

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PCC HOLMS RACE SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2014

Sponsored by Boatshed Bristol, Portishead Quays Marina and Hall & Woodhouse

Venue

- Competing boats should muster just outside Portishead Marina

Entry

- This is an Open event for all boats meeting the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing standards for sailing cruisers, including third party insurance.
- Each Yacht wishing to take part must complete and submit a signed copy of the application form by Sunday 31st August 2014. (See address at bottom of sheet)
- There is no entry fee.
- All competitors to wear lifejackets for the duration of the race.

Course

- Start westwards through a line between the end of Portishead pier and Firefly buoy
- North West Elbow to port
- Flatholm to port
- Steepholm to port
- North West Elbow to starboard
- Finish eastwards through a line between the PCC Race Control pennant at Battery Point and Newcombe buoy.

Please keep well clear of shipping which will probably be constrained by draft

Starting Procedure

- All competing boats to choose their own start time within the following limit:
Earliest Start 07:00 BST, latest start 11:44 BST
- Note HW Avonmouth 05:05 BST and 17:39 BST, LW Avonmouth 11:44 BST
- All entrants to identify themselves to the OOD just before crossing the start
- All entrants to keep clear of the start line unless they are about to start the race
- There will be no re-starts. After it's declaration to start a yacht's first crossing of the line is its start time.
- Motors off at least 1 min before starting.

Finishing Procedure

- All entrants to identify themselves to the OOD as they cross the finish line and confirm that they have completed the full course.
- Finishing yachts who do not confirm that they have completed the course will not be given a placing.
- Once finished, yachts who intend to enter Portishead Quays Marina should call the marina immediately on VHF ch80 to book a lock. The marina will then call yachts into the lock by name.

Calling

- To contact the OOD call "PCC Race Control" on VHF ch37 (M1), on low power or phone 0779 626 1025
- It is requested that the leading boat makes contact with the OOD approx 15 mins before crossing the finish line.

Scoring

- The elapsed time for each boat will be corrected in accordance with its PY number allied with a statistical correction to reduce the distortions inherent in a race heavily influenced by the tidal stream.

Prizes

- First 6 boats
- First boat with an all female crew

Prize Giving and Meal

There will be food and a bar at Portishead Youth Club (a short walk from the marina) from 4pm with Prize giving at approx 9pm.

GOOD LUCK AND GOOD SAILING

Signed race application forms to be received before Sunday 31st August 2014.

Mail to: Portishead Cruising Club, Pump Square, Pill, North Somerset, BS20 OBG or

email to julia@filer.org.uk and Geoff McBroom at Geoff.mcbroom@virginmedia.com , or

hand to PCC committee member. Please contact Julia Filer (01275 375734 or 07942 820828) if any help is needed.

NOTE- The above is a summary of the full "Notice of Race" which should be read by all competing boat owners.