



Women's J70 Open Championship

19th & 20th September 2020

ROYAL THAMES YACHT CLUB

COWES, ISLE OF WIGHT

NOTICE OF RACE

The safety of our competitors, members and staff is of paramount importance to us. As we host regattas during the continued Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic we want to reassure you that we are closely monitoring the situation and will act in the best health and safety interests for all.

The Royal Thames Yacht Club asks that all participants comply with the [RYA Guidelines](#) for racing with participants from different households during COVID-19. From an organizational standpoint, you will notice that the NOR limits the number of crew per boat and we have made provisions to communicate with all boats electronically rather than in person. Additionally, we have also made the difficult, but prudent, decision to refrain from hosting any shoreside events.

Lastly, we respectfully ask if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 that you do not attend the regatta. Thank you for your support and patience during this difficult time. Stay safe and see you on the starting line.

Royal Thames Yacht Club Sailing Office

1. GENERAL

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Royal Thames Yacht Club Limited.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing](#) (RRS).
- 2.2. A CE or ISO approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) shall be worn at all times by competitors while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. The 'Y' flag will not be flown. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.

3. ELIGIBLY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all J/70 boats with a maximum crew of 4, all of which shall be female.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the [online entry form](#) no later than 9/9/20.
- 3.3. Entry Fee: The entry fee for this regatta is £100, which shall be paid upon receipt of an invoice from the RTYC Sailing Office. All entry fees are non-refundable, except if the event is cancelled by the OA.
- 3.4. Crew Substitution: Substitutions will not be allowed after 0830 19 September 2020, except in an emergency as approved by the OA. Requests for substitutions be must be submitted in writing to the RTYC Sailing Office.

4. CHARTER BOATS

- 4.1. The Royal Thames Yacht Club has 12 J-70 boats available for charter on a first come first serve basis. Crews can request a charter boat on the entry form. Charter boats include one (1) mainsail, one (1) jib and one (1) spinnaker, and one (1) handheld VHF radio.
- 4.2. Charter Fee: The charter fee is £300 for the regatta. Boats will be assigned randomly by the RTYC Bosun.
- 4.3. Damage Deposit: An initial damage deposit of £1000 per boat shall be paid. This deposit is the maximum payable by a boat as a result of any one incident. In the event a deduction from the damage deposit is required by the OA, it may further require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the boat will be permitted to continue in the regatta.
- 4.4. All charter boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the Shepards Wharf Marina.
- 4.5. The sailing instructions will contain provisions with the substitution of sails suffering damage.

5. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 5.1. There is no competitors’ briefing scheduled for this regatta.
- 5.2. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located online at www.royalthames.com and will be subsequently sent out via a WhatsApp group.

6. SCHEDULE

	Saturday 19 September	Sunday 20 September
First warning signal	1030	1030
No warning signal after	--	1500

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than Wednesday 16 September 2020 on the RTYC website.
- 7.2. Questions regarding the notice of race or sailing instructions, may be submitted in writing to the RTYC Sailing Office via email. Responses from the race committee will be posted on the official notice board.

8. RACE VENUE AND COURSES

- 8.1. Racing will take place in the Central Solent.
- 8.2. Courses may be windward - leeward, or any variation of a triangular or other course.
- 8.3. All courses will be fully described in the sailing instructions.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. Eight (8) races are scheduled of which three (3) are required to constitute a series.
- 9.2. A boat’s series score will be the total of her races scores with no scores excluded. This changes RRS A2.1.

10. PRIZES

The Royal Thames Yacht Club Lochan Challenge Cup, a perpetual trophy, will be awarded to the winner of the regatta at the annual RTYC Prize Winners’ Dinner.

11. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

12. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the championship.

13. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 14.1. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving course announcements and other information while afloat.
- 14.2. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

15. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 4 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 and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
- b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other 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. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

16. RIGHT TO USE LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, photographs, video footage, and audio recordings taken of them prior to, during, and after the event without compensation.

17. PRIVACY STATEMENT

The personal information competitors provide to the OA will be used to facilitate their participation in the event. If they have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If they are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. A competitor's personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

18. INFORMATION

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