



Hamble River Sailing Club

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Notice of Race – 2018 Wednesday Evening Racing

(Wednesday Early Bird Series; Wednesday A Series; Wednesday B Series; Seamanship Series and Pursuit Series)

1. Organising Authority: The organising authority is the Hamble River Sailing Club (HRSC).

2. Rules: Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

3. Classes & Eligibility: Each race is organised for Keelboats and Day-boats (XOD class) and is open to all members of HRSC. The class split for Keelboats will be displayed on the Club website before the first race on Wednesday 28th March 2018.

For the Seamanship Series only, entrants must comply with ISAF Special Regulations Category 4.

4. Race Area and Start Times: The Start will be in Southampton Water in the vicinity of Hamble Point and Coronation with the race area being the Central Solent & Southampton Water. The 1st warning signal is 18:30, except for the Pursuit Series when the warning signal is 18:20. Individual start times for pursuit races will be notified as per Sailing Instructions.

5. Sailing Instructions: Sailing Instructions will be issued before the start of the season and will be available on the club website.

6. Handicaps: The Early Bird, A & B series will each be scored using the Club handicap system; except for XOD, which will sail as a one-design class. Seamanship races will use Club handicaps only. Pursuit race start times will be determined by the handicap committee.

7. Risk Statement: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone", as stated in rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

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 organisers 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. Their boat is adequately insured, with at least £2M against third party claims.

8. Seamanship Series: In adverse weather conditions when normal racing is cancelled, the HRSC Committee Boat will not go to sea, and instead a race for Keelboats equipped to ISAF Special Regulations Category 4 only, may be started informally by agreement between competitors on the water. Details are published in the Sailing Instructions. These races will count towards a separate Seamanship Series, run under HRSC rating, and will not be counted towards the scheduled series listed below.

9. Club Burgee & Class Flags: All competitors must display the Club Burgee and Keelboat Classes must display a class flag, as described in the SIs.

10. VHF: All boats shall carry a working VHF radio with channels 6, 12, 16, 67, 72 and M1 (37). In addition to their use in an emergency they are to be used for communication with the race committee.

11. Scoring and Discards: The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply. For

the Pursuit Race Series all races will count; for all other series discards will be as follows:

| <i>Number of Races</i> | <i>Discards</i> |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1-3 | 0 |
| 4-6 | 1 |
| 7 or more | 2 |

12. Taxi Service: It is intended to provide a water taxi service to the skipper and one crew only of any competing boat starting from 5pm at the Public Pontoon. Members whose boats are based north of the RS^mYC clubhouse may be landed at Hamble Yacht Services or the nearest pontoon with land access. No redress can be given for any failure of this service. The Taxi Service will monitor VHF Ch.M1 (37)

13. Race Officer Duty: If a boat cannot compete because a crew member is required to serve on the committee boat for a race, the boat's score for that race shall be the points for her median place in all other races in the Series. In such cases, skippers are expected to notify the Race Committee.

14. Results & Prize-giving: Series results will be posted on the Club notice board and website throughout the season and prizes will be presented at the Annual Prize-giving on Saturday 17th November.

15. Race Calendar: The schedule of races is shown in the HRSC 2018 Racing Programme available on the website and below.

Race & Series Schedule

| Race | Date | Sunset BST |
|-----------------------|----------|------------|
| Early Bird 1 | 28/03/18 | 19.31 |
| Early Bird 2 | 04/04/18 | 19.43 |
| Early Bird 3 | 11/04/18 | 19.54 |
| Early Bird 4 | 18/04/18 | 20.05 |
| Early Bird 5 | 25/04/18 | 20.17 |
| Bottle Pursuit | 02/05/18 | 20.28 |
| A Series 1 | 09/05/18 | 20.39 |
| A Series 2 | 16/05/18 | 20.49 |
| A Series 3 | 23/05/18 | 20.59 |
| A Series 4 | 30/05/18 | 21.08 |
| A Series 5 | 06/06/18 | 21.15 |
| A Series 6 | 13/06/18 | 21.20 |
| A Series 7 | 20/06/18 | 21.23 |
| A Series 8 | 27/06/18 | 21.23 |
| Copper Kettle Pursuit | 04/07/18 | 21.21 |
| B Series 1 | 11/07/18 | 21.17 |
| B Series 2 | 18/07/18 | 21.10 |
| B Series 3 | 25/07/18 | 21.01 |
| B Series 4 | 01/08/18 | 20.51 |
| Cowes Week Pursuit | 08/08/18 | 20.39 |
| B Series 5 | 15/08/18 | 20.26 |
| B Series 6 | 22/08/18 | 20.12 |
| B Series 7 | 29/08/18 | 19.57 |
| B Series 8 | 05/09/18 | 19.42 |