

Yarmouth Gaffers Regatta 2019

30th May 2019 to 2nd June 2019



The Solent Gaffers Committee, Flag Officers and Members of the Royal Solent Yacht Club extend a warm welcome to competitors as visitors to the Club. They are requested to sign and enter their name and address in the Visitors' Book situated in the upstairs hall and should acquaint themselves with the rules of the Royal Solent Yacht Club particularly those concerning dress.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Solent Gaffers President	Sue Pennison
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NOTICE OF RACE

1. THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1. The organising authority is the Royal Solent Yacht Club.

2. RULES

1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
2. The following RRS are changed:
 1. RRS 29 & 30 Recall and Starting Penalties, RRS 35 Time limit and RRS 50.3 & 54 are changed by the Sailing Instructions.
 2. The Two Turn Penalty is modified to a One Turn Penalty, only one turn, including one tack and one gybe in the same direction, is required. This changes RRS 44.1 & 2.
 3. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

1. Eligible boats shall be gaff rigged sailing vessels. Owners/skippers shall be paid up members of the Old Gaffers Association. New and temporary members will be eligible to race if membership fees and vessel details and measurements (or agreed T(H)CF) are submitted with a completed race entry.
2. Eligible boats should enter using the Solent Gaffers on-line entry system.
3. Where prizes are awarded by class, those classes are based on length of water line and will be:
 1. Class 1 - LWL 31ft or over
 2. Class 2 - LWL 27ft or over, but under 31ft
 3. Class 3 - LWL 23ft or over, but under 27ft
 4. Class 4 - LWL 19ft or over, but under 23ft
 5. Class 5 - LWL less than 19ft.
4. Late entries may be registered until 1700hrs on the day before any race, by contacting Richard Jacobs on 07776 225163. Late entries will not be accepted without T(H)CF details or a completed measurement form.

4. SCHEDULE

1. Gaffel Race
 1. There will be briefing for all skippers at 12:00 on Friday 31st May 2019, in the Royal Solent Yacht Club.
 2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the Gaffel race is 14:00 on Friday 31st May, 2019.
2. Main Race
 1. There will be briefing for all skippers at 18:00 on Friday 31st May 2019 in the Royal Solent Yacht Club.
 2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race is 10:00 on Saturday 1st June, 2019.

5. RACING AREA

1. Racing will be within the Western Solent and its Western approaches.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Sailing Instructions will be sent by email, no later than Monday 27th May 2019. Copies will be available at regatta registration.

7. SCORING

1. RRS Appendix A is modified in that the race results will be determined by the calculation of corrected times by the multiplication of the recorded elapsed times by the vessel's individual T(H)CF.

8. PRIZES

1. First, second and third prizes will be awarded for the vessels on corrected time for each class. Should there be no finishers in a class then the prize will be awarded at the committee's discretion.
2. Prize giving will take place at the Royal Solent Yacht Club, Yarmouth at approximately 18:00 on Saturday 1st June 2019.

9. RISK STATEMENT.

1. Rule 4 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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 the venue or 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.
 - (h) For offshore races, 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 and in date and is familiar to the crew.

10. INSURANCE

1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million per incident or the equivalent.

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

1. For further information, please contact the OGA Sailing Secretary, Richard Jacobs.