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Inshore Regatta Series 2010

for Farr 45s

for the

Royal Thames Staples Trophy

September 4th and 5th

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All Times BST

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.

2. EVENT FORMAT AND PAIRING SCHEDULES

- 2.1 The event will combine Random Pairs two-boat team racing and fleet racing. It is the intention to run the random pairs two-boat team racing on Saturday and fleet racing on Sunday. If in the opinion of the race committee wind or sea conditions on Saturday are not suitable for team racing, the fleet racing will be held on Saturday and the team racing on Sunday. If fleet racing is held on Saturday and in the opinion of the race committee wind or sea conditions on Sunday are not suitable for team racing, the team racing part of the competition will be abandoned and replaced with fleet racing.
- 2.2 The pairing schedule for the Random Pairs is in Appendix A to the Sailing Instructions. To identify to the race committee, umpires and other boats the team in which they are racing boats shall display prominently on the backstay a blue or yellow flag as indicated in the pairing schedule. There is no other significance attached to the blue and yellow flags and the starting procedures used in match racing do not apply.

3. Scoring System

- 3.1 In the Random Pairs each boat in the winning team shall receive one point, each boat in the losing team shall receive no points. At the end of the Random Pairs the boats will be ranked in the order of points scored, the boat with most points being first, the next second and so on. Ties will not be broken.
- 3.2 Once boats have been ranked points will be awarded as described in rule A4.1 Low Point System. If boats are tied for a place the points for the place for which the boats have tied and the points for the place(s) immediately below shall be added together and divided equally.
- 3.3 In the fleet racing points will be awarded in each race as described in rule A4.1 Low Point System. At the end of the fleet racing boats will be ranked as described in rule A2 except that there shall be no excluded score. Ties will be broken as described in rule A8.
- 3.4 The scores for the Random Pairs and the scores for the fleet racing will be added together and the boat with the lowest aggregate score will win the regatta, and so on.

4. Trophies and prizes

- 4.1 The overall regatta winner will be awarded the Royal Thames Staples Trophy. A Keeper prize and certificate will accompany the trophy.
- 4.2 Royal Thames glassware will be awarded to the 2nd and 3rd placed boats.
- 4.3 Regatta trophies and prizes will be awarded at the Class dinner to be held at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, 60 Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7LF on Monday 11th October at 7.30pm for 8pm. A boat not represented at the dinner shall not be awarded her prize. A boat's representative shall have sailed aboard the boat for the regatta in question.

- 4.4 The Royal Thames 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 9th November 2010. The winning boat shall receive two complimentary tickets to the dinner. A boat not represented at the dinner shall not be awarded her trophy or keeper prize. A boat's representative shall have sailed aboard the boat for at least one regatta of the Royal Thames Inshore Regatta Series 2010.

5. Entry fees.

- 5.1 The entry fee is £400.

- 5.2 An entry form accompanied by the appropriate fee must be received at Royal Thames Yacht Club before the regatta. If fewer than six entries for the regatta have been received by Thursday 26th August, the regatta will not be held. Pro rata refunds of entry fees already paid will be made.

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 Solent 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 (fleet racing only).

The penalty for an infringement of a rule of Part 2 of the RRS while racing shall be a single penalty turn unless the infringement occurs within three boat lengths of a mark in which case the penalty shall be two penalty turns. 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, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail,.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Abbreviations:

PC – protest committee
OA – organising authority
RRS – racing rules of sailing
IJ – International Jury

RC – race committee
NA – national authority
SI – sailing instructions
NoR – notice of race

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the RRS, including Appendix D Team Racing Rules.
- 1.2 The right of appeal will be denied in accordance with rule 70.5 (a).
- 1.3 Team Races will be umpired. The first sentence of rule D2.2(b) (2) is deleted and replaced with 'A blue flag means that a boat in the blue team is penalised; a yellow flag means that a boat in the yellow team is penalised.'
- 1.4 The penalty described in rule D2.1 (c) is deleted and replaced with (1) 'When a penalty is signalled when the boat is on a leg of the course to Mark 1 she shall, after getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible, gybe' and (2) 'When the penalty is signalled when the boat is on a leg of the course to the extra mark or to Mark 2 or to the finish she shall, after getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible, tack.'
- 1.5 The penalty described in RRS D2.2 (c) is deleted and replaced with a One-Turn penalty under rule 44.2.

2 SPARE

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors issued not later than 1700 on Thursday 2nd September 2010 will be sent to all boats entered by that time by email using the address specified on the entry form.
- 3.2 Notices issued after that time and date will be communicated to boats by radio on VHF 72.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be sent by email to the person and email address specified on the entry form.
- 4.2 After Thursday 2nd September, changes may be communicated by the race committee by radio on VHF 72 or by the umpires. All such changes may be made verbally.
- 4.3 Flag L will not be used. This changes Race Signals.

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9 RACING AREA

- 9.1 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 course as near to the Central Solent area as is practicable.
- 9.2 Beginning at 0915 each morning the race committee will broadcast on VHF 72 the intended location of the start and a description of the boat being used as the RC boat.

10 COURSE**10.1 a) Course Configuration**

Mark 1 o

Mark 2 o

Mark Start/Finish Line o-----o RC boat

Marks to be rounded to port. Course: Start – Mark 1 – Mark 2 – Mark 1 – Finish.

- b) If Flag J is displayed at or before the warning signal, an extra mark will be laid. The purpose of the extra mark is to correct the direction of either the run or the beat for the effects of cross-tide. If J over numeral 1 is displayed the extra mark will be near Mark 1. If J over numeral 2 is displayed the extra mark will be near Mark 2. The extra mark shall be rounded after rounding Mark 1 and before rounding Mark 2 or finishing.
- (c) **Description of Marks**
The RC boat will be the Offshore 104 34ft workboat Gemini Breeze (white hull and deck) identified by a white flag with the words Royal Thames Yacht Club in red thereon.
The marks will be orange marks with the letters RTYC or Royal Thames Yacht Club on them.

10.2 Starting/Finishing Line

- (a) The starting/finishing line will be a straight line between the course side of a starting/finishing mark and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat.
- (b) A buoy may be attached to the RC boat anchor line just below (Farr 45) keel depth. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the RC boat at any time. This buoy is part of the RC boat ground tackle.

10.3 Abandonment and Shortening

- (a) Rule 32 is deleted and replaced with: 'After the starting signal the RC may abandon or shorten any match for any reason, after consulting with the match umpires when practical.'

11. SPARE**12 STARTING PROCEDURE**

- 12.1 For the team races the number of the next race to be sailed will be displayed on the RC boat. This number will supercede any other instruction or schedule.
- 12.2 Races will be started using rule 26 (5-4-1-GO).
- 12.3 The warning signal for each race will be IC flag R (red with yellow cross).

13 CHANGE OF POSITION OF A MARK

13.1 Marks may be moved at any time except that no mark may be moved if any boat is on a leg of the course that it ends. All marks will be visible from all parts of the course and no visual or other signals will be made. This changes RRS 33.

14 TIME LIMIT

14.1 If no boat has rounded Mark 1 within 15 minutes after the start the race will be abandoned.

SI APPENDIX A – PAIRING LIST FOR RANDOM PAIRS

To follow.