

Notice of Race

PCC Racing

2017/18 Club Racing Series

1.0 THE EVENT

1.1 This Notice of Race covers all 2017 PCC races, except the Holms Race:

- The Cockburn series consisting of 9 top of the tide races.
- The King of the Road, Spring and Winter series each with 3 top of the tide races.
- Marina and Gluhwein are individual top of the tide races.
- The Portishead Cup is a mini-series of 3-4 races over a single top of the tide.
- Denny & Back is a top of the tide pursuit race.
- Bridges & Back is an up tide race where entrants chose their own start time.
- Some individual top of the tide races act as reserves in case reruns are needed.
- The Offshore Race is a down tide race over two days, overnighing in Cardiff.
- The Regatta race is a down tide race where entrants chose their own start time.
- The Autumn Cup and Plate races are further down tide races.

1.2 The organising authority is Portishead Cruising Club (PCC) of Pump Square, Pill, North Somerset, BS20 0BG. Telephone 01275 373988. Website pccsail.com

1.3 This Notice of Race and accompanying Sailing Instructions supersede all previously published information including but not limited to the club website, club handbook and Officer Of the Day (OOD) instructions.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITY

2.1 Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of owners, skippers and crew is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner or owner's representative who must do their best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are able to sail in bad weather. They must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. They must ensure that the safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used. Nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

2.2 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the skipper nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompasses everyone helping to run the races and events, and includes any appointed organising authority, race committee, race officers and beachmasters.

3.0 RULES & REGULATIONS

3.1 The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the ISAF and the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

4.1 These races are open to members of the PCC and their crews who have read and accepted this Notice of Race.

4.2 All boats shall be self-righting unless multi-hulled and carry an auxiliary engine.

4.3 Hulls should be strongly built with a cabin capable of being made essentially watertight. This may be waived for seaworthy sportboats (i.e. those able to compete in the ISC Round The Island race) at the racing secretary's discretion.

- 4.4** All boats must comply with the safety requirements as detailed in Appendix 1.
- 4.5** All boats shall, while racing, display any flags, stickers and/or sponsor's logo provided.
- 4.6** The boat is required to hold and abide by the terms of adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000 sterling that includes cover for racing.
- 4.7** All competitors to wear lifejackets for the duration of the race.
- 4.8** All owners must be members of the Portishead Cruising Club.

5.0 ENTRIES/CLOSING DATES/ETC

- 5.1** Entries will be accepted on the day, subject to prompt completion of the entry form and payment of race fees.
- 5.2** The entry form can be found in appendix 3 of this document.
- 5.3** Boat entry fee is £5 for any 5 races (excluding the Holms race) or £25 for all races (excluding the Homs race). PCC members that have paid £5 for 5 races can pay an additional £20 at any point if they wish to compete in 6 or more races.
- 5.4** Failure to pay race entry fees may result in disqualification.
- 5.5** In agreeing to pay the £5 or £25 entry fee an entrant is assuring PCC that they have the necessary insurance cover as per 4.5 above.
- 5.6** PCC race committee reserves the right to accept or refuse any entries.

6.0 REGISTRATION & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1** Entry for any race is completed by radioing the Officer Of the Day from the starting area to confirm intention to race.
- 6.2** Sailing Instructions will be issued and must be read and accepted.

7.0 TIME KEEPING

- 7.1** Elapsed time will be recorded by PCC race officials.
- 7.2** Top of the tide races scheduled to start approx. 1 hour before HW will have a time cut off at 2 hours after the start. The OOD may extend the time cut off to 2.5 hours after the start to enable competitors to complete the course, on a maximum of three occasions per season.

8.0 HANDICAPS

- 8.1** Handicaps will be based on The Portsmouth Yardstick System and / or IRC.
- 8.2** Top of the tide races will be dual scored with PY and IRC from the start of the Spring / Cockburn series.
- 8.3** The NHC (National Handicap for Cruisers) handicap system will be trialled in lieu of PY during 2017.
- 8.2** For PY, 'Base' or 'Open' numbers will be taken from Byron 2017 with adjustments by the PCC sailing secretary for configuration differences. To ensure consistency across all entrants, individual certificates obtained from Byron will be considered but

not necessarily used (as historically there have been few certificates presented and significant variations within classes).

8.3 Top of the tide races scored via PY will use 'Club' numbers where the original 'Base' number has been adjusted over time to reflect actual performance. 'Club' numbers are reviewed twice yearly in the spring and autumn. New entrants use their 'Base' number until adjusted.

8.4 Down tide races use a PY handicap correction $((\text{handicap} \times 0.6) + 400)$ to reduce the bias in favour of the higher handicap number boats (due to races being 'with tide').

8.5 The latest handicap numbers can be found on the PCC website.

9.0 SCORING

9.1 Scoring will be based on the low points system in accordance with RRS 88.3

9.2 Any competitor using aggression and intimidation during a race will be will be subject to a Protest Committee and liable to a penalty.

9.3 Any competitor interfering with shipping will be subject to a Protest Committee and liable to disqualification from the race and / or series.

9.4 All boats that completed three or more races in 2016 will be required to perform at least one Officer Of the Day duty in 2017. Average points will be awarded to the OOD (number of competing boats divided by 2).

10.0 PRIZES & PRIZE GIVING

10.1 Prizes will be awarded for winning all series and individual races (that don't form part of a series). The exception is the Cockburn series for which prizes are awarded for the first three places in both the fast and slow fleets.

10.2 Presentation of the prizes will be at the annual prize giving.

11.0. THE START AND FINISH

11.1 The date, time and location of each race can be found in Appendix 2.

12.0 THE COURSE

12.1 Courses will be set on the day.

12.2 Courses may include navigational hazards and it's the skippers responsibility to navigate the course safely.

13.0 COMMUNICATIONS

13.1 Between Race Officers and entrants - use VHF CH37 (M1)

13.2 CH77 is the preferred inter yacht channel.

13.3 All entrants should monitor Bristol VTS CH12 when in their zone of control.

14.0 POSTPONEMENT/ABANDONMENT

14.1 It is the club's policy not to cancel any races due to the weather. However, in the event of a wind related severe weather warning for our area (as published by the Met Office at 06:00 on the day of the race at http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/uk_forecast_warnings.html), it's unlikely that any members will compete. In this event the OOD can request via email (pccsailing@yahoogroups.com) and Facebook that any competitors set their own course from the water, to avoid the OOD wasting time travelling to the start.

APPENDIX 1 – SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

A1.1 All safety equipment shall be of a suitable size and type for the boat, shall be accessible and serviceable, and all equipment and fittings shall be securely fastened.

A1.2 A lifebelt/ring shall be carried, plus a lifejacket for every person on board

A1.3 Each boat shall be equipped with a bilge pump and bucket.

A1.4 All boats shall carry an operational marine VHF radio telephone equipped with channels:

- 12 (Bristol VTS)
- 16 (Emergency)
- 37/M1 (Race Control)
- 77 (Intership channel - preferred yacht to yacht channel)

A1.5 The VHF set should preferably have DSC capability. Portishead Cruising Club's group MMSI number is 023 200 069 although this will not be used by Race Control.

A1.6 Boats shall carry suitable anchor and sufficient cable to hold the boat in the likely depth of water and weather conditions.

A1.7 Boats shall also carry a fire extinguisher, first aid kit, foghorn, compass and navigation lights.

A1.8 Each boat must carry a knife suitable for the cutting of any rope on the boat

A1.9 Dan buoy flags shall be rolled up so as not to be visible unless purposely deployed.

A1.10 In addition the following safety equipment is recommended:

- safety harness for each person on board
- lifelines running from cockpit to bow
- at least three red flares (or electronic flare and GPS linked EPIRB)
- rescue quoit or throw-bag with at least 15m of floating line
- dinghy or life-raft capable of carrying all crew
- second anchor with adequate chain and warp
- radar reflector, white flares, two watertight torches
- a means of cutting standing rigging
- up to date charts
- GPS, mobile phone, 2nd VHF

APPENDIX 2 – RACING SCHEDULE (correct as of 01/01/17)

	Date	Day	Start (local)	Line	HW (local)	Height	OOD
KOR1	07-Jan-17	Sat	12:50	Portishead	13:46	11.0m	White Spirit
KOR2	21-Jan-17	Sat	12:20	Portishead	13:12	10.0m	White Spirit
Prize Giving	21-Jan-17	Sat	N/A	Clubhouse	N/A	N/A	N/A
KOR3	05-Feb-17	Sun	12:20	Portishead	13:14	10.8m	Monterey
Denny & Back / Reserve	18-Feb-17	Sat	10:20	Portishead	11:23	10.9m	From water
Spring 1	05-Mar-17	Sun	10:40	Avonmouth	11:48	11.6m	Budge
Spring 2	19-Mar-17	Sun	09:40	Avonmouth	10:45	11.1m	Hero
Spring 3	02-Apr-17	Sun	10:40	Avonmouth	11:46	12.6m	Hullabaloo
Bridges / Reserve	08-Apr-17	Sat	Various	Portishead	18:35	12.2m	From water
Bank Holiday Cruise	14/17-Apr	Fri-Mon	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cockburn 1	25-Apr-17	Tues	18:30 / 18:35	Avonmouth	19:34	13.3m	J Star
Bank Holiday Cruise	29/01-May	Sat-Mon	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Shanghai Cup (CBYC)	06-May-17	Sat	TBC	Portishead	17:09	11.0m	TBC
Shanghai Cup (CBYC)	07-May-17	Sun	TBC	Portishead	18:03	11.8m	TBC
Cockburn 2	09-May-17	Tues	18:30 / 18:35	Avonmouth	19:31	12.8m	Kindred Spirit
Shanghai Cup (CBYC)	20-May-17	Sat	TBC	Cardiff	14:41	9.6m	TBC
Shanghai Cup (CBYC)	21-May-17	Sun	TBC	Cardiff	15:56	10.1m	TBC
Cockburn 3	25-May-17	Thurs	19:00 / 19:05	Avonmouth	19:54	13.8m	Pasha
Bank Holiday Cruise	27/29-May	Sat-Mon	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cockburn 4	08-Jun-17	Thurs	18:40 / 18:45	Avonmouth	19:37	12.4m	Rockhopper
Cockburn 5	23-Jun-17	Fri	18:30 / 18:35	Avonmouth	19:34	13.4m	Sabrina
Regatta (or CBYC Regatta)	01-Jul-17	Sat	Various	Portishead	13:32	10.8m	From water
Marina Race (date TBC)	15-Jul-17	Sat	11:00	Portishead	11:54	11.8m	Sarapat
Offshore	22-Jul-17	Sat	09:30	Portishead	06:54	12.6m	From water
Offshore	23-Jul-17	Sun	TBC	Cardiff	07:40	12.2m	From water
Cockburn 6	07-Aug-17	Mon	19:10 / 19:15	Avonmouth	20:09	12.6m	Socotra
Plate	20-Aug-17	Sun	09:20	Portishead	06:44	12.3m	From water
Bank Holiday Cruise	26/28-Aug	Sat-Mon	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cockburn 7	03-Sep-17	Sun	17:10 / 17:15	Avonmouth	18:17	11.5m	Songline
Holms Race	09-Sep-17	Sat	Various	Portishead	10:03	13.1m	TBC
Cockburn 8	24-Sep-17	Sun	09:30 / 09:35	Avonmouth	10:30	12.7m	UII
Autumn Cup	08-Oct-17	Sun	12:20	Portishead	09:41	13.6m	From water
Cockburn 9	22-Oct-17	Sun	08:30 / 08:35	Avonmouth	09:31	13.1m	Budge
Portishead Cup	28-Oct-17	Sat	Various	Portishead	12:48	9.7m	Hero
Winter 1	11-Nov-17	Sat	11:30	Avonmouth	12:27	10.7m	Hullabaloo
Winter 2	25-Nov-17	Sat	09:40	Avonmouth	10:37	10.9m	J Star
Winter 3	10-Dec-17	Sun	11:10	Avonmouth	12:07	11.4m	Rockhopper
Glubwein / Reserve	28-Dec-17	Thurs	13:10	Avonmouth	14:16	10.7m	Songline

APPENDIX 3 – ENTRY FORM

CONTACT:
Name:
Address:
Postcode:
Mobile:
Email:
Boat name:

MEMBERSHIP (please tick):
<input type="checkbox"/> I am an existing PCC member

BOAT DETAILS (please tick):
<input type="checkbox"/> My boat is new to the club (please contact Racing Officer for handicap)
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that no major changes have been made to my boat in last 12 months (e.g. change of prop, maximum headsail size, spinnaker / cruising chute carried)
Race Fees (please tick):
<input type="checkbox"/> Five races (£5 a year)
<input type="checkbox"/> All races (£25 a year)
<input type="checkbox"/> Upgrade from Five races to All (£20)
Insurance:
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I hold, and abide by the terms of, adequate insurance and have cover against third party claims of at least £2,000,000 sterling, including cover for racing

PAYMENT:
Total due:
<input type="checkbox"/> I have made online payment (account number 01201041, sort code 30-18-88, use your boat name as the reference)

I agree to be bound by the terms and conditions laid down by the Portishead Cruising Club in the Notice of Race.

Signed *Date*

Please send completed forms to racing secretary (directly or via pccsailing@yahoogroups.com)