

**Notice of Race**

***PCC Racing***

**2016 Club Racing Series**

## **1.0 THE EVENT**

**1.1** This Notice of Race covers all 2016 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.
- Denny & Back, Marina and Gluhwein are further individual top of the tide races.
- The Spring Regatta is a mini-series of 3-4 races over a single top of the tide.
- There are several reserve top of the tide races scheduled for reruns if needed.
- The Offshore Race is a down tide race over two days, overnighting 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 [www.pccsail.com](http://www.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. Hulls should be strongly built with a cabin capable of being made essentially watertight.

**4.3** All boats must comply with the safety requirements as detailed in Appendix 1.

**4.4** All boats shall, while racing, display any flags, stickers and/or sponsor's logo provided.

**4.5** 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.

**4.6** All competitors to wear lifejackets for the duration of the race.

## **5.0 ENTRIES/CLOSING DATES/ETC**

**5.1** Entries will be accepted on the day, subject to prompt payment of £2 per race when requested by the PCC Treasurer.

**5.2** From 2017 entries will be accepted as part of the membership renewal / joining process.

**5.3** From 2017 PCC members can pay £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** From 2017 entries received after membership renewal will be accepted following payment of £5 or £25 entry fee.

**5.5** Failure to pay race entry fees may result in disqualification.

**5.6** In agreeing to pay the £2, £5 or £25 entry fee an entrant is assuring PCC that they have the necessary insurance cover as per 4.5 above.

**5.7** 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.

## **8.0 HANDICAPS**

**8.1** Handicaps will be based on The Portsmouth Yardstick System.

**8.2** 'Base' or 'Open' numbers will be taken from Byron 2016 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 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 handicap correction ((handicap x0.6)+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 to six club races in 2015 will be required to perform an OOD (Officer Of the Day) duty in 2016, or two OOD duties for seven or more races. 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 cruiser 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](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@yahoo.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, 2<sup>nd</sup> VHF

## APPENDIX 2 – RACING SCHEDULE

	Date	Day	Start (local)	Line	HW (local)	Height	OOD
<b>KOR 1</b>	17-Jan-16	Sun	11:15	Portishead	12:22	11.6	Avalon
<b>KOR 2</b>	30-Jan-16	Sat	09:40	Portishead	10:40	11.7	White Spirit
<b>Prize Giving</b>	30-Jan-16	Sat	12:00	Club House	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>KOR 3</b>	13-Feb-16	Sat	09:30	Portishead	10:28	13.5	Backchat
<b>Spring 1</b>	28-Feb-16	Sun	09:10	Avonmouth	10:09	12.0	Best Endeavour
<b>Spring 2</b>	13-Mar-16	Sun	09:10	Avonmouth	10:10	13.7	Budge
<b>Spring 3</b>	19-Mar-16	Sat	15:40	Avonmouth	16:34	10.8	Hero
<b>B/H Cruise</b>	25/28-Mar-16	Fri-Mon	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Reserve</b>	09-Apr-16	Sat	08:30	Avonmouth	09:28	14.5	From water
<b>Denny &amp; Back</b>	10-Apr-16	Sun	09:10	Avonmouth	10:10	14.3	J Star
<b>Cockburn 1</b>	20-Apr-16	Weds	18:30 / 18:35	Avonmouth	19:25	12.6	Misty Lady
<b>B/H Cruise</b>	30/02-May-16	Sat-Mon	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Cockburn 2</b>	06-May-16	Fri	19:00 / 19:05	Avonmouth	19:58	14.0	Kindred Spirit
<b>Spring Regatta</b>	14-May-16	Sat	12:30	Portishead	14:00	10.0	Peppi
<b>Offshore Race</b>	21-May-16	Sat	10:00	Portishead	07:05	12.5	From water
<b>Offshore Race</b>	22-May-16	Sun	13:00 (TBC)	Cardiff	20:41	12.5	From water
<b>B/H Cruise</b>	28/30-May-16	Sat-Mon	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Cockburn 3</b>	04-Jun-16	Sat	18:30 / 18:35	Avonmouth	19:36	13.5	Response
<b>Cockburn 4</b>	11-Jun-16	Sat	11:20 / 11:25	Avonmouth	12:24	11.1	Socotra
<b>Cockburn 5</b>	20-Jun-16	Mon	19:15 / 19:20	Avonmouth	20:17	12.5	Songline
<b>Regatta Race</b>	03-Jul-16	Sun	Various	Portishead	06:53	12.6	From water
<b>Marina Race</b>	09-Jul-16 TBC	Sat	10:20 (TBC)	Portishead	11:21	12.1	Ull
<b>Cockburn 6</b>	24-Jul-16	Sun	10:00 / 10:05	Avonmouth	11:03	12.8	Tickety Boo
<b>Plate</b>	06-Aug-16	Sat	13:00	Portishead	10:23	12.8	From water
<b>Cockburn 7</b>	17-Aug-16	Weds	18:40 / 18:45	Avonmouth	19:34	12.8	White Spirit
<b>TBC</b>	21-Aug-16	Sun	TBC	TBC	10:07	13.4	Response
<b>B/H Cruise</b>	27/29-Aug-16	Sat-Mon	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Autumn Cup</b>	04-Sep-16	Sun	12:30	Portishead	09:55	12.9	From water
<b>Holms Race</b>	17-Sep-16	Sat	Various	Portishead	08:21	13.7	TBC
<b>Cockburn 8</b>	08-Oct-16	Sat	10:45 / 10:50	Avonmouth	11:46	10.7	Avalon
<b>Cockburn 9</b>	22-Oct-16	Sat	11:15 / 11:20	Avonmouth	12:15	11.5	Budge
<b>Reserve</b>	05-Nov-16	Sat	08:45 / 08:50	Avonmouth	09:49	11.6	From water
<b>Winter 1</b>	06-Nov-16	Sun	09:30	Avonmouth	10:27	11.1	Hero
<b>Winter 2</b>	20-Nov-16	Sun	10:00	Avonmouth	11:00	11.8	J Star
<b>Winter 3</b>	04-Dec-16	Sun	08:40	Avonmouth	09:39	11.9	Kindred Spirit
<b>Gluhwein</b>	18-Dec-16	Sun	09:00	Avonmouth	10:01	13.0	Songline