

# HPYC Notice of Race 2019

## 1. THE HPYC RACE PROGRAMME FOR 2019

Will comprise the races set out at section 12 (Schedule of Races) below.

## 2. THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Is the Sailing Committee of the Haven Ports Yacht Club, comprising the following members for 2019:

Rear Commodore (Sailing)

- Claire Scott: email ([sailing@hpyc.com](mailto:sailing@hpyc.com)) Mobile 07990 041569

Committee members

- Richard Brown • Cathy Brown • Des Cowan • Lizzie Fisher • Roger Harvey • Martin Makinson
- David Pinner • Mark Wincer • John Parker

Handicap Committee

- Richard Brown (Chairman) • Des Cowan

## 3. RULES and AMENDMENT

Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020 (RRS), together with the RYA prescriptions, the IRC 2019 Rules (parts A, B, C and D) where applicable, the Notice of Race (NOR), the Entry Forms, the Sailing Instructions (SIs) and any supplementary SIs 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.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY

Except where provided otherwise, these races are open to any sportsboat or conventional monohulled sailing boat entered by a current individual member of Haven Ports Yacht Club, or non-members invited at the discretion of the Sailing Committee, and having a valid current IRC rating or Club Handicap appropriate to the race or series in question. Melges and Squibs shall comply with the requirements of their one design class rules except for the crew weight. For all IRC class races an SSS number of 10 or greater or a minimum STIX of 14 is required.

**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 Sailing Instructions and warranting that the boat will conform to such requirements throughout the race or series.**

Any boat finishing in the top three in a HPYC IRC Spring or Autumn series, and wishing to race in 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

All boats competing in IRC races shall comply with the requirements of World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 4. Melges and Squibs shall comply with their class rules.

Club Handicap and Lightship Handicap entries shall comply with the safety requirements outlined in this document and in the SIs (Section 5.9).

Exemption from or variation of any specific safety requirement must be obtained in writing from the Sailing Committee prior to racing. The request must be submitted two weeks prior to any race that the boat proposes to enter (and cannot 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 checks may be made before and/or after any race. Such checks, whether or not performed, shall not in any way relieve the boat of its absolute responsibility in regard to safety and seaworthiness. A previous dispensation to race (given in previous years or races) does not guarantee that dispensation will again be granted.

The Race Officer may in the event of poor weather conditions cancel or postpone a race for all classes or for individual classes.

## **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.

- (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 for racing and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000. Any boat wishing to enter a race single-handed must show that it has insurance to cover this.
- (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/or 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 it 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 checks does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat to comply with the requirements set out in this section of the NOR.

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 of Dovercourt Bay and around and between the sea marks listed in the HPYC Course Abbreviation and Race Chart, remaining always to southward and westward of Harwich Haven Authority's deep water shipping channel.

The Squib class has its own course card.

Courses may be flexi-courses using marks from that list in the Course Abbreviation and Race Chart, 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 on or near the club line, or 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 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.

8.2 For Club Handicap (measurement based) or Lightships Handicap (performance based) races sufficient information for the guidance of the Handicap Committee must be submitted at least one week prior to the first applicable race, even for races which permit entry on the day (see Club Handicap Application form on the club website).

8.3 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.

8.4 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 start of racing on the day in question.

8.5 The HPYC Lightships Series handicap will reflect the yacht's and crew's racing ability.

8.6 For Club Handicap series, spinnaker and non-spinnaker entries are accepted, but the choice must be nominated before the start of the series and cannot be changed during the series.

## 9. ENTRIES

**For club members only, an entry fee of £25, payable by BACS, (HPYC account 08056099 sort code 60-02-13) covers all club races for the year – with the exception of the RNLI race. Non-members please refer to the Schedule of Races (below) for entry fees.**

Please include the yacht's name and the owners' name as a banking reference. Please advise by e-mail to [sailing@hpyc.com](mailto:sailing@hpyc.com) if a BACS payment has been made and for which series/race the fee covers. Cheques should be made payable to HPYC. The current Rating Certificate or handicap details as applicable should be lodged as soon as possible before the race to be sailed.

Entries can be emailed to [sailing@hpyc.com](mailto:sailing@hpyc.com) with a copy sent to [secretary@hpyc.com](mailto:secretary@hpyc.com) or sent to Haven Ports Yacht Club, LV87 Suffolk Yacht Harbour, Levington, Ipswich, IP10 0LN.

Please note that by entering the race and signing the entry form you are authorising the club to hold and use that data to publish race results and photographs on the club website and elsewhere as deemed appropriate, in accordance with the GDPR act.

## 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, and posted on the club notice-board and at [www.hpyc.com](http://www.hpyc.com).

## 11. CLASSES

11.1 The minimum permitted entrants in any single race is two. Should the minimum number not be met the race will be abandoned. If there are insufficient entries to justify separate starts, classes may be combined.

11.2 Melges will race under class rules and carry bow numbers for identification.

11.3 The IRC fleet shall consist of one class. Boats should carry the numeral pennant 1.

11.4 Boats in Club Handicap or Lightships Handicap should display international code flag H.

11.5 Squibs will race under class rules and carry the IC numeral pennant 9 as a class flag.

## 12. SCHEDULE OF RACES (All times local)

### SPRING SERIES

**Squibs** – Start – 9.50 – Trophy Blue Lady Salver

- Race 1 - April 7 • Race 2 - April 14 • Race 3 - April 28 •  
All races to count
- Non-member entry fee £40.

**Melges** - Start 10:00 – New Tricks Trophy

- Race 1-2 March 17 • Race 3-4 March 24 • Race 5-6 March 31 • Race 7-8 April 7 •  
Race 9-10 April 14 • Race 11-12 April 28  
2 discards if 10 or more races sailed, 1 discard if nine races sailed, all races to count if eight or fewer races sailed.
- Non-member entry fee £60.

**IRC Class** - Start 10:10 – Chimp Cup

- Race 1 - April 14 • Race 2 - April 21 • Race 3 - April 28 •  
All races to count
- Non-member entry fee £60.

**Club Handicap** - Start 10.20 – Canyelles Trophy

- Race 1 - April 14 • Race 2 - April 21 • Race 3 - April 28  
All races all to count
- Non-member entry fee £40.

*If at the start of the series there are insufficient entries to justify separate IRC and Club Handicap races, entries will be combined and will race under Club Handicap. The start will be 10.10. Club handicap safety requirements and trophies will apply.*

### Squib East Coast Championship

May 11 and 12 **Entry Form, NOR and SIs** on [www.hpyc.com](http://www.hpyc.com) under Squib link.

**Entry fee £65 including Club Members**

### Squib Friday Evenings – Start 19.00 – Ability Trophy

Race 1 – May 17 • Race 2 – May 24 • Race 3 – May 31 • Race 4 - June 07 • Race 5 – June 14 • Race 6 – June 21 • Race 7 – June 28 • Race 8 – July 5 • Race 9 – July 12 • Race 10 – July 19 • Race 11 – July 26 • Race 12 – Aug 2

8 results to count. No discards if 8 or fewer races are sailed.

Non-member entry fee £40.

### Club Handicap Friday Evenings – Start 19.10 – STL Trophy

Race 1 – July 5 • Race 2 - July 12 • Race 3 – July 19 • Race 4 – July 26

All races to count. Non-member entry fee £20

### Squib Summer Alternate Sunday Series – Start 14.30 – Spear’s Perpetual Pot

Race 1 – June 02 • Race 2 – June 23 • Race 3 – July 07 • Race 4 - June 30

3 results to count. No discards if 3 or fewer races are sailed.

Non-member entry fee £40.

### Squib Summer Alternate Sunday Series – Start 10.20 – Little Toddy Trophy

Race 1 - May 19 • Race 2 – June 16 • Race 3 - June 30 • Race 4 - July 14

3 results to count. No discards if 3 or fewer races are sailed. Non-member entry fee £40.

### **Lightships Series**

Start 19:00 slow class, 19.05 Squibs, 19:10 fast class. – Lightship Trophy (also Klomp Trophy for Squibs)

- Race 1 - June 5 • Race 2 - June 12 • Race 3 - June 19 • Race 4 - June 26 • Race 5 - July 3

- Race 6 - July 10

1 discard if 5 or 6 races sailed, all races to count if 4 or fewer sailed.

Spinnakers not allowed. 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.

Yachts will be placed in either the slow class or the fast class. This allocation will be announced by VHF Radio (CH37) prior to the start of each race.

- Non-member entry fee £30.

### **Squib Late Summer Alternate Sunday Series – Start 14.30 - Bamford Bowl**

Race 1 - July 28 • Race 2 – Aug 11 • Race 3- Sept 1 • Race 4 – Sept 15

1 discard if 4 races sailed, all races to count if 3 fewer are sailed. Non-member entry fee £40.

### **Squib Late Summer Alternate Sunday Series – Start 10.20 – WYSIWYG Trophy**

Race 1 – July 21 • Race 2 - Aug 04 • Race 3 – Aug 18 • Race 4 – Sept 01

1 discard if 4 races sailed, all races to count if 3 races or fewer are sailed. Non-member entry fee £40.

### **Squib Trophy Races – Start Saturdays 14.30, Sundays 10.20**

Single-handed trophy – May 20 • Squiggle Goblet – Sept 15 • Cork Race – June 9 • Lady Helm Aug 31 – Junior Helm – Sept 01 • Captain's Race – Sept 22

Non-member entry fee £10 per race.

### **Club Handicap Passage Race with Two-handed option**

Aug 03 – start 09:00

Non-member entry fee £15

### **Classics Regatta - Start 10:45 – Meriva Tankard**

- Race 1 - Aug 31 • Race 2 - Sept 1. Both races to count.

- Non-member entry fee £30.

### **Club Handicap – Aug 31 - Start 10.30 Trophy TBC**

- Non-member entry fee £15.

### **Lady Helm - Club Handicap – Aug 31 - Start 11:00 – Eclipse Rosebowl**

- Non-member entry fee £15.

### **Junior Helm - Club handicap - Sept 01 - Start 11:00 - Dolphin Trophy**

- Non-member entry fee £15.

### **Autumn Series**

#### **Squibs - Start 09:50 – Squib Autumn Trophy**

Race 1 – Sept 29 • Race 2 - Oct 6 • Race 3 - Oct 13 • Race 4 - Oct 20

- Race 5 - Oct 27 • Race 6 - Nov 3.

- I discard if 4 or more races sailed, all to count if 3 or fewer races sailed.

Non-member entry fee £60 for combined Autumn and Frostbite Series.

**Melges** - Start 10:00. – Spear’s Melges Trophy

- Race 1-2 Sept 29 • Race 3-4 Oct 6 • Race 5-6 Oct 13 • Race 7-8 Oct 20 • Race 9-10 Oct 27
- Race 11-12 Nov 3

2 discards if 10 or more races sailed, 1 discard if 9 races sailed, all races to count if eight or fewer sailed.

Non-member entry fee £60.

**IRC** - Start 10:10 – Midnight Getaway Trophy

- Race 1 Sept 29 • Race 2 - Oct 6 • Race 3-Oct 13 • Race 4-Oct 20
- Race 5-Oct 27 • Race 6 - Nov 3.

I discard if 4 or more races sailed, all races to count if 3 or fewer sailed.

Non-member entry fee £60.

**Club Handicap** - Start 10.20 – Wave Dancer Trophy

- Race 1 Sept 29 • Race 2 - Oct 6 • Race 3-Oct 13 • Race 4-Oct 20 • Race 5-Oct 27 • Race 6 - Nov 3.

I discard if 4 or more races sailed, all races to count if 3 or fewer sailed.

- Non-member entry fee £40.

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**RNLI Pennant Pursuit** – Open to all boats – David Lewis RNLI Trophy, Elusive Trophy for highest placed non-spinnaker entry.

- Saturday October 26 - Club Handicap  
Start from about 10:00 (for the slowest boat).
- Entry Fee (members and non-members) – Large donations to the RNLI please.

**Frostbite Series**

**Melges** – Start 10.00 - Glassware

- Race 1 and 2 - Nov 10 • Race 3 and 4 - Nov 17 • Race 5 and 6 - Nov 24 • Race 7 and 8 - Dec 1.

8 races with 6 to count (all if 6 or fewer sailed).

Non-member entry fee - £40.

**Club Handicap** –Squibs - Start 10:10, Cruisers – Start 10.20 – Igloo Trophy

- Race 1-Nov 10 • Race 2-Nov 17 • Race 3-Nov 24 • Race 4-Dec 1.

I discard if four races sailed, all races to count if 3 or fewer sailed.

Non-member entry fee - £40.

**Pete’s Pot**

Club Handicap – open to all classes - Class H Start 11:00.

- Boxing Day - Dec 26.

Non-member entry fee - £20.

**Millennium Ice Bucket**

Club Handicap - open to all classes - Class H Start 11:00.

- New Year’s Day – January 1, 2020.

- Non-member entry fee - £20.

**Overall IRC Club Championship** - Margaret Spear Memorial Trophy and Linden Trophy

Every boat entering the IRC Spring or Autumn Series will automatically be entered in the overall club championship, which is based on combined results of the Spring and Autumn Series - 8 races to count if 10 or more races sailed, 7 if 8 or 9 races, all if fewer races sailed.

**Overall Club Handicap Championship** - Challenge (Sigma) Trophy

Every boat entering the Club Handicap Spring or Autumn Series will automatically be entered in the overall club championship, which is based on combined results of the Spring and Autumn Series - 8 races to count if 10 or more races sailed, 7 if 8 or 9 races, all if fewer races sailed.

**Overall Melges Club Championship** – The Bullard Trophy

Every boat entering the Melges Spring or Autumn Series will automatically be entered in the overall club championship, which is based on combined results of the Spring and Autumn Series - 16 races to count if 17 or more races held, all if 16 or fewer races sailed.

**Overall Squib Club Championship** – The Squib Trophy

Every boat entering club Squib races will automatically be entered in the overall club championship, which is based on each boat's 20 best results during the season.

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

Please note that all race trophies are presented to club members only. In the event of a non-member winning a race or series, the relevant trophy will be presented to the highest placed HPYC member.