



**Royal Ocean Racing Club**

Incorporating Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, Cowes



**ARROW TROPHY REGATTA 2016**  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, Cowes IOW**

The Organising Authority is the Royal Ocean Racing Club incorporating the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, Cowes  
in association with

THE ARROW TROPHY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION (ATYRA)

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. RULES**

The Regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
- 1.2 RYA Prescriptions;
- 1.3 During the Fleet Racing Stage, the Experimental Appendix Q Umpired Fleet Racing Rules; and
- 1.4 The rules of the Sunsail F40 Class.

**2. BOATS, DAMAGE AND ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1 The boats will be Beneteau 4001s chartered from Sunsail Events (UK) (Sunsail) in Port Solent. Boats will be allocated by Sunsail who will carry out a random draw under the supervision of the Management Committee of ATYRA. There shall be no request for redress relating to the allocation, changing Rule 62.1.
- 2.2 Each boat is subject to a damage excess of £3,000. In the event of damage occurring as a result of contact between boats, the skippers should try to agree an apportionment between them. If agreement cannot be reached, members of the Management Committee of the ATYRA as invited by the Chairman, and inviting others as experts, will call a hearing and having heard the parties, and taking into account any decision about the incident by the protest committee, shall decide on the fair apportionment of the cost. There shall be no appeal from the decision of the Management Committee.
- 2.3 The event is open to all members of ATYRA subject to the provisions of its constitution.
- 2.4 Each boat shall be crewed with not more than 12 people and not less than 9 including the helmsman. All members of the crew shall be **past pupils** of the school team they represent unless the Race Committee approves, at the race briefing, the inclusion of not more than 3 people who are not past pupils. People who are not past pupils shall not act as helmsman or tactician.
- 2.5 All crew members including the helmsman shall be Group 1 competitors in accordance with the ISAF regulations, that is to say they take part in racing only as a pastime. If a competitor is classed as a Group 3 competitor due to their work then this is to be declared at the race briefing and the fleet will need to agree that the competitor is not a professional yachtsman.

**3. ENTRY**

- 3.1 The Management Committee may accept late entries if it decides to do so in its absolute discretion.
- 3.2 The entry fee of £1400, which includes the charter fee payable to Sunsail Events (UK) and the cost of berthing at Cowes Yacht Haven from 1700 on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September until 0900 on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October shall be paid as requested by the Management Committee on entry.
- 3.3 Members subscriptions of £25 are also required on entry.

**4. EVENT FORMAT**

- 4.1 The Regatta will consist of a Fleet Racing Stage, a Match Racing Stage and a Residual Stage.
- 4.2 The Fleet Racing Stage shall take place on the Saturday and shall consist of no more than four races. The leading four boats shall qualify for the Match Racing Stage and all other boats shall qualify for the Residual Stage. If any one of the four qualifying boats decides not to take part in the Match Racing Stage, the fifth or subsequent boat shall take her place.
- 4.3 The Match Racing Stage shall take place on the Sunday and shall consist of a round robin for the four qualifying boats and such other stages as the Organising Authority shall decide.
- 4.4 The Residual Stage shall take place on the Sunday and shall consist of not more than two races.

4.5 If for any reason no racing takes place on the Saturday, only the Fleet Racing Stage will take place on the Sunday.

## **5. SCHEDULE**

5.1 Boats will be available for collection at Port Solent from 1900 on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

5.2 Skippers' briefings will be held at the Cowes Yacht Haven at 0800 on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> and at 0830 on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. If the Skipper cannot attend then a team member shall attend instead. Any competitors declaring Group 3 status as per NoR 2.5 shall also attend.

5.3 The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race each day is 1000.

## **6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the ATYRA and RORC websites not less than ten days before the commencement of the regatta.

6.2 In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes rule 63.7.

## **7. RACING AREA**

7.1 The racing area will be in the Central Solent.

## **8. THE COURSES**

8.1 The courses for the fleet racing will either be a laid course using inflatable buoys or be around the fixed navigation and racing marks in the Solent or a combination there of. The match racing course will be the standard ISAF match racing course.

## **9. PENALTIES**

9.1 Rule 44.1 is amended so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for infringements outside the Zone.

## **10. SCORING**

10.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October for the Fleet Racing Stage the Low Point System of Appendix A will apply with all races to count.

10.3 The four leading boats at the end of the racing on Saturday will sail in the Match Racing Stage on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October and that Stage will be scored in accordance with Appendix C.

10.4 The remaining boats will proceed to the Residual Stage on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Their scores in the Fleet Racing Stage will be carried forward and aggregated with the results in the Residual Stage using the Low Point System of Appendix A with one discard if five or more races are sailed in the two aggregated stages.

10.5 In the event that a competitor declares, or is found to have subsequently, more than three 'ringers' in the crew, the boat will not be eligible to compete for the top five places in the regatta.

## **11. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

A boat may, without infringing rule 41, request and receive repetition of information broadcast by the Race Committee, or be told whether or not a broadcast has been made.

## **12. PRIZES**

12.1 Prizes for the 2015 Regatta will be presented at the annual dinner held during the 2016 Regatta.

12.2 The following prizes will be awarded:

The Arrow Trophy	Winner of the Match Racing competition
Sherborne Salver	Runner-up in the Match Racing competition
Winchester Target	Third in the Match Racing competition
Radley Shaker	Fourth in the Match Racing competition
Charterhouse Bowl	Overall Winner of the Fleet Racing Stage and the Residual Stage or Fifth if the Match Racing Stage does not take place

### **13. RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing 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; and

(f) 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.

### **14. INSURANCE**

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

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## **SOCIAL PROGRAMME**

**All participants and their families are invited by the Flag Officers to be permitted temporary use of the Royal Ocean Racing Club incorporating Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, Cowes for the duration of the Regatta.**

The Regatta Dinner will be held at the Royal Ocean Racing Club incorporating Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, Cowes on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 7.00 pm. The dress code for the Regatta Dinner is jacket and tie for all male crew members.

The trophies won in the 2015 Regatta will be presented at the dinner and current trophy holders are reminded to ensure they bring their trophies with them to Cowes.

The cost of the Regatta Dinner will be £30.00 per person and numbers must be confirmed and paid in advance to the Royal Ocean Racing Club (due to limitations on the total number of guests that can be accommodated).

Wine and alcoholic beverages are additional to the cost of the dinner and shall be paid for separately in advance.

Umpires will be available to answer questions on Friday evening from 1900 – 2100 at the Clubhouse, Cowes.

Bar meals will be available at RORC Clubhouse, Cowes on Friday evening 30<sup>th</sup> September by advance booking. Tel. 01983 293581.