signature box – NOT your 4-digit chip-and-pin number).

I have read and agree to be bound by the requirements of the Notice of Race, in particular paragraph 6 - Responsibility.

Signed:.....

Date:.....

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE SENT UPON RECEIPT OF THE FORM AND ENTRY FEE.

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

For further information or if you have any queries contact Malcolm McKeag at the above address or on 0207 201 6265 or via e-mail (sailing@royalthames.com)