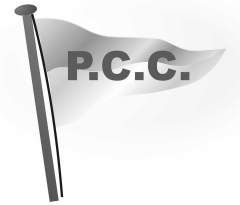


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Notice of Race

The Holms Race

Saturday September 6th 2014

1.0 THE EVENT

1.1 A race from Portishead, around Flat Holm and Steep Holm and back to Portishead.

A sailing distance in excess of 35nm

1.2 The organising authority is Portishead Cruising Club (PCC). PCC race committee reserve the right to postpone the start at any time before the start.

1.3 There will be food and entertainment at PCC in Pill on Friday night 5th September from 19:30 and transport will be available at 19:00 from the marina. Please call Tess on 07796261025 to arrange transport. There will be food and a club bar at Portishead Youth club near the marina from 4pm on Saturday and provisional results when ready.

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 encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include any appointed organizing authority, race

committee, race officers, patrol boats and beachmasters. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

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 This is an open race and is open to all self sufficient cruising yachts who have read and accepted this NoR and have submitted a completed entry registration form.

4.2 All boats shall carry an operational marine VHF radio telephone equipped with channels

- 12 (Bristol VTS),
- 16 (Emergency)
- 37/M1 (Race Control),
- 67 (Milford Haven MCA - Small Ship Safety Channel)

Channel 77 (intership channel), will be the preferred yacht to yacht channel.

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.

4.3 All boats shall, while racing, display: any race flags and/or sponsor's logo, stickers or flags provided.

4.4 Boats shall carry suitable anchor & sufficient cable to hold the boat in the likely depth of water and weather conditions. Dan buoy flags shall be rolled up so as not to be visible unless purposely deployed.

4.5 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000 sterling.

5.0 ENTRIES/CLOSING DATES etc.

5.1 Entries will be accepted by post, email or in person at P.C.C. clubhouse until Sunday 31st August 2013. Late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the race committee.

5.2 A completed entry form must be submitted for each yacht. In submitting a form by e-mail, an entrant is assuring PCC that they have the necessary insurance cover.

5.3 Mooring fees are NOT included in the free entry fee however Portishead Quays Marina is offering half price moorings on Friday night and Saturday

night for boats participating in the Holms Race. Boats must be pre-registered to take up this offer.

5.4 PCC race committee reserves the right to accept or refuse any entries.

6.0 REGISTRATION & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Entry registration forms can be acquired from the clubhouse in person, or requested by e-mail from julia@filer.org.uk or Geoff.mcbroom@virginmedia.com

Completed forms should be returned to
Portishead Cruising Club
Pump Square
Pill
North Somerset
BS20 0BG
01275 373988

Or by e-mail to;
Julia Filer at julia@filer.org.uk and to
Geoff McBroom: Geoff.mcbroom@virginmedia.com

7.0 TIME KEEPING

7.1 Elapsed time will be recorded by PCC race officials

8.0 HANDICAP

8.1 The race handicap will be based on The Portsmouth Yardstick System. Byron numbers 2014/2015 with adjustments by the PCC sailing secretary for configuration differences as identified on the application form. (this application must contain all relevant data and be provided within sufficient time to allow a handicap to be deduced - see 'Entries/Closing Dates'). Please note that individual certificates obtained from Byron will be considered but will not necessarily be used as historically insufficient entrants have obtained these to make their use fair.

8.2 To correct for the bias in favour of the higher handicap number boats (due to the race being 'with tide'), a supplementary correction will be applied to correct for tidal influence across the handicap spectrum. This correction uses 'linear regression analysis' and generates a correction for each boat. Detail is available from the race organisers.

9.0 PRIZES & PRIZE GIVING

9.1

- a) First six boats
- b) First boat with an all female crew

9.2 Presentation of the provisional results will be at the post race party in the Portishead Youth Club at approximately 2100hrs (a short walk from the Marina). Prizes will be awarded once the results have been checked if possible on the night.

10.0. THE START AND FINISH

10.1 Each entrant selects their own start time; the earliest start time is 07:00BST. The latest start time is LW Avonmouth (11:44 BST). Note that HW Avonmouth is at 05:05 BST. Each boat must call Race Control (VHF CH37/M1) and identify themselves (giving their boat name and sail number or other visible identification) and declare their intention to cross the start line. This declaration to take place within 5 minutes of their actual start.

10.2 Entrants should keep clear of the start line unless they are about to start the race so as not to interfere with other starting boats and to avoid being given an earlier start time than they intend.

10.3 Entrants are permitted use of the engine until one minute prior to their start.

10.4 Once an entrant has declared their intention to start, their first crossing of the start line will be presumed to be their intended start.

10.5 The Start Line is between the end of Portishead Pier and the Firefly buoy.

10.6 Finish Line will be between the PCC Race Control pennant at Battery (Portishead) point and the Newcombe buoy.

10.7 At the finish each entrant must call Race Control (VHF CH37/M1) and confirm their identity within close proximity of the line. Each entrant must also note the names of the boats immediately in front and behind at the finish line.

10.8 Any boat retiring from the race must confirm that fact to Race Control (VHF CH37/M1) or by phone to 07796261025. Please ensure that this is adhered to, to prevent an unnecessary search.

11.0 THE COURSE

11.1

- 1 Start
- 2 North West Elbow to port
- 3 Flatholm to port
- 4 Steepholm to port
- 5 Northwest Elbow to starboard
- 6 Finish.

12.0 COMMUNICATIONS

12.1 Between Race Officers, safety boats and entrants - use VHF CH37 (M1)

12.2 Channel 77 will be the preferred inter yacht channel.

12.3 DSC - PCC has a group MMSI number of 023 200 069, which should be used to alert the fleet before any inter-vessel announcements on CH77.

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

12.4 Race control will repeat on CH37 any shipping movements notified to it by Bristol VTS.

13.0 POSTPONEMENT/ABANDONMENT

In the event of the weather conditions not being suitable, the race officials reserve the right to postpone or abandon the race. The starting and the continuing of the race does not imply that the conditions are suitable for safe sailing (see para 2.0 Responsibility).