

HAVEN PORTS YACHT CLUB

2012 NOTICE OF RACE

1. THE HPYC RACE PROGRAMME FOR 2012 – Will comprise the races as set out at section 11.

2. THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Is the Sailing Committee of the Haven Ports Yacht Club, comprising the following members for 2012:

Rear Commodore (Sailing)	Iain Kirkpatrick
Sailing Secretary	Peter Martin (<i>e-mail sailing@hpyc.com</i>)
Chief Race Officer	Peter Martin (<i>tel. 07518 027795</i>)
Committee Members	Des Cowan, Roger Utting, Mike Perkins, Will Harvey, Clare Bye.
Handicap Committee	Richard Brown, Iain Kirkpatrick, Roger Utting.

3. RULES and AMENDMENT

Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS), together with the RYA prescriptions, the IRC 2012 Rules (parts 1, 2 and 3) where applicable, the Notice of Race, the Entry Forms, the Sailing Instructions and any supplementary Sailing Instructions for the particular event, in the order stated. If there is any conflict with the above rules, the information in the latter will take precedence.

Changes to Rules that apply are detailed below and/or in the Sailing Instruction published.

- 3.1 IRC Rule 14.1 shall not apply, i.e. RRS 52 ~~Manual Power~~ shall remain in effect.
- 3.2 RRS 52 is amended for all racing to allow the rudder to be operated by auto-helm if less than 3 persons are on board.
- 3.3 IRC rule 13.7 is amended to read "In the particular case of a boat with a one-design certificate, as noted on the certificate, the rating requires compliance with one-design class rules. This shall not apply in respect of crew number / weight.
- 3.4 IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew number or weight.
- 3.5 This Notice of Race can be amended by the Sailing Instructions or by a Notice to Competitors.

4. ELIGIBILITY

Except where explicitly provided otherwise, these races are open to any conventional mono-hulled sailing boat entered by a current adult member of the Haven Ports Yacht Club, and guests invited at the discretion of the Sailing Committee. Entrants must have a valid; IRC rating, handicap or club handicap appropriate to the race or series in question and (for IRC) an SSS number of 10 or greater.

Any boat finishing in the top three in a HPYC IRC spring or autumn series, and wishing to race in a future IRC spring or autumn series, will be required to produce an endorsed IRC certificate, except where the boat has been subject to sale to a genuine third party.

Any boat competing in any HPYC race is expected to conform to the ~~RYA~~ Racing Charter

5. SAFETY

Safety Equipment shall be in accordance with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Cat 4 for IRC events and ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Cat 5 for Club Handicap events both as amended in S.I. 2.

Exemption from or variation of any specific safety requirement must be obtained in writing from the Sailing Committee prior to racing (and can **not** be granted by the Race Officer on the day). Such concessions will normally be granted only where compliance is impracticable because of the design or construction of the boat, and an acceptable alternative safety provision is agreed and observed. The granting of any such concession to a boat shall in no way alter or limit the responsibility of the owner or person in charge under this section and section 6 of the *Notice of Race*.

The race organisers shall have the right to disqualify or impose other penalties upon any boat which is considered unseaworthy and/or which is not carrying the compulsory safety equipment. **Random inspections may be made before and/or after any race.** Such inspections whether or not performed shall not in any way relieve the boat of its absolute responsibility in regard to safety and seaworthiness.

6. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

For the purposes of this document the word ~~boat~~ shall mean the owner or person in charge and all other persons concerned in the management and/or sailing of the boat and;

- (i) A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- (ii) It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By going to sea the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- (iii) The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000.
- (iv) Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor 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 term 'organisers' includes everyone helping to run the race and the event, and includes the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer and helpers.
- (v) The boat is responsible to ensure that it is equipped and seaworthy so that is able to face extremes of weather, that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date, and that the crew know how to use it.
- (vi) The fact that the race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this Notice of Race.

Owners of deep-draft boats should be aware of restricted depths in parts of the race area; careful attention to a current chart is recommended before deciding to enter. A boat is solely responsible for its own safe navigation, and a boat which while racing finds itself disadvantaged by its draft shall not for that reason have grounds for protest or redress.

Notwithstanding anything stated or implied elsewhere, the Committee has the right to refuse any entry.

7. RACE AREA, COURSES

Unless otherwise stated for a particular race, the race area comprises the Rivers Stour and Orwell, and the waters around and between the sea marks listed in the 'Table of Abbreviations', remaining always to southward and westward of the Harwich Haven Authority's deep water shipping channel.

Courses will be flexi-courses using marks from the list and by the procedure set out in the Sailing Instructions. Races will start and finish at the club line at Levington, from a committee boat moored adjacent to the Beacon Hill Buoy in Harwich Harbour, or where otherwise stated.

8. HANDICAPS

- 8.1 For entry to IRC or level-rating class races a current valid rating certificate must be held (endorsed if so required . see *Eligibility* above), and a copy provided to the Club Race Officer with the first entry of the year. For club handicap races (unless a current club rating is held or a current IRC certificate has been submitted) sufficient information for the guidance of the Handicap Committee must be submitted at least prior to the first applicable race, even for races which permit entry on the day (see *Club Handicap Application form*).
- 8.2 In the event of change to an IRC rating, a copy of the amended certificate (again endorsed if so required) must be delivered to the race office prior to the first race affected by the change. Note that changes will not be accepted between races on the same weekend.
- 8.3 Rating or measurement protests may be lodged only by another boat entered in the same race. Any such protest must be notified to the boat protested, and delivered to the race office or race committee in writing before the commencement of racing on the day in question.

9. ENTRIES

Entries, together with Entry Fee (cheques payable to HPYC) and current Rating Certificate or handicap details as applicable, should be lodged as soon as possible before the race to be sailed. See the *Schedule of Races* (below) for details of entry fees. In the case of a series, as soon as possible before the first race of the series

No boat shall be eligible to race until the owner or person in charge has signed the appropriate entry form for the event, acknowledging the conditions and requirements set out in the Notice of Race and warranting that the boat will conform to such requirements throughout the race or series.

10. SCORING - Races will be scored using the 'Low Point' system set out in RRS appendix A4.1, as modified by Appendix A9 (*Series longer than a Regatta*) save that a boat that is disqualified (DSQ, DNE or BFD) shall be scored points for the finishing place three more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. This changes RRS Appendix A9 accordingly. Ties will be broken in accordance with Appendix A7 and A8.

Results will be announced in the Clubhouse, posted on the Club notice-board and at: www.hpyc.com.

11. SCHEDULE OF RACES *(All times local)*

Spring Series

(All Sundays, starting class C 10:00, class H 09:50)

Class C (IRC 1 and 2)

March 25, April 1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th, and May 6th.

Entry £30.00 (non-members £60) - 6 races, 5 to count (4 if 5 races sailed, all if 3 or fewer sailed)

Class H. (club handicap)

April 15th, 22nd, 29th and May 5th (passage race to Brightlingsea).

Entry £15.00 (non-members £30) - 4 races, 3 to count if 4 sailed, all if fewer. **(Spinnakers not allowed – see Note)**

HPYC Lightships Series

(All Wednesdays, starting Slow Class 19:00, Fast Class 19:10)

Class H. (club handicap)

May 30th, June 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th and July 4th. **(Spinnakers not allowed – see**

Note)

Entry £16.00 (non-members also £16) - 6 races, 4 to count (3 if 4 or 5 sailed, all if fewer).

NOTE – these races are intended primarily for boats lightly crewed and/or not regularly raced. All are welcome, but all IRC rated boats will start in the second start regardless of rating. Those boats designated as racing boats by the handicap committee will have their handicaps adjusted up by 20 points. Furthermore all boats will have their handicaps adjusted up by 5 points for using a “high-tech” mainsail, and 5 points for using “high-tech” headsails. “High-tech” sails mean those including Kevlar, carbon fibre, cuban fibre, PBO, or any other material with less stretch than Pentex. Prizes will be awarded for both classes and for other notable achievements.

Club Handicap Races (Class H Starting 10:00 except where indicated **Spinnakers & Non-Spinnakers optional - note**)

Passage Race to Tollesbury

Saturday 23rd June (Start Line B in Harwich Harbour 09:00 start)

Two Handed Race

as above - **Self-steering is permitted for this race. This changes RRS 52 – Manual Power see NOR 3.1 and 3.2**

Junior Helm Race

Friday 31st August (start 18.00)

Classic Yacht Race

Saturday 1st September (start 10.45)

Lady Helm Race

Saturday 1st September (start 11.00)

David Lewis/Elusive Trophy

Sunday 2nd September (start 11.00. *Open to non-members without invitation*)

RNLI Pennant Pursuit

Saturday 27th October (Start time variable from 10.00.)

Pete's Pot

Wednesday December 26th (11:00 start)

Ice Bucket

Tuesday January 1st 2011 (11:00 start)

Entry £10.00 per race. (Non-members: £20 except for the David Lewis and Elusive Races which are £10).

Frostbite Series

(All Sundays, starting 10:00)

Class H and C

November 11th, 18th, 25th and December 2nd.

Entry £20.00 (non-members £40) - 4 races, 3 to count (all if 3 races or fewer)

(Boats without a current Club Handicap need to enter ASAP to allow Handicapping)

Autumn Series

(All Sundays, starting class C 10:00, class H 09:50)

Class C (IRC 1 and 2)

September 30th, October 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and November 4th.

Entry £30.00 (non-members £60) - 6 races, 5 to count (4 if 5 races, all if fewer)

Class H. (Club Handicap)

September 30th, October 7th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.

Entry £20.00 (non-members £40) - 5 races, 4 to count 3 if 4 sailed, all if fewer. **(Spinnakers not allowed– see**

Note)

Spring and Autumn Series and Overall Club Championship

The division between classes Class 1 and Class 2 will be announced prior to the first race of the spring series.

Every boat entering either the spring or autumn IRC classes 1 and 2 and Club handicap will automatically be entered in an overall club championship. For IRC this championship will be based on combined results of the spring and autumn series (8 races to count if 10 or more races held, 7 if 8 or 9 races, all if fewer races). Trophies are awarded for Classes 1 and 2 and Overall. For Club Handicap, again it will combine the spring and autumn series (6 races to count if 9 races are held, 5 if 8 races, 4 if 7 races and all if fewer).

Points for DNC, DNS, DNF etc will be based respectively on the total number of eligible boats in the series, or the number of such boats coming to the start on the day, as applicable.

Note

Spinnakers Not Allowed / Non-Spinnaker' means not more than one sail at a time to each permanent forestay (except during the course of a sail change), which shall be attached to the stay by hanks or a grooved foil. Loose-luffed sails may not be used.